

**The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey**  
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**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th August 2024 Year B**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat 24th Aug	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
Mon 26th Aug	Bl Dominic of the Mother of God	10:00	STM	Holy Souls
Tues 27th Aug	St Monica	10:00	STJ	Nelly Murphy RIP
Wed 28th Aug	St Augustine			NO MASS TODAY -
Thur 29th Aug	Beheading of Saint John the Baptist	19:00	STJ	Elsie Petch RIP
Fri 30th Aug	SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	10.00	STM	Joe Da Cunha RIP
Sat 31st Aug	St Aiden	10.30	STM	Peter Clifford RIP (Anniv)
		17.00	STJ	Exposition
	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	18:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
Sun 1st Sep	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Sylvia Menezes RIP
		11:00	STJ	Molly Byrne RIP
		18:00	STM	Kathleen & Eardley McHeyzer 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: 25th August 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
 save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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

**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:** Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 Psalm 14: 2-5 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

**Fr Tom Writes**

This week sees us celebrate a number of influential women. On Tuesday we celebrate St Monica who was the mother of St Augustine . She is well known for her praying to God for the conversion of her son who was spiritually and morally lost - and her prayers were answered before her death. On Friday we celebrate three martyr saints, Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward. They were Catholics who stood up for their faith and helped priests in various ways - even though it was against the law of the land at the time.. These women are wonderful living stones in the church and we are called to build upon their legacy. Without women of strong faith the church would be lost. Our parish is the same, we have many women of strong faith who serve The Lord in different ways. We should give thanks for all those who serve our parish and for all that they contribute to parish life. As we give thanks for these great Saints, perhaps we can ask how we can help the church and our parish through prayer and through practical service. Those women did great things. I know that together we can too!

## Parish Office

The Parish Office re-opens on Tuesday and Linda will be available .  
Fr Tom is still away but will be around after Mass next 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

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## 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.

## Saint of the Week

This week we celebrate someone who was instrumental in his life. One Monday we celebrate Blessed Dominic Barberi who was born near Viterbo, Italy, in 1792 and joined the Passionist Order, urged on by an inner assurance that God called him to work as a missionary in England. He was ordained a priest in 1818 and worked in Italy and Belgium before coming to England in 1841. His first foundation was at Aston Hall in Staffordshire; he established four Passionist houses in all, and received many Anglicans into full communion, the most famous being John Henry Newman, who was received at Littlemore near Oxford on 9 October 1845. Blessed Dominic was noted for the personal warmth of his approach to non-Catholics and for his zeal in preaching; he drew crowds in spite of his strong Italian accent. He favoured a higher profile for the small Catholic body in England; he went around in his Passionist habit and, while at Aston Hall in 1844, organised a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of the neighbourhood, which is believed to have been the first public procession of its kind in England in modern times. Blessed Dominic died at Reading on 27 August 1849 and was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1963.

## 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.

**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.