

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey  
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Congratulations to  
Fr Tom  
on his formal Induction  
as  
Parish Priest  
at  
St Joseph's Church

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th July 2024 Year B

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6th July	Vigil: 14th Sunday	6pm	STJ	People of the Parishes
Sun 7th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	STM	Vincent & Angelica Menezes RIP
		11am	STJ	Fr Tom's Intentions
		6pm	STM	Rosa Ferreira RIP
Mon 8th July	Feria	10am	STM	Anna Maria Cerbo RIP
Tues 9th July	Feria-NO MASS TODAY	10am	STJ	NO MASS TODAY
Wed 10th July	Feria			FR TOM'S DAY OFF
Thur 11th July	St Benedict	6pm-6.45pm	STJ	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		7pm	STJ	Helen Birch RIP – Birthday
Fri 12th July	Feria	10am	STM	Victoria & Brice Conon (Wed Anniv.)
Sat 13th July	Feria	10.30am	STM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
		6pm	STJ	Fr John Warnaby RIP
Sun 14th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	STM	People of the Parishes
		11am	STJ	Karl De Monte Furtado-Thanksgiving
		6pm	STM	Daphne Hucklesby RIP

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5pm-5.45pm** (followed by *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*)  
When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.

### Liturgy of the Word: 7th July 2024

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
The word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Amos 7:12-15      Psalm 84      Ephesians 1:3-14      Mark 6:7-13

### Rita Irvine RIP

Long time parishioner Rita passed away this week. Funeral details to follow. May her soul rest in peace.

### Lucille Tristram RIP

Known to many in this parish, Lucille passed away recently. Funeral is at **Sacred Heart Church, Bushey on Friday 12th July at 1pm** and then onto West Herts Crematorium. Reception is at Hunton Park Hotel, Kings Langley. May her soul rest in peace.

### Confirmation 2025

If you are in Year 9 and above in the next school year (2024/25) and wish to make your Confirmation in 2025 then please see Fr Tom after one of the Masses. Fr Tom will only issue the application form to the Confirmation candidate. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 31st July.

## Meditation from Vienna International Religious Centre

At the conclusion of the Galilean ministry, Jesus encounters failure. He is rejected by his townspeople. Everything had started well. The astonishment of the people of Nazareth at the wisdom and miracles of the one they thought they knew had led them to ask themselves the right question, the one that could lead them to faith: "Where did he get all this?" It sufficed to recall what Moses had foretold: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen: to him you shall listen" (Dt 18:15). To speak to people, God usually chooses those who are close to them. But the faith of the people of Nazareth stumbles over the ordinary, familiar nature of Jesus' presence among them. That is not how they imagined a man of God, a prophet. Jesus, in his turn is surprised. He seems disarmed, incapable of performing any miracles.

We too can paralyse others and reduce them to impotence by withdrawing our confidence, imprisoning them in ready-made categories. How much energy has been suppressed or discouraged, how many joys stifled by our definitive judgements on those whom we think we know? Do we allow any room for growth in our consideration of others?

Yet God often calls us through very ordinary beings in whom we must recognize his unforeseeable presence. The guest, the sick person, the stranger, the neighbour are so many roads to grace. We must keep in our hearts the attitude of waiting that calls for and unveils miracles. To reveal himself, God needs people.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Starting next Thursday 11th there will be 2 opportunities for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's Church:

Thursday evenings 6pm-6.45pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

Saturday evenings 5pm-5.45pm, followed by Mass at 6pm



## 100 Club

Winners from 5th draw last weekend:

**1st** Jim Coleman £100, **2nd** Michael Mokawem £50, **3rd** Helen Carey £25

All winners have been contacted and can expect payment shortly. Thank you to all who support this initiative to raise vital funds for the parish.

Our 6th draw will be on Sunday 28th July after 11am Mass.

**Peter's Pence**-Retiring Collection last weekend raised £140.86

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.



## South Oxhey Choir –Summer Concert

As part of the Watford Fringe festival, South Oxhey Choir will be performing at St Mary's Church, Watford High Street on Saturday 13 July at 3pm. Several parishioners are members of the choir and would appreciate your support by attending.

Tickets can be purchased at

(<https://watfringe.co.uk/events/south-oxhey-choir-summer-concert/>). Adults £15/ Under 16s

## Divine Mercy retreat

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat

**Saturday 20 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

St Sebastian and St Pancras R.C. Church, 22 Hay Lane, Kingsbury NW9 0NG

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.

## Financials

Offertory on Sunday 30th June : Loose £152.04 Envelopes £158.01 Total £310.05

Monthly standing orders. May £1,831 June £1,931

*Many thanks*

**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 Fr Cedric Stanley, Rita Irvine, Lucille Tristram