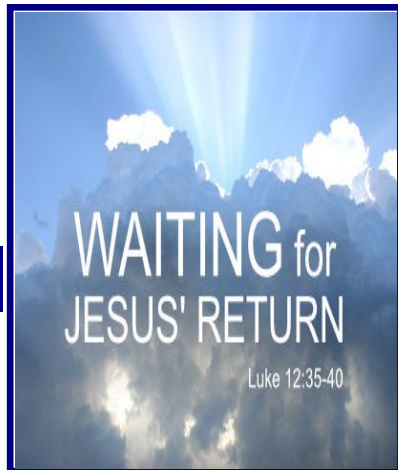


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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 7th August 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th August	Vigil: 19th Sunday	6.00pm	Paul Tissington RIP
Sunday 7th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	John Buckley RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 9th August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	7.00pm	Dennis Braganza RIP
Wednesday 10th August	St Lawrence	9.15am	Kathleen Andrews and family
Thursday 11th August	St Clare	9.15am	John Hyde
Friday 12th August	Feria	9.15am	Kimmy Borg
Saturday 13th August	Vigil: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Liturgy of the Word: 7th August 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord
 and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
 Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
 and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father,
 Lord of heaven and earth,
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10, Psalm 44, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, Luke 1:39-56

Gospel Reflection

In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus challenged attachment to worldly possessions. He told the parable of the foolish farmer who having experienced an abundant harvest is concerned solely with building bigger barns to keep it for the future. He doesn't think about sharing his good fortune or considering what actions in the present might make him rich in the sight of God. This week, Jesus tells his disciples that they must be like servants waiting for their master to return at any time.

After Jesus departed to heaven, there was a strong expectation that he would return very soon. By the time Luke's gospel was written, about 50 years after the death of Jesus, the Christian community had been waiting for Jesus' return much longer than they had originally hoped.

In those early years, the Christians waited for the return of Jesus much like the Jews waited on the first Passover night: dressed for action and ready to go. Their yearly celebration of Passover became a special time to contemplate Jesus' return in glory. This week's gospel encourages those waiting for Jesus to return to be patient, but ready.

Jesus asks his disciples to act in a way that would be very different from their contemporaries. They are to look to the future for their reward. Most people in Luke's community lived a day-to-day existence. There was no time to worry about the future. The Pharisees and the religious elite lived in a world that focused on the past, to maintain some sense of stability. Jesus is asking his disciples to live with watchfulness and a sense of fidelity that was uncommon in the day.

In Jesus' story, when the master does return, he sits down with the servants who have stayed awake, puts on an apron and waits on them. Just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, those who follow him and wait for his coming are doing God's work when they are serving others in humility.

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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

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.

MONICA de JONK RIP– the funeral Mass of our late, ex-parishioner Monica will be held on Wednesday 10th August at 11am at Church of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Headstone Lane, Hatch End.

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 and Bernadette Cruickshank.

Offertory for Sunday 31st July

Envelopes £ 250.90

Loose Plate £ 220.60

Total £ 471.50

Monthly Standing orders for June 2022- £1,827.50

Many thanks