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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 3rd September 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd September	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	6.00pm	Meena Furtado RIP
Sunday 3rd September	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Ronan Dwyer RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Saturday 9th September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Ann O'Sullivan 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: 3rd September 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving.
full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 94, Romans 13: 8-10, Matthew 18: 15-20

Today's Gospel continues the story that began last week. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Jesus tells us that anyone who follows him is called to a life which puts selfish interests aside for the sake of the good of their brothers and sisters.

This weekend and next we welcome Canon Michael Munnely who will be offering Mass for us whilst Fr John is taking some time off. *There will be no weekday Masses whilst Fr John is away.* He returns for the weekend of 23rd/24th September.

Divine Mercy Apostolate, London

Retreat- The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy retreat at St John Fisher RC Church, 80 Imperial Close, North Harrow, HA2 7LW on **Saturday 9 September from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm** led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Pilgrimage-The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Knock**, Co Mayo from **9-14 November** to pray for the Holy Souls. It will be lead by the Marian Fathers. Package includes return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en-suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Mary's Meals –Direct debits tripled!

Mary's Meals provide school meals in areas where hunger prevents children from gaining an education. They currently feed over 2.4 million hungry children every school day across 18 countries. If you set up a direct debit by **29 September**, your first three donations will be tripled by a group of generous donors. See marysmeals.org.uk/tripled for more information.

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7

These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school.

Thursday 14th September 2023 & Tuesday 19th September 2023.

The Headmaster will speak at **4.30pm** and **6.00pm**.

Full details are available on our website <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>



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 great range of jobs from Organist to Caretaker. Plus a range of locations across the Diocese. The list is usually updated weekly and available online via <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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 Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Christine Kempster and Richard Bailey.

Offertory for Sunday 13th August

Loose £ 283.71
Envelopes £ 166.68
Total £ 450.39

Sunday 20th August

Loose £ 262.81
Envelopes £ 190.00
Total £ 452.81

Sunday 27th August

Loose £329.10
Envelopes £213.23
Total £542.33

Many thanks