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All that is hidden  
will be  
made clear

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 25th June 2023**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 24th June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6.00pm	Christy Madden RIP
Sunday 25th June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Dixie Chapman RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 27th June	St John Southworth	7.00pm	de Souza family Thanksgiving
Wednesday 28th June	St Irenaeus	9.15am	Thérèse Buckley RIP
Thursday 29th June	SS Peter & Paul Holy Day of Obligation	9.15am	Children & Staff of St Joseph's Sch
		7.00pm	Romona Luis Thanksgiving
Friday 30th June	Feria	9.15am	Graham White RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 1st July	Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Sally McInerney RIP

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**

**When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.**

**Liturgy of the Word: 25th June 2023**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed .  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In your great love, answer me, O God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 Psalm 88 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10:37-42

All the readings today encourage us to place our faith and trust in God.

The prophet Jeremiah who faced betrayal and attacks even from trusted friends, nevertheless remains steadfast in his mission, demonstrating unwavering trust in God's care. We recognize that, like Jeremiah, we may encounter betrayal and attacks from those around us. However, our faith in God's unfailing care can serve as an anchor, sustaining us amidst tumultuous times. Jeremiah's story encourages us to hope that our own faith remains resilient in the face of challenges, opposition, and betrayal.

In the second reading, St Paul encourages us to place our faith in God's saving power and to find comfort and strength in the hope that comes from knowing His love and mercy. By embracing faith in Christ, we can overcome difficulties and find reassurance in the promise of salvation, even in the face of life's greatest challenges.

In the Gospel, Jesus forewarns his disciples about the trials and persecutions they will encounter as they carry out their mission of spreading his message. Nevertheless, he encourages his disciples to place their unwavering trust in God's love and protection. Jesus assures them that God knows them intimately, valuing each person with deep compassion and care. This message serves as a profound reminder of the love and concern God has for each one of us. As Jesus says: "every hair on your head has been counted".

In the trials of life, we are never alone, for God is intimately present and cares deeply for us. By wholeheartedly embracing and placing our faith in God's loving care, we can find solace, strength, and hope, knowing that our souls are safeguarded by the overflowing love of our Creator.

*"All things pass; God never changes. Patience attains all that it strives for. They who have God find they lack nothing. God alone suffices."* (Saint Teresa of Avila)

### SS Peter & Paul Holyday of Obligation

Next Thursday 29th June is the Feast day of Ss Peter and Paul. As it is a Holy Day of Obligation there will be Mass at **9.15am and 7pm**

### Peter's Pence collection next weekend 1st & 2nd July

The annual collection for Peter's Pence contributes to supporting Pope Francis' apostolic and charitable ministry; this includes supporting poor dioceses around the world and people in serious difficulties.

### Catholic Women's League Cake Sale

CWL are holding a cake sale **this weekend after all masses.** The proceeds raised will be donated to *Watford Peace Hospice*.

### Racial Justice webinar

Bishop Paul McAleenan will be hosting a webinar on **Tuesday 11th July 2pm-3:30pm** to build upon the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in recent years.

This includes the Image and Likeness of God initiative which celebrates images of Our Lady and the Child Jesus from a range of countries and cultures, and the Walking Together, Praying Together, and Working Together project, which reflects on the role that each of us has to play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church.

Register for this free Zoom event via <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/>

### Dominican Order 800th Anniversary Walk to Blackfriars

This year is the 800th anniversary year of the foundation of the first Dominican house in London so on **Saturday 15th July** the Dominican friars will be making a special pilgrimage walk to their roots. It will begin with 10am Mass in St Dominic's Priory Church, Haverstock Hill, followed by a walk to Blackfriars. There will be a lunch and drink break in a Blackfriars pub, followed by prayer around the vicinity of Apothecaries' Hall, the site of the second Dominican priory in London. The pilgrimage will then go to St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, for a tour at 3pm, with a short talk by the Provincial Archivist, Fr Richard Finn OP, followed by sung Vespers at 4pm in St Bartholomew the Great, the third Dominican priory in London. *All very welcome to join this pilgrimage*

### Procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This annual procession (first held in 1883) will be on **Sunday 16th July at 3:30pm**. It starts from St Peter's Italian Church, 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5DL. It will include a walking group of children who have recently made their First Holy Communion, dressed in their outfits. Please meet inside the Italian Church by 3pm latest, if you wish to join them.

The procession is followed by an Italian street fete with music and stalls selling Italian produce.



### Summer Holiday Club

South Oxhey Baptist Church are inviting children aged 6-11 years to book now for their holiday club. It runs from **Monday 24th-Friday 28th July**. The theme is Pyramid Rock. There will be games, songs, bible stories and more! Spaces are limited so call *Linda Gillen on 020 8421 1542* to secure your place. See the poster at the back of church.

### Pilgrimage of Reparation

There will be a Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to **Walsingham** on **Saturday 5th August** led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. It will take as its theme 'Accepting the Gift'. The poster at the back of Church has some details of coaches leaving from various points in the diocese which may be of interest and help to parishioners. While many may not be able to attend the day physically, there will also be the opportunity to follow online and join in this day of prayer for life at [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/)

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### Offertory for Sunday 18th June 2023

Loose	£ 495.54
Envelopes	£ 198.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 693.90</b>

**Many thanks**

**Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers,** especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard and Christine Kempster. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Marty Spires who died recently.