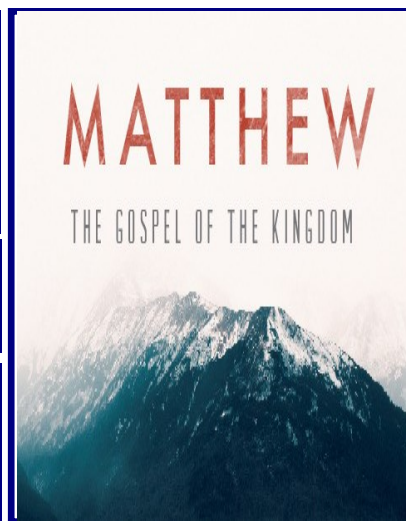


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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 20th August 2023 &  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 27th August 2023

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19th August	Vigil: 20th Sunday	6.00pm	Jim & Maria Thomson Intentions
Sunday 20th August	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Anna, Wladyslav, Zygmunt & Josef
Tuesday 22nd August	The Queenship of the BVM	7.00pm	Helen in thanksgiving
Wednesday 23rd August	feria	9.15am	Peter Hanley RIP
Thursday 24th August	St Bartholomew, Apostle	9.15am	Tina Adams RIP
Friday 25th August	feria	9.15am	Elsie Petch RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 26th August	Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Catherine & Michael O'Sullivan Silver Wedding thanksgiving
Sunday 27th August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Jorge Varela RIP
Tuesday 29th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist	7.00pm	Roque Fernandes RIP
Wednesday 30th August	feria	9.15am	Mary Connor RIP
Thursday 31st August	feria	9.15am	John Andrews RIP
Friday 1st September	feria	9.15am	Molly Byrne RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 2nd September	Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Meena Furtado 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: 20th August 2023

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts Is better than a thousand elsewhere.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Isaiah 22:19-23, Psalm 137, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

### Liturgy of the Word: 27th August 2023

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Jeremiah 20:7-9, Psalm 62, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

This liturgical year we have been making our way through Matthew's Gospel. Matthew, although placed chronologically first in the New Testament, is most likely a revised and expanded version of Mark's gospel. By supplementing Mark's writing with accounts of the life of Jesus he himself has heard, (among them the stories about Jesus' birth and the Sermon on the Mount), Matthew writes a gospel with a new focus and flavour.

Matthew is writing for a Jewish community. Jesus is presented as fulfilment of scripture, a recurring phrase throughout the Gospel. Matthew sprinkles the accounts of Jesus' birth with quotes from the Old Testament, making it clear that the expectations of the Messiah have now been fulfilled. In following Jesus then, Matthew is reassuring the Jewish community that they are not abandoning their heritage but discovering its full meaning.

First and foremost, Matthew's Jesus is the Messiah that Judaism had waited for, the one who ushers in the Kingdom of God.

Matthew shows Jesus as a new Moses, a new leader for the Jewish people. Matthew writes to show how Jesus imitates the key actions of his ancestor in faith; being kept from an untimely death as an infant, being called out of Egypt, and being the bringer of a new law on a mountain, this time beside Lake Galilee.

Matthew adds greatly to Mark's account of Jesus as teacher by including many teachings that Mark was not aware of. A significant example of this is the 'Sermon on the Mount' (Mt 5-7) where Matthew collects 18 lessons into one teaching scene.

As well as the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus outlines of the life of discipleship in the new community, throughout Matthew's Gospel we are invited to spend time with the Lord "on the mountain".

On the mountain, Jesus rejects the devil and his temptations; at key points Jesus goes up the mountain to pray; on the mountain he was Transfigured; at Gethsemane on the mount of Olives he suffered grief and anguish and on the mountain his last words on earth were given: "Behold I am with you always, to the end of the world."

### 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](mailto:lizfoody@spuc.org.uk)**.



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### Formation Week for young adults in Norfolk

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. There are two choices of dates: **14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September**. See the poster at the back of Church.

To find out more, please **enquire by 31st July** by emailing the COLW Sisters [freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto: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](http://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.