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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st July 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20th July	Vigil: 16th Sunday	6pm	STJ	Jimmie & Charlie Moore RIP
Sun 21st July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	STM	Armando Barros RIP (Anniv)
		11am	STJ	People of the Parishes
		6pm	STM	Canon Terry Phipps (Anniv of Ord)
Mon 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene	10am	STM	Holy Souls
Tues 23rd July	St Bridget of Sweden	9am	STJ	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		10am	STJ	David Kelly RIP
Wed 24th July	NO MASS TODAY			Fr Tom's Day off
Thur 25th July	St James, Apostle	6pm	STJ	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		7pm	STJ	Remedios d'Souza (Thanksgiving)
Fri 26th July	Ss Joachim and Anne	10am	STM	Caroline Reddyhoff RIP (Anniv)
Sat 27th July	BVM on Saturday	10.30am	STM	Mary Dirrane RIP
		5pm	STJ	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		6pm	STJ	Mary Bridget Foley RIP (Anniv)
Sun 28th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	STM	Giusseppe De Luca
		11am	STJ	Maurice Rodrigo & John Crowle RIP
		6pm	STM	People of the Parishes

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5pm-5.45pm

Mass Intentions are fully booked until Tuesday 3rd September. Contact the parish office to book a Mass.

Liturgy of the Word: 21st July 2024

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help.
 The Lord sustains my soul.
 I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
 and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; says the Lord,
 I know them and they follow me.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 144 Ephesians 4: 1-6 John 6:1-15

Meditation from Vienna International Religious Centre

"Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place and rest a little." Having returned from their mission throughout the Galilee and reported to Jesus on the great missionary adventure they have initiated, the Twelve at last have vacation time. They are hardly back when the crowds come running. There is not a moment of peace! So they flee across the lake to withdraw with Jesus into a desert place. But it is futile, for the people are faster and are already there when they arrive. So Jesus, seized with pity for these sheep without a shepherd, begins to instruct them at length. Their "vacation" was spoiled. On their return from their missionary travels, the disciples were no doubt looking forward to the rest they would find with their Master. He alone could give meaning to their lives, a depth to their words, a new dimension to their most routine actions. But in refusing to send away the crowds even during this necessary respite, Jesus reveals to his followers what they seek from him. He offers no escape from the world. He offers only apprenticeship in God's tenderness for his people. His love urges the apostles. Like their master, they agree to be at the mercy of all.

Does this mean there is no vacation for Christians? Not at all! We need rest, but there is no vacation from loving.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each week there will be three opportunities for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's Church

Tuesday: Exposition 9am, Morning Prayer 9.40am, Mass 10am (followed by the rosary)

Thursday: Exposition 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm

Saturday: Exposition 5pm (with Confessions) followed by Mass at 6pm



Fr Cedric Stanley MBE –Funeral

Funeral arrangements for Fr Stan as he was widely known: Fr Stan's mortal remains will be received at the church of **St Paul, Harefield on Monday 22 July at 11.30am**. His Funeral Mass will follow immediately, with Bishop Paul McAleenan presiding.

First Holy Communion 2025

If your child is in Year 3 or above in the next school year (2024/25) and you wish them to make their First Communion in 2025 please see Fr Tom after one of the Masses. Fr Tom will issue you with a unique code to complete an online application.

The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 31st July**.



Confirmation 2025

If you are in Year 9 or 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 issue the Confirmation candidate with a unique code to complete an online application.

The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 31st July**.

100 Club

Thank you to all who support this initiative to raise vital funds for the parish. Our 6th draw will take place next **Sunday 28th July after 11am Mass**.



For those who initially paid for 6 draws can you please send payment of £30 for the final 6 draws by **Monday 5th August**. Bank transfer preferred! Remember there is a bonus prize of £500 in the final draw, only for fully paid up members.

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RCIA

If you are not a Catholic and would like to become one please speak with Fr Tom about joining the RCIA course which will begin in September. If you are a baptised Catholic adult, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this will also be a chance for you to prepare to receive the sacraments.

Eucharistic Festival at Westminster Cathedral

On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, starting at 2pm and finishing around 4pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as sermons from Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Maiden Lane, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will impart Pontifical Benediction at the end of the Procession. There will be an opportunity for everyone to venerate a relic of BI Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced.

Sea Sunday

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday last weekend. Our parish raised £81.35. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Financials

Offertory on Sunday 14th July: Loose £253.93 Envelopes £133.20 Total £387.13

Many thanks

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

Pray for the recently deceased especially Fr Cedric Stanley.