

**The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey**  
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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th August 2024 Year B**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 3rd Aug	Vigil: 18th Sunday	18:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
Sun 4th Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Kerry Blackburn (Sp Intns)
		11:00	STJ	Timothy Anthony Foley RIP
		18:00	STM	Rosa Ferreira RIP
Mon 5th Aug	Dedication of Basilica –St Mary Major	10:00	STM	Sebastian Di Falco RIP
Tues 6th Aug	Transfiguration of the Lord	09:00	STJ	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		10:00	STJ	Kathleen Andrews & family
Wed 7th Aug	Feria			<b>NO MASS TODAY -Fr Tom's Day off</b>
Thur 8th Aug	St Dominic	18:00	STJ	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		19:00	STJ	John & Rita Duignan RIP (Anniv)
Fri 9th Aug	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10:00	STM	Holy Souls
Sat 10th Aug	St Lawrence	10.30	STM	Tony Marano RIP
		17:00	STJ	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	Vigil: 19th Sunday	18:00	STJ	Fr John Warnaby RIP
Sun 11th Aug	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	People of the Parishes
		11:00	STJ	Tommy Tehan RIP
		18:00	STM	Betty Morris RIP (Anniv)

**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: phone, email or complete a brown Mass Intentions envelopes. You have the option of making your donation online: [WRCDT Carpenders Park, Sort code 40-05-20, Account 61095579](#) using Reference: Mass Intentions

**Liturgy of the Word: 4th August 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance;  
 O Lord, make haste to help me!  
 You are my rescuer, my help;  
 O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
 no one can come to the Father except through me.  
 Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** 1 Kings 19: 4-8 Psalm 33 Ephesians 4: 30-5:2 John 6:41-51

**Meditation** from Vienna International Religious Centre

Today's gospel introduces the long bread of life discourse which follows the multiplication of the loaves in John. This passage seems to reflect the demands of two different groups of people. Those who had witnessed the multiplication of the loaves presume correctly that it is a messianic sign. However, their image of messiah as a political ruler and their expectation of the messianic age as a time of immediate material plenty do not conform to the person and mission of Jesus. The other group seems ignorant of the multiplication of the loaves. They too reflect the popular expectation that God would again supply manna at the Passover which would introduce the messianic age. They demand this very sign. It is the fulfilment of this expectation which the first crowd recognizes in the multiplication of the loaves. Jesus responds to both groups. From those who look for what is perishable he demands faith in the bread which remains to life eternal. For those who demand the sign of manna he presents himself as the bread which comes from God. Jesus' response also speaks to us. Our anxiety about what is transitory must yield to concern for the good work of faith. Our hunger for life must be nourished by the real heavenly bread from the Father, the bread which sustains the life of the world.

### 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.



The winners from our 6th draw last weekend were

1st: No 43 (£100) 2nd: No 89 (£50) 3rd: No 8 (£25) All winners have been contacted.

For those who did not pay £60 for the year initially, can you please send in your next instalment; £30 for remaining 6 draws **or** £15 for the next 3 draws. Bank transfer preferred!!

A/c: WRCDT Carpenters Park Sort Code: 40-05-20 A/c No: 61095579 Use REF: 100 Club +Surname.

Remember there is a \*Bonus prize of £500 in the final draw \*only for fully paid up members.

### The Assumption

Date for your diary: **Thursday 15th August** is the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses will be at 10am (St Matthew's) and 7pm (St Joseph's)



### 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 28th July: Loose £266.14 Envelopes £133.70 Total £399.84

*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:** Maria Talevska RIP and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.