

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st September 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 31st Aug	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	17.00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
		18:00	STJ	People of the Parishes
Sun 1st Sep	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Mass at St Matthew's
		11:00	STJ	Molly Byrne RIP (Anniv)
		18:00	STM	Mass at St Matthew's
Mon 2nd Sep	Feria	10:00	STM	Mass at St Matthew's
Tues 3rd Sep	St Gregory the Great	09.00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10:00	STJ	Phil Carey (Birthday)
Wed 4th Sep	St Cuthbert, Bishop	NO MASS TODAY		
Thur 5th Sep	Feria	18.00	STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		19:00	STJ	Betty Griffin RIP (1st Anniv)
Fri 6th Sep	Feria	10.00	STM	Mass at St Matthew's
Sat 7th Sep	BVM on a Saturday	10.30	STM	Mass at St Matthew's
		17:00	STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	18:00	STJ	Mick & Tess Moore RIP
Sun 8th Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00	STM	Mass at St Matthew's
		11:00	STJ	O L Intns for St Benedict's Care Home
		18:00	STM	Mass at St Matthew's

CONFESSIONS available Saturday 17:00-17:45

Mass Intentions are fully booked until 26th September. Please contact Linda in the parish office to book a Mass: phone, email or complete a brown Mass Intentions envelopes. The suggested donation is £10 per Mass. 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: 1st September 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
 O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

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: Isaiah 35: 4-7 Psalm 145 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of our ancestors, but instead take food without purifying their hands?" Though the primitive Church resolved the difficulty of table fellowship among Jewish and Gentile Christians, this problem is not foreign to our concerns. The scribes and Pharisees appealed to the body of prescriptions and customs which clarified and interpreted the Law of Moses. This process of interpretation was the attempt to apply the law in every situation of daily life. Jesus does not reject this praiseworthy intention. The practices of the law, however, must never mask what is essential: the state of our hearts, the loyal commitment of our freedom before God. Is the heart not the source of the worship we render him by our entire lives? Our religious behaviour must express this centre of ourselves. The gospel takes a stand between legalism and license. Law without the heart is hypocritical legalism which seeks the assurance of external observances without the commitment of faith. But the heart without law is license which fails to recognize the need to govern the difficult coexistence of the old and the new humanity within us.

Vienna International Religious Centre

Back to routine next week!

Hopefully Fr Tom and Disco Bob have had a wonderful holiday, and Fr Tom has had a chance to recharge his batteries. Fr Tom will start back with 10am Mass here next Tuesday 3rd.

Good Luck to all the children in their new school year. St Joseph's Pre-School and St Joseph's School restart next Wednesday 4th September.

Altar Server training

Next **Saturday 7th September 3-5pm** there will be a training session for all altar servers in the Church. It is important to attend this session as there are changes to be made aware of. New servers welcome !

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



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.

Baptism

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

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



The winning numbers from our 7th draw last weekend were

1st prize **109** (£100), 2nd prize **7** (£50) and 3rd prize **80** (£25). All winners have been notified.

Draw No 8 will be held on Sunday 29th September after 11am Mass.

Remember there is a **Bonus prize of £500* in the final draw next January* only for fully paid up members. It is not too late to top-up on any missed draws, so that you can play for the big prize.

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.

Parish Mission at Holy Rood, Watford

Holy Rood are having a parish Mission from **Monday 30th September until Friday 4th October**. It will be led by Fr Royston Price Csr and Fr Maurice O'Mahoney Csr. There will be daily Mass at 7am and 6pm. Leaflets in the narthex with further details, including the nightly 7pm service. Please support if you can.

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 with Mass at 12.30pm 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

Sunday 11th August:	Loose £ 213.54	Envelopes £ 116.50	Total £ 330.04
Sunday 18th August:	Loose £ 220.41	Envelopes £ 89.30	Total £ 309.71
Sunday 25th August:	Loose £ 234.49	Envelopes £ 141.25	Total £ 375.74

Many thanks for your continued support.

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: Jerry Brown & those whose anniversaries occur at this time.