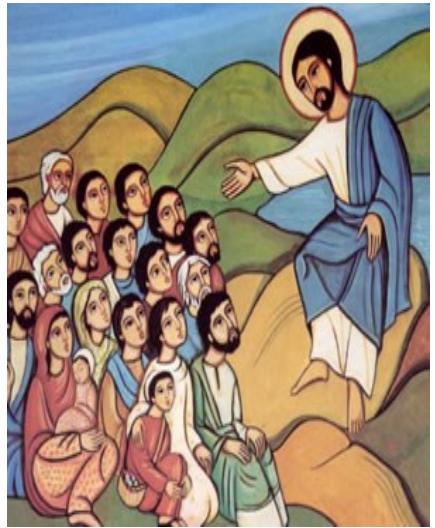


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## 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 18th July 2021

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6.00pm People of the parish
Sunday 18th June	16th Sunday of Ordinary time	8.30am Roger Sangster RIP
Thursday 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene	10.30am Steve Farley RIP
Friday 23rd July	St Bridget of Sweden	9.15am Mary Bridget Foley RIP
Saturday 24th July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	9.15am Jeremiah Buckley RIP
		6.00pm Pat Leonard RIP

**CONFessions** Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

**Intentions are now booked until August- please leave plenty of time if you want a special date**

### Liturgy of the Word: 18th July 2021

**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord ,for it is good.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Next week:** 2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 144:10-11,15-18, resp v16, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

### Fr. John writes:

### “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

This surely most famous of psalms is used at Mass today. In the lectionary it is numbered as Psalm 22, which is somewhat confusing as it has traditionally been known as the 23rd Psalm, which is its number in the Bible. The Catholic church continues to use the numbering of the psalms from the Greek translation of the Old Testament, whereas other Christian traditions use the Hebrew version of the Psalms. Psalms 9 & 10 are combined in the Hebrew text but separate in the Greek, and Psalm 147 and 148 in the Greek are combined in the Hebrew. Therefore from Psalm 9 to Psalm 147, the Catholic lectionary number, listed for example for responsorial psalms at Mass, will be one less than the psalm number used by most bibles and other Christians: a source of understandable confusion when people are preparing orders of service for weddings or funerals!

But whether we call it Psalm 22 or 23, The Lord is my Shepherd is a timeless favourite. It is recited during Jewish Sabbath meals and by both Christians and Jews when praying for those recently dead. Its message of hope and comfort has reassured countless generations. God's choice of David, the young shepherd boy from Bethlehem, to be King of Israel showed that God looks after and watches over His people and expects the leaders of Israel to take care of them too. The prophet Jeremiah in our reading today reassures the people the Lord God himself will gather the sheep scattered by poor shepherds and look after and pasture them. We hear in the Gospel today that Jesus, the new Shepherd King, having insisted the disciples come away with him to rest, simply cannot force himself to leave the crowd gathered because he saw them as sheep without a shepherd.

God never abandons us; he walks with us in the good times and the bad. He wants not just to bless us but to fill our cup to overflowing. “Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.”

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - BOOKING for MASS** To Book log into  
[parish.rcdow.org.uk/carpenderspark](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/carpenderspark) and then select EVENTS.

## **The Bishops of England and Wales have advised us that a gradual easing of restrictions is suggested with some ongoing mitigation of risk.**

Care has to be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship. Churches should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church. The advice from Public Health England is that risk is significantly lower with good ventilation and a face covering. There are key actions which churches and parishes have been doing, and should continue.

As long as the NHS Test, Track and Trace system is in operation, churches should continue to make available the means for people to sign in for acts of worship using the NHS app and the associated QR codes (or other means of attendee identification). If an online Mass Booking system is in place, this should continue to be used so that attendees are known.

It is no longer necessary to have one-way systems or other restrictions on movement in churches from this time onward. People should exercise good responsible behaviour especially when moving to receive Holy Communion during Mass and should avoid getting too close to each other.

The **offertory collection** can be resumed in church with baskets and pouches, however, it is encouraged to promote online or contactless giving in the churches if possible

- It is recommended that the physical **Sign of Peace** remain suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass, and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration.
- **Holy Communion** will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering whilst distributing. Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand.

**"Introduction to Volunteering": 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10 – 11:30 am, Zoom.** Eventbrite link: Thinking about volunteering? Find out how to get started at a free interactive session run by Caritas Westminster. It is for people thinking about or just starting out in volunteering. Explore what your perfect role could be and how to find it, discover what your first days might be like, and how to deal with issues that may crop up along the way. This event covers all the basic need-to-knows about becoming a volunteer. Book your place on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-volunteering-tickets-159672389415>

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION** The Bishops of England and Wales have released a statement which reads 'it is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.'

**Volunteering Opportunity with the Caritas Volunteer Service** The Caritas Volunteer Service is growing! We are looking for a couple of volunteers who share our passion for social action and volunteering. This is an opportunity to help transform lives throughout the Diocese by helping charities and outreach projects find volunteers. Deadline for applications: 31 July. For more information please contact: <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/volunteer-with-us.php>

St Joseph's Pre-school are looking for an **EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER** with level 3/5 qualifications to join their small team starting September 2021. Please email with CV to [Jackie@stjosephspreschool.org.uk](mailto:Jackie@stjosephspreschool.org.uk)

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/> founded in the Diocese of Westminster, Marriage Care provides a donation only counselling service for couples.

### **The Financials....**

**Total offertory for weekend 11th July**

**Envelopes £205.45**

**Loose Plate £164.25**

**June Virgin Money Donations via website £31.25**

**June Monthly Standing Orders: £1099.50**

**Last Years Standing Orders for June: £701.50**

### **PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CHOOSE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING ST JOSEPH'S**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Thank you to all of you who support St Joseph's by giving a manageable amount regularly. We need to share with you our current financial situation.

As advised by the Diocese St Joseph's converted the presbytery into two dwellings with the intention of securing the future of the parish by bringing in a steady income. The Diocese supported this work financially and we still have the outstanding loan which is to be paid back by the rental income.

We are sure you will appreciate the coronavirus pandemic and with this outstanding debt has left St Joseph's in a vulnerable position financially. The Church belongs to the people and like any home it carries the same expenditure - which currently is much higher than our income. It reinforces the notion that the best way to give to St Joseph's is by standing order. All you need to do is fill in a form, return it to us & let us do the rest.