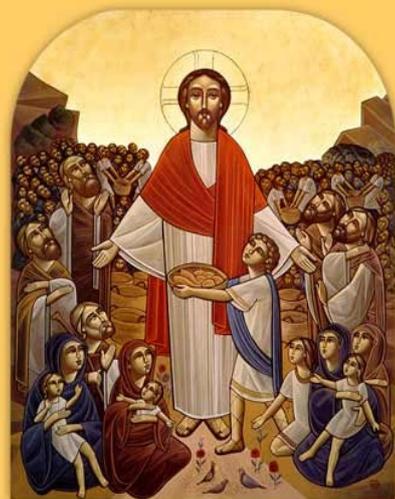


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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 25th July 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 24th July	Vigil: 17th Sunday	6.00pm Pat Leonard RIP
Sunday 25th June	17th Sunday of Ordinary time	8.30am People of the parish
Thursday 29th July	St Martha	10.30am Lenin de Monte Furtado RIP
Friday 30th July	Feria	9.15am Monica Fardey Intentions
Saturday 31st July	Vigil: 18th Sunday	9.15am Barbara de Souza
		6.00pm Conor Foley

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: 25th July 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; He himself gives might and strength to his people.*

Responsorial Psalm: *You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! You words are spirit Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal Life. Alleluia!*

Next week: *Exodus 16;2-4,12-15, Psalm 77, Ephesians 4:17,20-24,*

Fr. Dominic writes:

The new normal

Following the lifting of restrictions by the Government this week, the Bishop's Conference has published guidelines to reassure those of you who are still nervous about returning to church. The statement from the Conference is that "it is in our continuing judgement that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God." Their wish is for Sunday Obligation to return by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. We will still be keeping the Mass booking system but with increased capacity and would ask that you continue to book your weekend masses in this way for the time being, online. Communion will continue to be under one kind, the physical sign of peace will remain suspended and the holy water stoups will still be empty. We ask that you continue to wear face masks when you are in the church. There are no longer any restrictions on numbers for Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings.

As we move towards reintroducing parish activities we will be relying on volunteers to help. Please get in touch if you feel you might be able, for example, with the church shop, altar serving, church cleaning or helping with sacramental preparation.

Let's hope & pray that we can all come together soon, but we need to be conscious of those who have lost confidence during lockdown and are understandably nervous about these next steps. We must still be vigilant and look out for others.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - BOOKING for MASS To Book log into parish.rcdow.org.uk/carpenterspark 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”: 21st 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

<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 18th July

Envelopes £152.83

Loose Plate £166.30

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.