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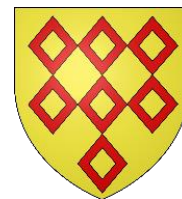
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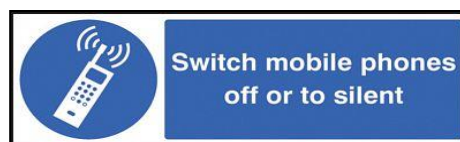
8—9 JULY 2023 – 14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

Sat 8 July 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria, 13th Week of the Year</i> Mass – for Mr Rosan Perera RIP (Anniv)
SUN 9 8am 10am R: Glorious	14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for Catherine de Souza (b'day) <i>Feria, 14th Week of the Year 1 - Psalter wk 2</i> Mass – Alec Moody RIP
Mon 10 9.30am R: Joyful	St Benedict, Patron of Europe Feast Mass – For our English seminaries
Tues 11 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria, 14th Week of the Year 1</i> Mass – Kathleen Berkeley RIP
Wed 12 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>Feria, 14th Week of the Year 1</i> [Gospel of the Day: Matt 10.7-15]
Thurs 13 No mass R: Luminous	<i>Feria, 14th Week of the Year 1</i> Mass Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima Friday abstinence
Fri 14 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria, 14th Week of the Year 1</i> Mass Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima Friday abstinence
Sat 15 July 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>St Bonaventure, Memorial</i> Mass – Nora Balfe RIP
SUN 16 8am 10am R: Glorious	15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Mass – People of the parish Parish Mass – Roque Dias RIP

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.99—101**. And the **psalm response** is, **'I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.'**

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

REFLECTIONS on today's Scriptures When speaking about God we frequently use superlatives: almighty, omnipotent and ubiquitous. The emotions which God evokes are wonder, awe and *fear of the Lord*. And yet throughout salvation history when God has visited his people he has done so discreetly – 'like the dawn from on high'. What's more, he revealed himself primarily to the *humblest* of people: the elderly Abraham and Sarah, the shepherds on the first Christmas night, the *poor* of Galilee, and, as today's Gospel teaches us, *mere children*. When he entered into our world, the Son of God came 'in the form of a *servant*'. We lived for months now without access to our churches and yet God was never absent from us or our families. Many discovered, through creative family prayer or through following simplified liturgies on-line, how truly *accessible* God is. I can only imagine that many of you who are parents or grandparents have learned a lot about God through how your children and grandchildren have kept their faith alive during lockdown. God is omnipotent; He *reigns* in

◆ 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
– **Isaiah 55.10-11**; **Romans 8.18-23**;
Matthew 13.1-9 with the help of
wednesdayword.org

the majesty of heaven; he is the creative genius of our world – all that is true. But he cares for each of us with infinite tenderness, and his desire to be close to us, to be with us in such a way that we recognise him without fear means that he *humbles* himself so as to enter our lives. That is the key mystery of God's identity that today's liturgy brings into focus.

First Reading (OT): Zechariah 9, 9 – 10: People will immediately recognise in this reading that scene which we act out in our procession each Holy Week, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem riding on an ass's colt. Old Testament Israelites were used to war and civil unrest, they lived in fear of the military strength both of their own king *and* his adversaries. But the prophet looked forward to the messianic age, when a king would come but who would demonstrate his power in meekness and not strength. He would conquer hearts rather than territory; he would come to unite rather than divide, to serve rather than dominate. It is easy to see how the

Pope's Prayer intention for July Pope Francis has followed his June intention for families by urging all Catholics to pray for those living through old age. "Let us pray for the elderly, that they may become teachers of tenderness, so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility."

Divine Mercy Retreat near you! The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a retreat at St Georges, Sudbury, HA0 2QE **next Saturday 8 July** from 1.30—4.30. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on [07957 594646](tel:07957594646) for more information

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, followed by an Italian street fête – food, drink and lots more.

Alec Moody's Funeral Mass will take place at St William's at **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*

'The Veil Removed' is a free, short 7-minute film that imagines the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics revealed by scripture and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Go online to <https://theveilremoved.com>.

Please note

On Tuesday 11 July access to the car park may be restricted by resurfacing works in Talman Grove (cul-de-sac opposite).

evangelists saw Jesus fulfilling this prophecy.

Second Reading (NT): Romans 8, 9. 11 – 13: During the lockdown we all got used to living without so many of the material possessions we took for granted, and many of the costly pleasures that we legitimately enjoyed. We got very used to 'doing without'. Many rediscovered music, read books, took greater interest in nature around them. And many also rediscovered the joy our spiritual lives can give us. We may now be urged now to *shop, shop, shop!* yet many will take the advice Paul here gives to the Romans.

Gospel: Matthew 11, 25 – 30: Most children remember missing several months of school and it is obvious that we should be concerned for their education. But today's Gospel comes as a consolation: when it comes to the things of God, children know more than the clever and the learned. God comes very close to our children.

World Youth Day in London WYD is the gathering of young people (15-25 years of age) from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't go to Lisbon, why not join us on **Saturday 5 August** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**. Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon.

October Synod The Vatican has now published the main document for October's famous Synod of Bishops. "This an opportunity for the entire People of God to continue the journey that has begun, and an opportunity to involve those who have not been involved so far." If there is an appetite for it, we can talk about it in the parish. *Please let me know. Fr J*

Fire Marshals Are you calm and able to think straight in an emergency situation? Would you be able to communicate with others in an effective way? We are looking for volunteer fire marshals at each Mass. Training would be provided. If you are interested or would like to know more, please email Tony Murphy at the parish office: stanmore@rcdow.org.uk.

Readers Rota

8 July 5.30 Martin Rush
9 July 8.00 Amalie Direkze
10.00 Patrick & Joseph Arthur,
Carol-Anne Chandler
15 July 5.30 Jennifer Bourke
16 July 8.00 Daphne Byron
10.00 Tim & Mel Goodger,
Derrick Pereira & family

Church Cleaning Rota

15 July Team C
22 July Team A