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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 24th July 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd July	Vigil: 17th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Bernie Maguire
		10.30am	McFadden family-Intentions
Tuesday 26th July	Ss Joachim & Anne	7.00pm	Owen Linehan RIP
Wednesday 27th July	Feria	9.15am	Gordon Cooke RIP
Thursday 28th July	Feria	9.15am	Alice Payne
Friday 29th July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	9.15am	Clare Clark RIP
Saturday 30th July	Vigil: 18th Sunday	6.00pm	Sheila Hulme RIP

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: 24th July 2022

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:

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23, Psalm 89, Colossians 3:1-5,9-11, Luke 12: 13-21

Gospel Reflection

Last week the story of the busy Martha and her sister Mary who chose to stop and listen to the Lord, reminded us that there is a time to be active and a time to be still.

Jesus himself showed by example how important it was to take time out to pray. Luke 5:16 tells us: "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed". Luke's gospel records him praying at important times in his ministry: for example at his Baptism and before he chose his disciples. We are told he was praying privately, with his disciples nearby, before he asked them the all important question about who they thought he was. Jesus was on the mountain when his transfiguration took place, his face changing and his clothes becoming as bright as a flash of lightning, as he was praying. After the Last Supper we are told that Jesus "as usual" went out to the Mount of Olives to pray. Jesus prayed for others: for Peter and of course even for those who were crucifying him.

Our Gospel this week begins with Jesus praying and it is a disciple watching this who asks Jesus to teach them how to pray. In response he teaches them the "Our Father".

Jesus told them to pray "our" Father not "my" Father. Our relationship with God is communal. We join with others when we pray to God and we are always praying with others. The prayer that Jesus taught us is prayed at every Mass every day and twice more at the daily evening and morning prayer of the Church. We may be sure that the words "Thy Kingdom come" are on the lips God's children on earth somewhere in the world every second of the day.

Even saints can find it difficult to pray: "*Sometimes when I am in such a state of spiritual dryness that not a single good thought occurs to me, I say very slowly the 'Our Father,' or the 'Hail Mary,' and these prayers suffice to take me out of myself, and wonderfully refresh me.*" (St Therese of Lisieux)

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place this **Sunday 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-dayfor-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

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'.

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**)

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/>



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 this **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 17th July

Envelopes £ 194.57
Loose Plate £ 226.60
Total £ 421.17

Monthly Standing orders for June 2022- £1,827.50

Many thanks