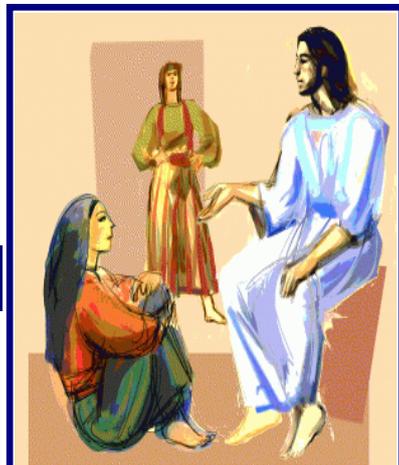


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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 17th July 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 16th July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6.00pm	Christy Madden RIP
Sunday 17th July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Carlos Borg RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 19th July	Feria	7.00pm	Eamon McKenna RIP
Wednesday 20th July	Feria	9.15am	Tom Teehan
Thursday 21st July	Feria	9.15am	Valeriano Lencioni RIP
Friday 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene	9.15am	John Grimes
Saturday 23rd July	Vigil: 17th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 17th July 2022

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 just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!
Next week's Readings:	Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 137, Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13

Gospel Reflection

We heard last week the story of the good Samaritan, where the hero is the one who went out of his way to care for the stranger lying half dead on the road. Jesus had told this story to illustrate how we must love our neighbour. The Samaritan busies himself in bandaging up the stranger and finding him somewhere where he can stay and recover. It is an active response to need.

Immediately after this story, this week's Gospel takes us to the house of two sisters, Martha and Mary, whom Jesus is visiting. Mary sits down at Jesus' feet to listen while Martha is busy serving – presumably attending to Jesus' physical needs; water to wash his hands and something to eat and drink perhaps.

We might imagine Martha rushing around and frustrated to see her sister getting the privilege of a private talk from the Lord, whilst she is otherwise occupied.

Many a hospitality provider will have faced the same challenge; how often has a party come to its end and a family member has been so busy looking after the guests that they haven't had time to have a proper chat with anyone?

Poor Martha is so frustrated that she asks Jesus to tell her sister to give her a hand. But Jesus gently tells her that she is fretting and worrying about so many things and only one is needed: Mary is doing the right thing at the moment.

Jesus himself was constantly on the go – teaching, healing and moving from place to place. He did however at key points of his ministry take himself off alone to pray. His message to Martha and to us is that there are times to be busy, but we also have to create the space to listen to what the Lord has to say to us: to listen in prayer and to take time to reflect on God's word.

“ “Julian, you are wise” they say, “you have been gifted with understanding”. All I did was listen.”

(Mother Julian of Norwich).

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Bishop Philip Egan is leading a pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham on **Saturday 6th August**. There are coaches going from various points. See the poster at the back of church for further details or <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Led by Cardinal Vincent, this year's pilgrimage takes place on the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, **24th September**. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is *'Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Joy'*. See poster at the back of church for further details.

Retreat: Join the Assumption Sisters for the **ASSUMPTION SUMMER RETREAT for Young Adults in Aylesford 20-21 August 2022**. In the programme: mass, talks, silence, time for prayer and sharing. Cost includes accommodation, meals at the retreat centre and travel to and from London to Aylesford: £95 regular price and £75 for students/conc. Limited spaces available – register NOW by filling in this form: bit.ly/retr20Aug (closing date: 27th July!)

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place on the **24th July**. This year's theme is 'In old age they will still bear fruit' (Psalm 92:15). We are encouraged to visit the elderly who are most alone at home or in the residences where they are guests. The Pope's message for the day, prayers, and pastoral guidelines, are available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/marriage-and-family-life/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

St Bernadette Relic Tour



In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. For further details on when the relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster visit <http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/>

StreetWise Holiday Club - will be running this year at South Oxhey Baptist Church on **8th-12th August**. Monday to Friday 10am-12:30pm. £4 for the week. Suitable for 6-11 years old. It is based on stories of Jesus from Luke's gospel. Call Linda on 020 8421 1542 to book. See poster at the back of the church. for further details.

Leaving Service for Rev. Richard Lowson of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey Methodist Church on **Sunday 24th July at 4pm**, followed by refreshments, for all those who know Richard. After 8 years in the Watford circuit Rev Richard will be moving to the Croydon area.

Will You take the first Step? **CAFOD's Gap year programme**, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to **apply for September 2022** go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of **August 2023**. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. **Please apply by 31 July 2022.**

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially

Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan and Bernadette Cruickshank.

Offertory for Sunday 10th July

Envelopes £ 162.50
Loose Plate £ 197.77
Total £ 360.27

Monthly Standing orders for June 2022- £1,827.50

Sea Sunday collection-£144.44

Many thanks