



St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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31 JULY & 1 AUGUST 2021
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

The church is open for communal worship but book before coming; email/phone call/text
18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

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| Saturday | 31st | 5.00pm | | Joshua MacNeil (BD) |
| Sunday | 1st | 9.00am | | People of the Parish |
| | | 11.00am | | For the Sick |
| Monday | 2nd | 9.30am | Feria | Gavina & Restituto |
| Tuesday | 3rd | 9.30am | Feria | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday | 4th | 9.30am | St. John Vianney | Sean O'Toole |
| Friday | 6th | 9.00am | Exposition & Mass (The Transfiguration of the Lord) | Genvieve Atta-Ortsin (BD) |

19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

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| Saturday | 7th | 5.00 pm |
| Sunday | 8th | 9.00 am |
| | | 11.00 am |

Reconciliation – please telephone the presbytery for an appointment

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Gina, Mary Bernard, Maria Keith, Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Ramasaway and Jane Boswell. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Anesta, Annesley, Betty Addison, Eileen Morley, Sarafina Spadofara, Benedetta Catarinicchia, Tim Sullivan, Bernard Turner, Daphne Xavier, Richard Collison, Ann Neary, Father John Miller and Brian Stephenson. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 God feeds the hungry Israelites with manna and quails

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 Give up your aimless lifestyle and embrace goodness and truth

Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35 Jesus, as the ultimate "bread from heaven," offers eternal life

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- 'We must seek him for himself, and not for what we can get from him'

In the gospel, the people who followed Jesus along the shore of the lake were concerned solely with satisfying their hunger. They were so enthusiastic about this sudden abundance of food he provided that they decided to ensure its continuation and so set out to make Jesus their king. They were blind to the spiritual meaning of the miracle, and the message Jesus drew from it. "Do not work for food that cannot last," he warned, "but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you."

With us too, it can happen that we are willing to follow Christ – even to seek him out with a certain kind of zeal – but on our own conditions, namely, that he solve our immediate problems and grant our requests. We must seek him for himself, and not for what we can get from him

YOUNG CHRISTIAN CLIMATE NETWORK - RELAY TO COP26

A group of young Christians (18-30s) are organising a Relay, walking from the G7 in Cornwall (13th June) to COP26 in Glasgow (1st November) for climate justice. People are joining the Relay from thousands of different churches all along the route. Walkers can be of all ages but to be one of the leaders you have to be under 30!
Friday 6th August, 1.00-3.30pm : YCCN Climate Relay Lunch at Farm Street and Walk to Westminster Cathedral – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163375276851>. Friday 6th August, 3.30-4.00pm: Ecumenical Climate Prayer Service at Westminster Cathedral Welcoming the YCCN Relay – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163372454409>

CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across the world, CAFOD is working to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help send PPE kits to frontline health workers, install handwashing facilities in remote places, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk and click on the DONATE button. Please keep praying for all people affected by the pandemic.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Westminster Diocese has decided that **we should continue to proceed with caution** and so we will continue to ask that you **sanitise your hands on entering the church and that you wear a mask**. We will not have to follow the 2 metre rule for movement around the church, but we ask that you still continue to respect people's space and not get too near anybody.

Booking continues to be essential for all the weekend Masses so that we can easily **track and trace** if necessary. To book to attend Mass please email allensusan73@gmail.com or cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk or text 07939436482 or ring 01992 639878. If you are attending Mass regularly, you will have been put onto the regulars' list and only need to contact us if you are unable to go to Mass. From this week we will be able to return to a longer Mass with the Second Reading, the Gloria and the Creed reinstated. However we will still **not shake hands** for the 'Kiss of peace and **Communion** will still be received across the table. It is hoped that the obligation to attend Mass at the weekend will be restored by the First Sunday in Advent (November 28 2021) Meanwhile all Catholics are asked to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church and to pray that all may soon be able to fully celebrate weekly Mass by attendance at church.

UPDATE ON THE ABORTION UP TO BIRTH BILL

Thanks to the support of people like you, on Monday 5 July, a major attempt to hijack the UK Government's flagship Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill with two extreme abortion proposals failed, in a major pro-life victory. Now we need MPs to support the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. Please take time now to email your MP asking them to support the Bill which will stop abortion being available up to birth for cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. The link www.righttolife.org.uk gives you more information and tells you how to lobby your MP.

SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a new challenge? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. We are especially in need of volunteers happy to visit schools in Hertfordshire, Ealing, Brent, Hounslow and Camden.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED (VOLUNTEER POSITION)

CAFOD Westminster is looking for a well-organised and friendly person to help coordinate their school visits programme from September. This role would suit someone who is comfortable speaking to other volunteers and schools and also in using spreadsheets and databases. If you are interested in either of these volunteer roles, please contact Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162

APPRECIATION:

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving and all the work you did in welcoming Bishop Paul into our midst.