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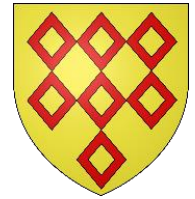
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1—2 JULY 2023 – 13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

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| Sat 1 July 5.30pm R: Joyful | Dedication of our Cathedral Feast Mass – Thanksgiving and Personal intentions (Vena Dias) Second Collection for Peter's Pence |
| SUN 2 8am 10am R: Glorious | 13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <i>Ps wk 4</i> Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for Ludovina Dias (80 th b'day) Second Collection for Peter's Pence at both Masses |
| Mon 3 9.30am R: Joyful | St Thomas the Apostle, feast Mass – for Ludovina Dias (80 th b'day) |
| Tues 4 9.30am R: Sorrowful | <i>Feria, 13th Week of the Year</i> Mass – for Antonino Fernandes RIP (Anniv) |
| Wed 5 9.30am R: Glorious | <i>Feria, 13th Week of the Year</i> Mass – for Alec Moody RIP |
| Thurs 6 No mass R: Luminous | <i>St Maria Goretti, Memorial</i> [Gospel of the Day: Matt 9.1-8] |
| Fri 7 7pm R: Sorrowful | <i>Feria, 13th Week of the Year</i> Mass for recovery from illness for Niamh <i>Friday abstinence</i> |
| Sat 8 July 5.30pm R: Joyful | <i>Feria, 13th Week of the Year</i> Mass – for Mr Rosan Perera RIP (Anniv) Second Collection for Peter's Pence |
| SUN 9 8am 10am R: Glorious | 14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Sea Sunday – Collection for Stella Maris Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for Catherine de Souza (b'day) |

A WARM WELCOME to Mass today, especially if you are new or an occasional worshipper. **Please take this newsletter home** and use the calendar to help your daily prayer.

◆ **BEFORE all Sunday Masses, a prayer before worship:** 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 keep silence until the Mass begins.*

◆ **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, at the Lord's Prayer, go to **p.56**.

◆ **Today's readings** are to be found **pp.96—98**. And the **psalm response** is, 'I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord.'

◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass** there is an opportunity to greet and meet one another in the Parish Hall.

REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures The Cross was no accident in Jesus's life; it would be no accident in His followers' lives either.

The gospel falls into two parts – each with a connection to one of the other readings. Nowhere is Jesus's sheer honesty about the way of the cross more vivid than in today's gospel, which is very strongly tied to the other two readings. Jesus makes very clear how far into our lives the gospel reaches, and exactly what those who follow him may expect: at first, and also in the long run: ie, in this life and the life hereafter. If the gospel were not so uncompromising, and was just another pastime or rule of thumb for us, it would have *no power of new life*.

The *first* part of the gospel vv37-39 concerns (1) our being daring enough to 'lose' everything that we call our own in order (2) to gain the new life promised by Christ. This is underlined by the second reading (from Romans) where St Paul says 'in baptism ... we followed Him into the tomb, joined Him in dying to an old life, so we might join him in new life'.

The *second* part of the gospel concerns (1) our being daring enough to accept the smallest thing that God offers, in order (2) to receive what God wants to give us thereby. This is underlined by the first reading

◆ Reconciliation (Confession)

20 mins before any weekday Mass; or Saturdays from 4.30 to 5.15pm; or by appointment anytime

◆ **Mass:** see times above

◆ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after Mass until 8pm

◆ **Baptism, Confirmation (First Communion), Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** by appointment

◆ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Funeral Directors

Northwick Park Hospital: for a chaplain contact 020 8967 5130



Reflect on next week's readings
– **Zechariah 9.9-10; Romans 8.9-13;**
Matthew 11.25-30 with the help of
wednesdayword.org

(from 2 Kings) and the truly golden story of the childless Shunamite woman who grasped the opportunity to give Elisha simple hospitality—a rooftop shelter to rest—and received the promise of a child.

I **Daring enough to give everything up** for God. Jesus's awareness of being the one thing that can free human lives if they follow him, is amazing. Anyone who prefers anything else to Jesus, is not worthy of Him: not because Jesus is a narcissist. On the contrary: *only loving Him* can we truly lose our anxiety about our own lives! Jesus gives us a way of the cross: follow Him; lose your life “for my sake”, he says, and you will find it. This is not a natural image of things dying to emerge new and reinvigorated. This is dying for, with and in, Jesus, for love of Him. That is what makes for a *new* way of living.

In the second reading Paul shows that this ‘dying’ and ‘being buried’ with Jesus *excludes* any idea of *getting back* what we have chosen to give up by following Him: we don't get back our old life polished up a bit. It means that our self-centredness, self-interest and self-protection have *no more hold* over us. Christ died to sin to *take* away its power over men. He lives so that we

too can live our whole lives in Him directed toward God. A new way of being human.

2 And the second part of the gospel? **It's about being daring enough to receive everything** from God. Receiving “one of these little ones” means being ready to receive from God: whether through a prophet, a holy man, or a mere ordinary fellow disciple of Christ. And which of us is not that? - a ‘mere ordinary disciple of Christ’. But God's grace makes *each* of us ‘mere ordinary disciples’ to be **both a receiver** of God's good gifts, **and the one who is received** by a brother or sister as a blessing. Can you (we) at St William's understand one another like that, in that way – like Elisha and the Shunamite woman? As mutually unexpected bearers of the blessings of God's goodness to one another? In the Old Testament story the fruit is a *physical* blessing: a child for the childless Shunamite and her husband. In the New Testament the fruitfulness is even greater: it is spiritual and eternal.

Condolences Most of you will know by now of the unexpected death of **Alec Moody**, a dedicated and devout member of our parish since the days of Fr Finnegan. His Funeral Mass will be on **18 July** at 10, followed by a Committal at 12 noon, and a reception in the Hall. All are most welcome.

We extend our condolences also to Tricia Annessa, whose mother, Nora Balfe, for whom we have often offered the Mass, has also recently died, and whose Funeral Mass is the same day as Alec's.

Please pray for both Kay and Tricia. *Fr Jonathan*

2-9 July Fr Jonathan will be away from the parish, on leave and attending ordinations of some seminarians whom he has helped to prepare. The Mill Hill Fathers will cover the week's masses here at St William's.

8 July from 1.30—4.30 a **Divine Mercy Retreat** at St George's, Harrow Road, Sudbury HA0 2QE. Check out the noticeboard or call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Racial Justice in the Church - a webinar for people working on this topic to learn from one another, to share experiences and initiatives, and to inform diocesan mission in this area. *When?* **11 July** 2-3.30pm *Where?* via **Zoom** *Cost?* **Free** to anyone www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/

Sunday 16 July at 3.30 pm at St Peter's Italian Church, 136 Clerkenwell Road EC1R 5DL – a Procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (first held in 1883), followed by an Italian street fête with music and stalls selling Italian food, drinks and lots more; all in a very Italian atmosphere!

World Youth Day is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis. This year it is in Lisbon. If you're between 15 and 25 can't go to Lisbon, why not join us on **Saturday 5 August** from 11am-5pm in Notre Dame de France **Leicester Square** WC2H 7BX. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon.

October Synod The Vatican has now published the working document for the Synod of Bishops. If there is an appetite for it, we can talk about it in the parish. *Please let me know. FrJ*

Thinking ... Do you know anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic? who is may be not baptised, may be baptised in a different Christian body, may be an adult who has been baptised as a Catholic but not confirmed or fallen away from the Church. If this is **you or anyone you know** please make an appointment with Fr Jonathan to talk about what it all means, and how to move forward.

Readers Rota

1 July 5.30 Noretta Reece

2 July 8.00 Rosemary Chukwulobelu

10.00 Maureen Ruane, Monika Tabarrok

8 July 5.30 Martin Rush

9 July 8.00 Amalie Direkze

10.00 Patrick & Joseph Arthur,

Carol-Anne Chandler

Church Cleaning Rota

8 July Team B

15 July Team C