

**The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey**  
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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th July 2024 Year B**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 27th July	Vigil: 17th Sunday	18:00	STJ	Mary Bridget Foley RIP
Sun 28th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Giuseppe De Luca
		11:00	STJ	Maurice Rodrigo & John Crowle RIP
		18:00	STM	People of the Parishes
Mon 29th July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	10:00	STM	Joe Da Cunha RIP
Tues 30th July	Feria	09:00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10:00	STJ	Ann Armstrong RIP
Wed 31st July	St Ignatius of Loyola	<b>NO MASS TODAY -Fr Tom's Day off</b>		
Thur 1st Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori	18:00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		19:00	STJ	Alex Monaghan (Thanksgiving)
Fri 2nd Aug	Feria	10:00	STM	Fr Michael Archer RIP (Anniv)
Sat 3rd Aug	Saturday Memorial of the BVM	10:30	STM	Sue Byers RIP
		17:00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		18:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
Sun 4th Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Kerry Blackburn (Special Intentions)
		11:00	STJ	Timothy Anthony Foley RIP
		18:00	STM	Rosa Ferreira RIP

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 17:00-17:45**

Mass Intentions are fully booked until 12th September. Please contact Linda in the parish office to book a Mass by either phoning 020 8428 0088 and leaving a message, email [carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk) or completing one of the brown Mass Intentions envelopes. You have the option of making your donation online:  
 WRCDT Carpenders Park, Sort code 40-05-20, Account 61095579 using Ref Mass Intentions

**Liturgy of the Word: 28th July 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place,  
 God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
 he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.  
 Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15    Psalm 77    Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24    John 6: 24-35

**Meditation** from Vienna International Religious Centre

Everyone is running after Jesus. Do they seek him for his own sake or for the sake of signs and wonders? Jesus is not above using people's attraction for the marvellous as a point of departure. But when people seek him as a bread and circus Messiah, he takes flight. Those who attempt to manipulate Jesus for their own ends soon find he has fled from their midst. Jesus is not a magician pulling props out of the air. The multiplication of loaves did not start with nothing, but with the first simple sharing of a child's lunch box. Those who would be a blessing for others must bring what they possess to Jesus. The Master does not ask for what we do not have. He takes what we give him. By his blessing and breaking the multitude is satisfied

### 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



### 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 this **Sunday 28th July after 11am Mass.**



For those who did not pay £60 for the year initially, can you please send in your next instalment of either:

£30 for remaining 6 draws or £15 for the next 3 draws.

Bank transfer preferred!! Remember there is a \*Bonus prize of £500 in the final draw \*only for fully paid up members. A/c: WRCDDT Carpenders Park Sort Code: 40-05-20 A/c No: 61095579 Use REF: 100 Club +Surname

### Pope's Message to Grandparents and the Elderly 2024 -Sunday 28th July

Pope Francis' message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2024, Reminds us that God never abandons his children, never. He chose the theme: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf.Ps 71:9).

If you would like to read the whole message then follow the link

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-message-to-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2024/>

### Baptism

The next preparation class for Baptism will be held in September. Date to be announced.

### 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 Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced.

### Financials

Offertory on Sunday 21st July: Loose £317.11 Envelopes £188.70 Total £505.81

*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** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.