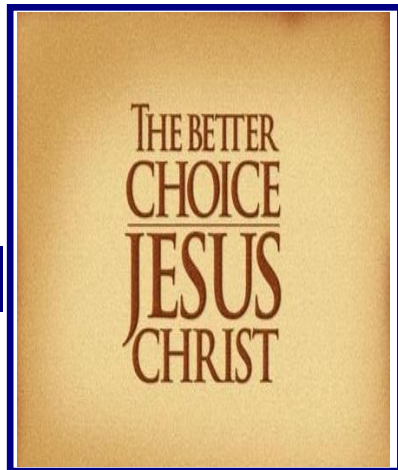


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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 4th September 2022

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3rd September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Desmond Pereira RIP
		10.30am	John Andrews RIP
No weekday Masses this week			
Saturday 10th September	Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Emma Murphy 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: 4th September 2022

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, Psalm 50, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15: 1-10

### Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel begins with Jesus telling us that his disciples need to hate father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and their own lives too!

What can Jesus, Lord of love, possibly mean by this? The greek word used here (miseo) also means 'to love less' or to express a relative preference of one thing over another. Jesus had a masterful way of grabbing his listeners' attention and even if we allow for a toning down of his meaning, it is still challenging enough to have Jesus asking us to love him more than a parent, child, spouse or sibling. These relationships are our nearest and dearest, the ones we love most on earth.

Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his beloved sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our well-being and happiness. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love and kindness towards us. True love is costly because it holds nothing back from the beloved - it is ready to give all and sacrifice all for the one we love.

Jesus goes on to say that his disciples will be required to carry their own crosses and follow after him. Jesus challenges his followers to examine who and what they love first and foremost. We can be ruled by many different things - money, drugs, success, power or popularity, but If we choose for the Lord Jesus and put our trust in him, he will show us the path that leads to true joy and happiness with our Father in heaven.

*Lord Jesus, you are my treasure, my life, and my all. There is nothing in this life that can outweigh the joy of knowing, loving, and serving you all the days of my life. Take my life and all that I have and make it yours, for your glory now and forever. Amen.*

For the next two weekends we will be welcoming Canon Michael Munnely to say Mass as Fr John is taking a break. There will be no weekday Masses whilst Fr John is away.

#### 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](http://cafod.org.uk/give). Or see the poster in the Narthex and donate using the QR code.



#### 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

#### 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'*.

**Catholic Herald Subscription** To commemorate the visit of The Relics of St Bernadette, The Catholic Herald has a very special introductory subscription rate of **3 months for only £3**, which gives you the opportunity to try it out with no obligation for only £1 per issue (usual price £5). Or using the code **PAR2022** will get you £5 off a full 12 month print and digital subscription. You can order online at <https://catholicherald.co.uk/purchase-a-subscription> or telephone Margaret on 0203 882 94332 or Rebecca on 0207 082 6529.



#### ST JOAN OF ARC Catholic Secondary School

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](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk)

**Tackling the Global Food Crisis – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am online meeting**  
Join Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD's Country Representative for Kenya, Uganda & Eritrea, who will give a first-hand account of their work tackling the Food Crisis which is affecting over 20 million people.

Contact Tony at [Westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Westminster@cafod.org.uk) for further details or book a place at <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>



**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 28th August

Envelopes    £ 202.49  
Loose Plate   £ 227.51  
**Total**        **£ 430.00**

**Many thanks**