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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th August 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 10th Aug | Vigil: 19th Sunday | 18:00 | STJ | Fr John Warnaby RIP |
| Sun 11th Aug | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 09:00 | STM | Kerry Blackburn (Sp Intns) |
| | | 11:00 | STJ | Tommy Teehan RIP |
| | | 18:00 | STM | Rosa Ferreira RIP |
| Mon 12th Aug | Feria | 10:00 | STM | Sebastian Di Falco RIP |
| Tues 13th Aug | Feria | 09:00 | STJ | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| | | 10:00 | STJ | Rita Irvine RIP |
| Wed 14th Aug | St Maximillian Mary Kolbe | NO MASS TODAY -Fr Tom's Day off | | |
| Thur 15th Aug | Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary | 10:00 | STM | |
| | | 18:00 | STJ | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| | | 19:00 | STJ | Jeffrey d'Souza (Thanksgiving) |
| Fri 16th Aug | Feria | 10:00 | STM | Holy Souls |
| Sat 17th Aug | BVM on a Saturday | 10.30 | STM | Tony Marano RIP |
| | | 17:00 | STJ | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| | Vigil: 20th Sunday | 18:00 | STJ | Helen Fernandes (Thanksgiving) |
| Sun 18th Aug | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 09:00 | STM | |
| | | 11:00 | STJ | People of the Parishes |
| | | 18:00 | STM | |

CONFESSIONS Saturday 17:00-17:45

Mass Intentions are fully booked until 19th 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

Liturgy of the Word: 11th August 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Look at your covenant, O Lord,
 and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
 Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
 and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him,
 and we shall come to him.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 33 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Fr Tom Writes

On Friday we celebrated the feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). In my homily I gave a quote from the Saint. She said "Love is stronger than hatred. In the end there will be only the fullness of love... If we accept the whole Christ in faithful self-giving, by choosing and walking in the way of the imitation of Christ, then he will lead us through his Passion and Cross to the glory of the Resurrection." It was the opening words of the quote that really struck home for me. **Love is stronger than hatred.** This last week, we have seen riots full of hatred and anger. That seemed to change on Wednesday evening, when many people who turned up for a counter protest, found they had no one to counter protest against. It was a sign that love will always win through. I found myself wondering, "how much of a community of love are we?" Do we walk in the way of the imitation of Christ and let love rule our hearts and lives? May we be a parish that shows the love of Christ to all those around us.

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)



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



Parish Office closed for 2 weeks

Linda is taking a well deserved break. The parish office will be closed on w/c 12th August and w/c 19th August. Normal service will resume on Tuesday 27th August.

Please note Fr Tom will also be on holiday from Monday 19th August, returning to our parish on Tuesday 3rd September.



100 Club

Thank you to all who support this initiative to raise vital funds for the parish.



The 7th draw will be held on a Saturday this time –24th August, after 6pm Mass.

For those who did not pay £60 for the year initially, can you please send in your next instalment by Monday 19th August: £30 for the remaining 6 draws **or** £15 for the next 3 draws.

Bank transfer preferred!!

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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 4th August: Loose £212.58 Envelopes £151.30 Total £363.88

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.