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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 13th August 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th August	Vigil: 19th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 13th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Peter Hanley RIP
		10.30am	Jeffrey in thanksgiving
Tuesday 15th August	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.00pm	Jeffrey in thanksgiving
Wednesday 16th August	feria	9.15am	Kathleen Andrews Intentions
Thursday 17th August	feria	9.15am	Ann Archer Intentions
Friday 18th August	feria	9.15am	Peter Hanley RIP
			followed by Holy Hour
		12.30pm	Requiem Mass Veronica Lacey RIP
Saturday 19th August	Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Jim & Maria Thomson Intentions

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: 13th August 2023

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: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, Psalm 66, Romans 11:13-15, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-28

In our Gospel today, the disciples are far out on the lake of Galilee, battling with a heavy sea and fighting a strong headwind. They are there in the boat without Jesus, who has gone alone into the hills to pray. A picture of the Church itself; the disciples in their fragile boat surrounded by hostile winds and waves. It was the common experience of the Church during its first centuries as it is in many parts of the world today. The terrified disciples do not recognize Jesus walking towards them over the water. He tells them: "Take courage; it is I; do not be afraid."

Jesus is always close to us, always keeping watch over us. No matter what may be happening in and around us in our turbulent world, Jesus is the source of peace. Jesus told his disciples at the Last Supper, "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid."

Jesus calls us to be in the world, but not of the world. It was Jesus who made the disciples get into the boat and cross the lake in the first place. But Jesus does not send us on our mission in the world unsupported. He is there in any hostile environment, any stormy sea we might encounter.

When Jesus and Peter step back into the boat, the wind drops. There is peace and apparent calm. The great truth is that, wherever Jesus Christ is, the wildest of storms die down. The disciples, minutes earlier terrified, now understand and believe. They bow down to Jesus saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God".

"Let us invite Jesus into the boat of our life. Like the disciples, we will realize that once he is on board, the winds die down and there can be no shipwreck." (Pope Francis)

Holyday of obligation

Next Tuesday 15th is the feast of **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass is at 7pm.

CELEBRATE Summer family activity pack

Download the brand new CELEBRATE online, family activity pack for summer! Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch. This online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Why not try the CELEBRATE Summer Psalm walk in this pack at your local park or on holiday? Use this link to download the CELEBRATE Summer pack for free today <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

SPUC –Volunteering opportunities

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children needs volunteers to help with labelling and packaging letters and other office duties at their HQ office in Kennington, London SE11 4AB. Suitable for all ages 16 years and over. Lunch is provided and fares will be refunded. Please contact **Elizabeth Foody on 020 7091 7091 or lizfoody@spuc.org.uk**.



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

Job vacancies –Diocese of Westminster

There is a printed list of the current vacancies on the noticeboard near the Door of Mercy. Please take a look as there is a wide range of jobs from Parish Administrator to Organist. Plus a range of locations across the Diocese. The list is frequently updated and also available online via <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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Formation Week for young adults in Norfolk 30th August-6th September

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham. Next session **30th August-6th September**.

See the poster at the back of Church.

To find out more, please email the COLW Sisters freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

World Youth Day Summer Picnic

Westminster Youth Ministry is holding a Summer Picnic on **Saturday 2nd September** at the Youth Ministry Retreat Centre at Pinner to give participants *A taste of Lisbon*. This event is aimed at young people aged between 16 and 35 who were unable to attend World Youth Day. See poster on the side wall.

Sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Spaces are still available on the annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which takes place from **19th to 27th November**, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow. Costs are £2,265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement; travel insurance essential. Booking forms are available from Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office or at www.tangey-tours.com See poster at the back of Church.

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard and Christine Kempster.

Offertory for Sunday 6th August 2023

Loose £ 259.54

Envelopes £ 165.04

Total £ 424.58

Monthly standing orders for July 2023

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Many thanks