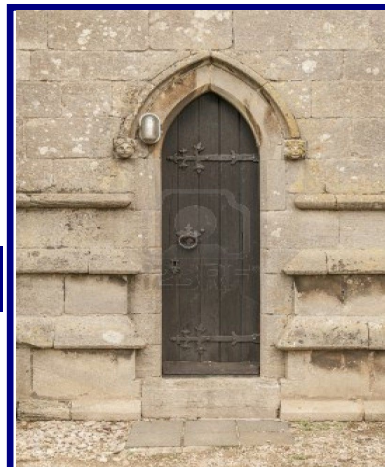


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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 21st August 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th August	Vigil: 21st Sunday	6.00pm	Ann Mary O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday 21st August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Monica de Jonk RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 23rd August	Feria	7.00pm	Marjorie & Tom Heneberry
Wednesday 24th August	St Bartholomew	10.00am	Funeral Mass—Denis Braganza
Thursday 25th August	Feria	9.15am	Denis Braganza RIP
Friday 26th August	Feria	9.15am	Charlie & Laura Holland Ints
Saturday 27th August	Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Clare Clark 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: 21st August 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to the whole world
proclaim the Good News.

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's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29, Psalm 67, Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24, Luke 14:1,7-14

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel passage urges us to meditate on the topic of salvation. St Luke tells us that while Jesus was travelling to Jerusalem, he was approached by a man who asked him this question: "Lord, will there be only a few saved?". Jesus replies "try your best to enter by the narrow door". He wants his listeners to understand that it is not a question of numbers, but rather, it is important for everyone to know the way that leads to salvation. This way means entering through a door. Jesus himself is that door. It is a narrow door not because it is oppressive, but because it challenges us to put loving God and our neighbour first. The door of God's mercy is narrow but is always open to everyone.

The salvation that Jesus offers us is an unending flow of mercy which overcomes every barrier and opens surprising perspectives of light and peace. Jesus is always inviting us to go to Him, to pass through the door of a full, reconciled and happy life. He awaits each one of us, no matter what sins we have committed, to embrace us and to offer us his forgiveness. He alone can transform our hearts, He alone can give full meaning to our existence, He alone give us true joy. By entering Jesus' door, the door of faith and of the Gospel, we can leave behind worldly attitudes, bad habits, selfishness and narrow-mindedness. When we encounter the love and mercy of God, there is authentic change. Our lives are enlightened by the light of the Holy Spirit: an inextinguishable light.

"Being Christian is living and witnessing to faith in prayer, in works of charity, in promoting justice, in doing good. The whole of our life must pass through the narrow door which is Christ." (Pope Francis)

Denis Braganza RIP The funeral will take place here at 10am on Wednesday 24th, so there will not be Mass at 9.15am

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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'*.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 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/> or see the poster at the back of church.

It is worth noting the dates/times for *Westminster Cathedral*
The relics will arrive on Saturday 3rd September at 11am, and depart on Monday 5th September at 9:30am.
(The Veneration of the Relics is from Saturday at 1pm until Monday at 6am- No booking needed)

Also, the dates/times for *St Joseph's Church, Stevenage*
The relics will arrive on Monday 17th October at 1pm, and depart on Tuesday 18th 8.15am

Anointing of the Sick will take place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd September at 2:30pm**. This is the only service at the Cathedral that is a ticketed event. Please let us know if you would like to attend as it is on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Vacancy for a full time **ELECTRICAL ENGINEER**—Working for the Diocese of Westminster. Further details on the noticeboard at the back of church or <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/electrical-engineer-aedificabo-ltd/> **Closing date: Friday 26th August at noon**

CAFOD Schools Volunteers needed
This summer are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with **children and young people**? Could you help to **inspire and empower** children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of **global justice**?
Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about our work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD?
Then why not use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided

CAFOD Schools Volunteers coordinator needed
Are you interested in using your skills to help to help organise visits to primary and secondary schools across the Westminster Diocese? Are you comfortable using databases and communicating with schools and other volunteers? Join us a volunteer to support our busy schools programme. Some experience using databases and IT systems is required but full support and training will be given.

If you are interested in either of the two volunteer roles above, please contact Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Westminster at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162 for further information.



Live saving cancer treatment for Jorge
The family of Jorge Varela have set up a gofundme page to help finance alternative treatments for Jorge's stage 3 pancreatic cancer. If you would like to support this cause then further details can be found in the link:
<https://gofund.me/90f93918>

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially
Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan, Bernadette Cruickshank and Alice Payne.

Offertory for Sunday 14th August	Monthly Standing orders for July 2022- £1,735.00
Envelopes £ 240.13	
Loose Plate £ 223.91	
Total £ 464.04	Many thanks