

**The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey**  
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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th August 2024 Year B**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 17th Aug	Vigil: 20th Sunday	18:00	STJ	Helen Fernandes (Thanksgiving)
Sun 18th Aug	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Anne Van Den Berg RIP
		11:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
		18:00	STM	Ann Costar RIP
Mon 19th Aug	Feria	10:00	STM	Holy Souls
Tues 20th Aug	St Bernard	10:00	STJ	Lucille Tristram RIP
Wed 21st Aug	St Pius V	NO MASS TODAY -		
Thur 22nd Aug	Queenship of BVM	19:00	STJ	Rita Irvine RIP
Fri 23rd Aug	Feria	10:00	STM	Maria Ratnayake RIP
Sat 24th Aug	St Bartholomew	10.30	STM	Peter Hall RIP (Anniv)
		17:30	STJ	<i>Private prayer</i>
	Vigil: 21st Sunday	18:00	STJ	Daniel Francis Foley (Intentions)
Sun 25th Aug	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	People of the Parishes
		11:00	STJ	Martin Mulligan RIP
		18:00	STM	Rosa Ferreira RIP

**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 online: [WRCDT Carpenders Park, Sort code 40-05-20, Account 61095579](#) using Reference: Mass Intentions

**Liturgy of the Word: 18th August 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
 and look on the face of your anointed one;  
 one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

**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:** Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18 Psalm 33 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6: 60-69

**Fr Tom Writes**

On Monday morning, I will drive to Wales with Disco Bob for my Summer Holiday. I am only able to do this because we are blessed with a number of retired priests who are able to cover the Masses whilst I am away. I am so grateful to my brother priests. I'm sure they will receive a very warm welcome from you all. As I will be away, this means that there will be no Exposition before the Tuesday and Thursday Masses for the next two weeks. This last week I've been told that some people were wondering if I was still looking after the two church and others thought that the new Mass schedule was just for the summer. To clarify, I was not asked to temporarily look after St Joseph's but I was appointed as parish priest of St Joseph's. This is not a temporary appointment, but a permanent one (until the Cardinal asks me to serve in another parish). It is an appointment that is a bit daunting but is full of joy and many blessing. I am so happy to serve as your parish priest, and feel truly blessed. This also means that the new Mass schedule is not a "Summer Holiday schedule" but the way that both of our parishes will worship. I hope that you have (or will have) had some rest this summer. I look forward to coming back in two weeks time refreshed and ready to work with all at St Joseph's in spreading the love of Christ in South Oxhey and Carpenders Park.

### 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.



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Each week there will be three opportunities for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's Church (Changes this week due to Fr Tom being on holiday)

Tuesday: **No Exposition this week** Mass 10am (followed by the rosary)

Thursday: **No Exposition this week** Mass at 7pm

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

### 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!!

A/c: WRCDT Carpenders 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.

### Baptism

The next preparation class for Baptism will be held at St Joseph's on **Tuesday 10th September** at 7.00pm.

### 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.

### Churches Together in South Oxhey and Carpenders Park

An afternoon picnic and games is being held at South Oxhey Baptist Church (140 Gosforth Lane) on Sunday 1st September. If you are looking for something to do on the last weekend of the School Summer Holidays, this might be the thing to do. See the poster at the back of church.

### Quote for the Week

The sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman. This wondrous sacrament makes manifest that "greater" love which led him to "lay down his life for his friends". Jesus did indeed love them "to the end". In those words the Evangelist introduces Christ's act of immense humility: before dying for us on the Cross, he tied a towel around himself and washed the feet of his disciples. In the same way, Jesus continues, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, to love us "to the end," even to offering us his body and his blood. What amazement must the Apostles have felt in witnessing what the Lord did and said during that Supper! What wonder must the eucharistic mystery also awaken in our own hearts! *Post Synod apostolic exhortation Sacramentum caritatis (The Sacrament of Charity) by Pope Benedict*

### 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.

### Financials

Offertory on Sunday 11th August: *Not available this week (will be printed in 2 weeks time)*

**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, Jerry Brown & those whose anniversaries occur at this time.