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Humility

is not thinking less of yourself
but thinking of yourself less
- CS Lewis

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 28th August 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th August	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	6.00pm	Clare Clark RIP
Sunday 28th August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Kathleen Marsh RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 30th August	Feria	7.00pm	Michael Greaney RIP
Wednesday 31st August	Feria	9.15am	Catherine & John Malone
Thursday 1st September	Feria	9.15am	James Treanor RIP
Friday 2nd September	Feria	9.15am	Ailish Connolly RIP
Saturday 3rd September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	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: 28th August 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: In you goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.
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: Wisdom 9:13-18, Psalm 89, Philemon 9-10, 12-17, Luke 14:25-33

Gospel Reflection

Who wants to be last? Isn't it only natural to desire respect and esteem from others? Jesus, in this week's parable of the guests invited to the marriage feast, probes our motives for seeking honour and position. Jesus' parable reinforces the teaching of Proverbs: "Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of the prince" (Proverbs 25:6-7). True humility is not feeling bad about yourself, or having a low opinion of yourself, or thinking of yourself as inferior to others. True humility frees us from self-preoccupation, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention more and more on ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us, who knows our thoughts and is familiar with all our ways. Humble people make a realistic assessment of themselves without illusion or pretending to be something they are not. The humble regard themselves neither less nor more important than they truly are.

True humility frees us to be our true selves and to avoid pride. A humble person does not have to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others. The humble are not swayed by things such as fame, reputation, success, or failure.

True humility frees us to love and serve selflessly for the good of others. Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Paul gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus, who "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ...who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:7-8).

Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline

Catholic Listeners is a new confidential helpline specifically created to listen to the troubled or concerned- especially those wishing to reconnect with their faith. Operating 3 days a week from 4-7pm on Monday, Tuesday & Friday. You'll find compassionate, confidential, experienced, dedicated, non-judgemental listeners.



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.

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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 21st August

Envelopes £ 201.83
Loose Plate £ 198.43
Total £ 400.26

Monthly Standing orders for July 2022- £1,735.00

Many thanks