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**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time : (Year B) 8th August 2021**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 7th August	Vigil: 19th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sunday 8th August	19th Sunday of Ordinary time	8.30am	Mary O'Flynn
Thursday 12th August	Feria	10.30am	Bridget Flynn
Friday 13th August	Feria	9.15am	Tony Raines RIP
Saturday 14th August	Vigil: The Assumption	9.15am	Sheila Evans
		6.00pm	Hannah & Pat O'Gorman

**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: 8th August 2021**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Next week:** Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6,10, Psalm 44:10-12,16, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Fr. Dominic writes:

When we get discouraged

In our First reading from the first book of Kings we find that Elijah was an utterly discouraged man. He sat down under the shade of a tree, took stock of his life and concluded that it was a wasted effort. He even prayed to die. But apparently, he wasn't too serious about that. If he had really wanted to die, Queen Jezebel would have been more than happy to accommodate him. In fact, she vowed to do that very thing.

The story begins in the previous chapter. Elijah had his famous victory over the prophets of Baal. In a head to head contest with the prophets he proved the superiority of Israel's God. Then he personally killed all four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, a resounding victory. Elijah thought that this would end his Nation turning to false gods. Sadly, the struggle was not over, he had miscalculated the resolve of Queen Jezebel and she issued a death sentence on him and he had to flee. It was a hard blow for him and he was totally discouraged.

In this, Elijah is very like us who when we are trying to be faithful to God sometimes find ourselves disappointed. We expect one thing and get another. We struggle to do the right thing and God rewards us by leaving us vulnerable to some Jezebel. Where is the justice in that? Elijah felt the same way, he was discouraged and all of us find ourselves in that same circumstance. It is a common malady of the human family.

We are not alone with this feeling, even Jesus anguished when he proclaimed "O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long must I endure you?. When we are discouraged we are in good company, Elijah and even Jesus. As the angel came to Elijah we also can expect some help as many angels come with human faces. Elijah's angel instructed him to get up and get on with his life, that is our instruction also.

**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”**: 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.’

## Covid Vaccination Clinic South Oxhey

**Wednesday 11, 18 & 25 August**  
**5pm—7pm**

**TO BOOK YOUR JAB:**



**01923 278181**

**MONDAY –FRIDAY, 9AM–7PM**

**OR JUST WALK IN**

PARISH COUNCIL HALL, *Pfizer clinic—First dose for over*  
OXHEY DRIVE, *18s, or your second dose if 8*  
SOUTH OXHEY *weeks since first jab.*

### The Financials....

*Total offertory for weekend 1/8/21*

**Envelopes £242.95**

**Loose Plate £158.63**

**July Virgin Money Donations via website £56.25**

**July Monthly Standing Orders: £1249.50**

**Last Years Standing Orders for July: £681.50**



**LOTS OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES  
STILL TO BE COLLECTED PLEASE!**

Ask a Steward for yours or call in at  
the Parish Office.

## 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.