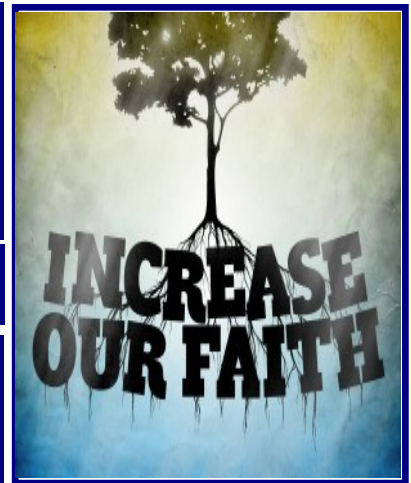


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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 2nd October 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st October	Vigil: 27th Sunday	6.00pm	Betty Flanagan RIP
Sunday 2nd October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Dom Ryan RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 4th October	St Francis of Assisi	7.00pm	Barbara McQueen RIP
Wednesday 5th October	Feria	9.15am	Baby Vas RIP
Thursday 6th October	Feria	9.15am	Paul Watson RIP
Friday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.15am	Jyoti Suryawadan Rawal RIP
Saturday 8th October	Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	John Pereira 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: 2nd October 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
 you have the message of eternal life.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17, Psalm 97, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17: 11-19

Gospel Reflection

In this week's Gospel Jesus tells the disciples that faith can achieve remarkable things. Faith is not something which requires a leap of the imagination or some kind of blind hope. Faith is a response of trust and belief in something reliable, certain and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do ourselves. Faith in God works in a similar way.

Faith in God removes obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. Our joy and privilege is to follow the Lord Jesus and to serve in the power of his love and goodness. The Lord is always ready to work in and through us by his Spirit for his glory. For our faith to be effective it must be linked with trust and a willingness to do whatever He commands.

The challenge is to give the Lord our best, regardless of what it might cost. We must regard ourselves as God's servants, just as Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve". Service of God and of our neighbour is both a voluntary act and a sacred duty. One can volunteer for service for one's country or for one's family when the call and need arises. Likewise, God expects us to serve him willingly and give him the honour which is his due. What makes our offering pleasing to God is the love we express in the act of self-giving.

Scripture tells us that God himself is love (1 John 4:16) - he is the author of life and the source of all true relationships of love and friendship. He created us in love for love, and he fills our hearts with the boundless love that gives all that is good for the sake of the beloved. *"If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us"*

Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP)

Fr John will be signing the certificates for school admission on **Wednesday 12th October 6-7pm** in the Parish Office. No appointment needed.



CAFOD Family Fast Day -Friday 7th October



World Food Crisis Appeal
Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday

Healing Mass

On **Tuesday 4th October at 7pm** St Thomas More Church, Eastcote will be celebrating a Healing Mass. There will be praise and worship, music and an opportunity to receive individual prayer for healing after the Mass.



The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

SPUC is holding a one-day conference on the important topic of **Abortion and Coercion**

Many women have an abortion against their wishes. SPUC is campaigning to expose the scourge of coerced abortion and to gain recognition that this is a form of abuse against women.

Saturday 22 October in London SW1

9.30am-4.30pm . Cost £35 Concessions £25. Lunch included.

To book a place contact Katherine Hampton on 01892 542616 or email katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give. Or see the poster in the Narthex and



St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022



In 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.

Monday 17th October: visit of St Bernadette's relics to St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1NJ. Church open 1pm to midnight, then Tuesday 18th from 6.00 to 8.15am. Masses: Monday 5pm, 7pm (Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan, procession), 10pm, and Tuesday 7am. See poster at the back of church. For the full programme, visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage/>



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Open Evening on **Thursday 6th October 6-9pm** & Open Morning on **Friday 7th October 9-11.30am** for students and parents who are seeking admission in September 2023. To find out more about the school and download an application form visit www.joa.herts.sch.uk

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

Offertory for Sunday 25th September Envelopes £234.84 Loose £267.90 TOTAL £502.74
Many Thanks