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*It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.*

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: (Year B) 5th September 2021

Fr John Warnaby	Asst Priest (based at St Joseph's)	Tel: 0208 428 0088
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Tuesday 10am—12noon & Friday 10am—3pm. carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk		
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My soul, give praise to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	6.00pm	Marcelina Varela RIP
Sunday 5th September	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
Thursday 9th September	Feria	10.30am	John Andrews RIP
Friday 10th September	Feria	9.15am	James O'Doherty RIP
Saturday 11th September	Vigil: 24th Sunday	9.15am	Mrs Shengella RIP
		6.00pm	John & Rita Duignan

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

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

Entrance Antiphon:

Liturgy of the Word: 5th September 2021

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat you servant in accord with your merciful love*

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 50:5-9, Psalm 114:1-6,8-9, James 2: 14-18, Mark 8:27-35

Fr. Dominic writes:

Is prejudice a problem in our lives, our homes, our church, our society?

Our Reading from the pen of James puts the problem of prejudice very pointedly. "My brothers, your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ must not allow for favouritism." Then he paints a word picture of two men coming into the assembly of Christians. One of them is obviously wealthy, and the other is obviously poor. James insists that they both must be treated alike. In the fellowship of the church, there is no allowable place for social discrimination or class or race distinction of any kind. To prefer one person above another because of wealth, race or sex is to deny the central theme of the Gospel and rob it of all its vitality.

The church was the only place in the ancient world where discrimination between people was not the accepted policy and practice. The temple in Jerusalem had a court for Jewish men, a court for Jewish women, and another court for Gentiles. The women could not enter the court of the men, and the gentiles were forbidden entry into either Jewish courts. Roman society was equally as structured with nobility at the top, then ordinary Roman citizens, then foreigners, and finally slaves.

Into that divided and divisive social order came Christ, teaching that God is Father and all people are brothers and sisters. It became a really difficult task. Everything in society screamed against it. The Jewish Christians found it very painful to mingle with gentile Christians. Slaves and slave owners were terribly uncomfortable seated side by side in worship. But for the church to draw lines of distinction would be a denial of the very message that it proclaimed. We still face the same dilemma today. The message of Christ has not changed. Society has changed but the old policies of discrimination persist. If the church is to be true to the One that it represents we must find practical ways to deal with the problem of prejudice.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - BOOKING for MASS To Book log into carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk and select EVENTS.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
STARTS on 11th September at the 6pm Family Mass.



Children from Reception up to Year 3 (who have not yet received their First Holy Communion).

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programmes for 2021-2022

We are planning our Holy Communion & Confirmation sessions for next year. Please register by completing a form which can be collected from the stewards at Mass. Please return them by 3rd Octo-



The Financials....

Total offertory for weekend 29/8/21

Envelopes £211.58

Loose Plate £182.39

August Virgin Money Donations via website £56.25

August Monthly Standing Orders: £1387.50

Last Years Standing Orders for August: £716.50



BAPTISMS: If you would like your child to be baptised, please collect an application form to complete and return to us. We will get in touch once we receive it.

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.



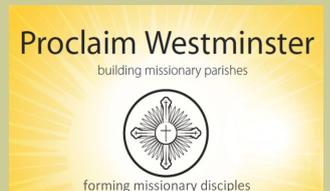
Diocese of Westminster

"Isaiah: AKA The Fifth Gospel"
Tuesday 21st September
7.00pm - 8.00pm



The third in a series of talks by Fr John Hemer MHM, as part of the Agency for Evangelisation's events for 'The God Who Speaks', takes place online. Please register via Eventbrite to receive the Zoom code: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-god-who-speaks-isaiah-aka-the-fifth-gospel-tickets-164970859281>.

For further information or queries, please contact annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk Tel. 020 7798 9026.



Online and Remote Volunteers needed

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support - providing counselling and marriage preparation throughout England and Wales. We are looking for volunteers who can spare just a few hours a week working from the comfort of their own home to help us support marriage and relationships.

Zoom Support: Are you an expert on Zoom and would you like to use your tech-skills to help us run marriage preparation courses, training or CPD events online?

Remote Secretary: Provide a vital service to counsellors and clients, taking last-minute cancellations calls and communicating changes as necessary.

For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or

email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

SHELTERED HOUSING FOR CATHOLICS

IS THIS FOR YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
OPEN DAY ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 203583 aged 60 and over
Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0JG
Saturday, 25th September, 2021 12.30pm
(Refreshments) for 1pm 36 modern self-contained flats at £562pcm in an attractive position with spacious shared gardens, and in easy walking distance of the church and all amenities. For more information and/or to let us know you are coming please phone or email The Warden, Deacon Seán Duffy: Tel: 01844 344437
Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk
www.stscholasticas.co.uk

Hospital Volunteers need to support the work of the Watford hospital chaplaincy. If you would be willing to consider offering an hour or two a week to visit our patients in hospital and would like more information please email: westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net