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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 1st August 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 31st July	Vigil: 18th Sunday	6.00pm	Conor Foley
Sunday 1st August	18th Sunday of Ordinary time	8.30am	Tamara Perera RIP
Thursday 5th August	Feria	10.30am	People of the parish
Friday 6th August	Feria	9.15am	Hoyle & Mabe Families RIP
Saturday 7th August	Vigil: 19th Sunday	9.15am	Souls in Purgatory
		6.00pm	People of the parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

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

Liturgy of the Word: 1st August 2021

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance, O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Next week: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 33:2-9, resp v9, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, John 6: 41-51

Fr John Writes:

“Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:4)

Our second readings for the next few weeks are taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We know from the Acts of the Apostles that Paul spent three years in Ephesus, preaching in the synagogue and performing miracles (Acts 19). It would therefore seem natural for him to write to the Christian community there. Scholars are however divided whether Paul is the actual author of the letter or whether it is the work of one of his disciples addressing issues in the community shortly after Paul's death. Stylistically, the letter is unlike other Pauline work, with long sentences and elaborate use of nouns, but scholars favouring a traditional view of its authorship would argue that this may be put down to the fact that Paul was exploring new horizons in his theology and teaching.

A dominant image, used ten times in this letter is that of the Body of Christ – the notion that believers are incorporated into Christ. With Christ as Head, the letter portrays the Church as both submitting to Christ and receiving its life from Him. The Church is one and indivisible and the letter encourages all Christians to maintain that unity by above all loving each other.

Building on this unity in the local community, the Church becomes a visible sign in the world of the joy that is possible when all things are united in love in Christ; a pledge that Jesus can bring an end to divisions and disharmony. The Church itself therefore becomes a sacramental sign of God's love for the whole of humanity; it both points the way to God's love and is the holy vessel of that love on earth.

The Church is Christ's instrument. She is taken up by him also as the instrument of salvation of all, “the visible plan of God's love for humanity.” (Catechism 776)

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.’

Schools volunteers needed

Looking for a new challenge? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. We are especially in need of volunteers happy to visit schools in Hertfordshire, Ealing, Brent, Hounslow and Camden.

School volunteer coordinator needed (volunteer position)

CAFOD Westminster is looking for a well-organised and friendly person to help coordinate their school visits programme from September. This role would suit someone who is comfortable speaking to other volunteers and schools and also in using spreadsheets and databases.

If you are interested in either of these volunteer roles, please contact Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162



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**

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.

The Financials....

Total offertory for weekend 25th July

Envelopes £376.60

Loose Plate £156.95

June Virgin Money Donations via website £31.25

June Monthly Standing Orders: £1099.50

Last Years Standing Orders for June: £701.50

