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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd June 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd June	Vigil: 12th Sunday	6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Fr John Warnaby RIP
		10.30am Thomas Flynn RIP
Thursday 27th June	St John Southworth	Noon Funeral of Anthony Reeves RIP
Saturday 29th June	Vigil: SS peter & Paul	6.00pm Phil Wallace RIP
Sunday 30th June	Saints Peter & Paul-Apostles	8.30am People of the Parish
		10.30am Fr John Warnaby RIP

CONFESSIONS by appointment only

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

Liturgy of the Word: 23rd June 2024

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 for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

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: Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 33 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Meditation

In the midst of a storm, Jesus confronted the raging sea. With a single word he commanded wind and waves and exhorted his disciples to greater faith. This is not simply a nice story told to reassure the timid. It is a gospel word for everyone who, having embarked with Jesus, discovers in the storm that the master seems to be asleep. Jesus initiated the crossing and, alone with his disciples, steered for the eastern shore of the lake. After a tiring day, he fell asleep and remained so into the very heart of the storm until his followers were driven to a frenzy. On a certain Friday, too, he will seem swallowed up in the sleep of death, and the faith of his friends will waver. In the boat, the disciples shook him frantically until he awoke. As if he were exorcising a demon, Jesus threatened the powers of death lashing the boat. Suddenly, the lake was calm but their hearts remained troubled. In quieting the storm, Jesus has stirred up a question: Who is this? "They cried to the Lord in their distress; from their straits he rescued them. He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled" (Ps 107:28-29).

No doubt Mark was speaking to a persecuted, terrified Church, exhorting them to faith. How could they endure except by turning to the One whom the wind and sea obey? He is always there in the boat, even if he seems to be asleep. Caught as we are in the storm of our day we must have faith in spite of everything.

Vienna International Religious Centre

Upcoming Funeral

On Thursday 27th June the funeral of the late Tony Reeves will be taking place at St Joseph's at Noon. Please keep Tony and his family in your prayers.

Future Mass times

Fr Tom will shortly let us know the new timetable for weekday Masses at St Joseph's. Thank you to all those who replied with their preferences.

As announced last week the **new Sunday Mass Schedule** over our two parishes, from 6/7 July will be as follows

Saturday 6.00pm Mass (St Joseph's)
Sunday 9.00am Mass (St Matthew's)
11.00am Mass (St Joseph's)
6.00pm Mass (St Matthew's)

Fr Tom's Induction Mass

Bishop Paul McAleenan will be back on **Friday 5th July at 7pm** to celebrate Fr Tom's Induction Mass. It would be a great show of support for Fr Tom if as many people as possible can attend. There will be a short reception after in the Parish Hall. Please contact the office if you are willing to help. We will be looking for donations of food/drinks.

Baptism preparation

Our next Baptism preparation class (to be attended by both parents) will be on Monday 1st July at 7pm at St Matthew's Church Hall, Hallowell Road, Northwood in Fr Bebb Room. Please email Fr Tom if you wish to attend.

Day trip to Brighton.

St Matthew's are having a day trip to Brighton on Saturday 6th July. There may be some spare places, if you would be interested in going please contact the parish office to go on the waiting list. Tickets prices are - Adults - £20, Child - £10, Family ticket - £50 to cover 2 parents and up to 4 children.

Day for Life –Retiring Collection

The retiring collection last weekend raised £129.86. Many thanks to those that were able to contribute.

Peter's Pence-Retiring Collection next weekend 29/30 June

Peter's Pence is an annual, global collection which provides essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps Pope Francis assist the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world.

100 Club draw & Cuppa

Next Sunday 30th June is our 5th draw *after* 8:30 Mass. Fr Tom would like to take the opportunity to conduct the draw and have a chat/cuppa with his new parishioners. Please make every effort to stay on-it will only be for 30 minutes max.



Altar Server training

If you have made your First Communion you may be interested in training to become an altar server. Please come along to see what it is all about on Saturday 6th July 11am-Noon. Just turn up to the Church in good time 11am start

General Election

With the UK general election due on Thursday 4th July politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to use our vote to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty, injustice and human dignity. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCWE) offer a guide to issues for the election www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/ as do CAFOD together with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) cafod.org.uk/encounter. These sites provide information on a range of topics from a Catholic Christian perspective.

General Election Hustings (for SW Herts) at All Saints' Church, Gosforth Lane on Monday 1st July 7.30-9pm. Please send questions for candidates to: office@allsaintschurch.uk

A big Thank you from Pre-School

Pre-school came over to the office to personally deliver their Thank you card-it is on the CWL notice board. The children are making good use of the new equipment, bought from the funds raised by the recent CWL Cake Sale.

Financials

Offertory on Sunday 16th June : Loose £559.03/ Envelopes £176.84/ Total £735.87.
Many thanks for your generosity. These totals include the Confirmation Mass.

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Dave Jessop and Michael O'Brien.

Pray for the recently deceased especially Anthony Reeves, Phil Wallace and Tom Teehan.