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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 2nd July 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st July	Vigil: 13th Sunday	6.00pm Sally McInerney RIP
Sunday 2nd July	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Dick Carey RIP
Tuesday 4th July	feria	10.30am People of the Parish
Wednesday 5th July	feria	7.00pm Clare White RIP
Thursday 6th July	feria	9.15am Phil Carey
Friday 7th July	feria	9.15am Clare Clarke RIP
		9.15am Joseph Anton RIP
		followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 8th July	Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm People of the Parish

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: 2nd July 2023

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm 144 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30

Our readings today encourage us to reflect on hospitality, service and welcoming God's word spoken through his prophets.

In the first reading we hear about a woman who offers hospitality to the prophet Elisha whenever he passes by. She recognises him as a man of God and builds him a small room on the roof so he can stay there whenever he wants. Her spiritual intuition is that Elisha has a role in God's plan: she realizes that he is God's prophet.

Elisha, touched by the woman's kindness and hospitality, promises her a son as a reward. God promises abundant blessings upon those who open their hearts and homes to his messengers. Miraculously, the woman conceives and bears a son.

In today's gospel Jesus prepares his disciples for their mission of spreading the good news to the world. He speaks of prophets and the rejection they often face, foreshadowing the challenges the apostles will encounter in their ministry. Like the prophets of old, the apostles are called to proclaim the truth fearlessly, even in the face of adversity.

Jesus further emphasizes that nothing should take precedence over our commitment to God: discipleship demands an unwavering dedication to his kingdom. This teaching underscores the radical call to discipleship, where our love for God should surpass any earthly attachments. By putting our devotion to God above all else, we open ourselves to a deeper relationship with him and allow his grace to guide our every action.

Just as the good woman recognised God's presence in Elisha, so we are called by Jesus to see him in everyone we meet, including the stranger or those whom Jesus called 'the least' of his brothers and sisters.

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father . . . for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' (Matthew 25)

Peter's Pence collection this 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.

Stella Maris collection next weekend 8/9th July

Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.



STELLA MARIS

Catholic Women's League Cake Sale

CWL raised an amazing £168.50 last weekend at the cake sale. All the proceeds raised will be donated to *Watford Peace Hospice*. Many thanks to all involved.

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/>

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.



Join The Passage at their ***Secret Garden Party*** on Thursday 20th July at 6pm



Taking place in the beautiful surroundings of the historic College Garden at Westminster Abbey, this event is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a wonderful summer evening whilst supporting the work of The Passage. College Gardens is one of London's best kept secrets, a 900-year-old garden, thought to be the oldest in England. You will enjoy views of Westminster Abbey and Victoria Tower, as part of the Palace of Westminster. During the evening you will get to enjoy delicious food, unlimited beer, wine, Pimms and soft drinks, entertainment, a raffle, silent auction and much more. All proceeds from this event will go directly to The Passage, helping to provide essential support for those who have experienced homelessness, and preventative action to support those at risk of becoming homeless.

Tickets <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/secret-garden-party/> or call 020 7592 1856

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/

Offertory for Sunday 25th June 2023

Loose	£ 248.55
Envelopes	£ 158.59
Total	£ 407.14

Many thanks

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