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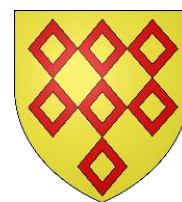
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19 – 20 AUGUST 2023 – 20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

Sat 19 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>St John Eudes, Memorial</i> Mass – Elisa Sammarco RIP (Anniversary)
SUN 20 Aug 8am 10am R: Glorious	20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Ps Wk 1 Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for Patrick & Margaret Burke
Mon 21 9.30am R: Joyful	<i>St Pius X, Memorial</i> Mass – Ignatius Dias RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 22 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>The Queenship of the Bl Virgin Mary, Memorial</i> Mass and Rosary – Nora Balfe RIP
Wed 23 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>St Rose of Lima, Memorial</i> Mass – Paul Amasanti RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 24 No mass R: Luminous	St Bartholomew, Feast [Gospel of the Day: John 1.45-51]
Fri 25 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of 20th Week of the Year</i> Mass – Joseph Dias RIP (Anniversary) <i>Friday abstinence</i>
Sat 26 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of 20th Week of the Year</i> Mass – David Monblatt RIP (Birthday remembrance)
SUN 27 Aug 8am 10am R: Glorious	21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Ps Wk 2 Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – Lawrence Desouza RIP (Anniversary)

A WARM WELCOME to Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home** and use the calendar in your daily prayer.

♦ **A prayer BEFORE Mass** ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are *open*, all desires *known*, and from whom *no secrets* are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Please, now keep silence together until Mass begins.*

♦ **Parents and carers**, during Mass please feel free to do what you need to keep infants quiet and content. Do not hesitate to move around with them. (The service is “piped” into the Narthex too if you want to continue to listen while they stretch their legs!) And, for everybody’s safety, please *accompany* any child in your care who needs to use the toilet while you’re in church.

♦ **The ORDER of Mass** is in the **orange Parish Mass Book**. Start on **p.7**; then, after the Creed, go to **p.15**; and then, from the Lord’s Prayer, go to **p.56**.

♦ **Today’s readings** are to be found **pp.117-19** of the *Parish Mass Book*. And the psalm response is,
**Let all the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you!**

♦ **AFTER the 10am Mass**, there continue to be drinks in the Hall during August. All are welcome.

REFLECTIONS on today’s Scriptures - Today the liturgy gives us for reflection the words of the Prophet Isaiah: “The foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord, to serve Him ... these will I make joyful in my house of prayer ... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for *all peoples*” (Is 56: 6-7). In the Second Reading (**Romans 11.13-15, 29-32**) the Apostle Paul also refers to the *universality* of salvation; as does the Gospel passage (**Matthew 15.21-28**) that recounts the episode of the Canaanite woman. The Canaanites and the Jews had a complicated history together in the Holy Land – they were what we might call ‘frenemies’, (though they were probably closer than the Samaritans, who were estranged half-Gentile descendants of the Israelite tribes). The woman’s wish was granted by Jesus, despite her background, *because of her great faith*.

The Word of God thus clearly gives us an opportunity to reflect on the *universality* of the mission

- ♦ **Reconciliation (Confession)** 20 mins before any weekday Mass; or Saturdays from 4.30 to 5.15pm; or at anytime by appointment
- ♦ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Friday after Mass until 8pm
- ♦ **Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion), Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
- ♦ **Funerals:** by arrangement through Funeral Directors

Northwick Park Hospital: for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130

Returning to faith? or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful. (It’s a free telephone helpline.) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri, on 0800 448 0704 or catholiclisteners@gmail.com



Prepare for **next week’s Mass** readings – **Isaiah 22.19-23, Romans 11.33-36, Matthew 16.13-20** – with **wednesdayword.org**

of the Church which is made up of people of every race and culture. From precisely this stems the great responsibility of the Church which is called to be a hospitable home for all, a sign and instrument of communion for the entire human family.

“How important it is, especially in our time, that every Christian community *increasingly deepens its awareness of this*, in order also *first* to help civil society overcome every possible temptation to give into racism and exclusion, and *second* to make decisions that respect the dignity of every human being!” said Pope Benedict early in his service as pope. One of humanity’s great achievements is in fact its triumph over racism. However, unfortunately disturbing new forms of racism are being manifested in various countries. They are often related to social and economic problems which, however, can never justify contempt and racial discrimination. Let us pray that respect for every person everywhere will increase, together with a responsible awareness that only in the reciprocal acceptance of one and all is it possible to build a world distinguished by authentic justice and true peace.

But the Gospel teaches another reason for unity: the most enduring reason – faith in God. The Canaanite woman asks Jesus to heal her daughter who was “terribly troubled by a demon”. The Lord resisted her.

The prayer I’m hoping you’ll learn this month:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You!
And I ask pardon for those who do not believe,
do not adore, do not hope and do not love You!

It’s August so, no choir, and a reduced amount of singing on Sunday. But if *you like to sing*, please ... sit where the choir usually sits, and *help* lead our praises.

Tuesday 22 August is the memorial of the ‘queenship’ of Mary – the last decade of the Rosary – an echo of the Assumption last Tuesday. But her prominence in heaven comes not from any impossible equality with God, but from the depth of her acceptance to bring forth Jesus and make salvation for all human beings even possible.

Think wider! Mass intentions and offerings can be for many more needs and concerns than you perhaps realise. Please take a copy of the note, which I’ve also put on the noticeboard. If we *expand* the range of our prayers, we *deepen* our trust in God!

Westminster Abbey The Church Pass – free entry for 4 adults or 2 adults and 2 kids – is available again. **Ask Fr J for it.** A holiday treat, perhaps?

Catholic Classics podcast Sign up wherever you get your podcasts, and, **starting 2 Oct**, ‘read’ *The Confessions of St Augustine*. Each short episode will take you deeper into an amazing personal faith journey which has shaped Christian faith and life for more than 75 generations! It promises to be excellent.

Ever get worried about scams? On **Fri 8 Sept**, 10-12, a local police community support officer will give a talk (in the Hall) on cybercrime and other scams. Interested? ... you are certainly welcome.

He seemed impervious to her distress, even when the disciples themselves urged Him to take pity. In the end, confronted by her perseverance and humility, Jesus consented, and simply declared: “Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass”.

“Woman, you have great faith!”. Jesus singles out this humble woman as an example of *unconquerable* faith. Her urgent insistence of Christ’s intervention is an encouragement to us *never to lose heart and not to despair, even in the harshest trials of life*.

The Lord does not close His eyes to the needs of His children, and if He seems to us at times insensitive, it is only in order to put them to the test, and to draw out their faith. This is the witness of saints, and especially the witness of martyrs, closely associated with the redeeming sacrifice of Christ.

Already this month we have commemorated some of them: popes Pontianus and Sixtus, the priest Hippolytus, the deacon Lawrence, all killed in Rome at the dawn of Christianity. And from our own time, Teresa Benedicta and Maximilian Kolbe who sealed their witness, a year apart (1941 and ‘42), in the death cells of Auschwitz.

May Mary, Queen of Martyrs, whose glorious assumption into heaven we celebrated last Tuesday, continually watch over each one among us who tries to offer this depth and determination of faith.

By the generosity of brother priests Fr Jonathan will be away parish duties for two weeks from tomorrow (Monday 21st) This coming week all Mass times are unchanged from normal. However, in the week of the Bank Holiday there will be *no Mass on Tuesday and Friday*.

SEPTEMBER SATURDAYS ...

- **Taste of Lisbon World Youth Day, 2 Sept**, Westminster Youth Ministry’s Summer Picnic. Sign up at youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/
- **Divine Mercy Afternoon Retreat** St John Fisher, Harrow HA2 7LW, **9 Sept**, 1.30-4.30pm.
- **Young People to Walsingham 23 Sept** as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Diocesan Youth Ministry team is taking 45 16-25-year olds. Coach leaves Westminster 7am, returns c 8pm. Booking open until 16th Sept. Sign up at youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/ The cost, is £35. **Want to go? But can’t afford it? Speak to Fr J.**

Readers rota

19 August	5.30	Noreta Reece
20 August	8.00	Rosemary Chukwulobelu
	10.00	Robert Chandler
		Tim & Mel Goodger
26 August	5.30	Lily Meghji
27 August	8.00	Amalie Direkze
	10.00	Monika Tabarrok
		Maureen Ruane

Church Cleaning rota

26 Aug	Team C	Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira
2 Sep	Team A	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam