



St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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17/18 JULY 2021
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

The church is open for communal worship but book before coming; email/phone call/text

16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday	17th	5.00pm		Ryan Barrett (Anniv.)
Sunday	18th	9.00am		Veronica Ojuri (int.)
		11.00am		Margaret McDonough
Monday	19th	9.30am	Feria	Gavina & Restituto
Tuesday	20th	9.30am	Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	21st	9.30am	Feria	Joshua MacNeill (Int.)
Friday	23rd	9:00am	Exposition & Mass (St. Bridget of Sweden)	

17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday	24th	5.00 pm
Sunday	25th	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, Brian Stephenson, Michael Quinn Anesta McQueen, Annesley, Betty Addison, Eileen Morley, Sarafina Spadofara, Benedetta Catarinicchia, Tim Sullivan, Bernard Turner, Daphne Xavier, Richard Collison, Ann Neary, Father John Miller. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 God will raise up worthy shepherds for his people

All that God does is wholesome, and he intends us to enjoy a blessed immortality

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18 A people reconciled and brought near by the blood of Christ

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34 After a quiet retreat, Jesus returns to serve the crowd

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK-

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.' We hear also that 'he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set about to teach them at some length.' The shepherd has taught us many things. 'He came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who are far away, and peace to those near at hand' (2nd Reading). When we disturb the peace, the shepherd urges us to say sorry—to say sorry and to mean it. A failing in most of us is to include the 'but' when we say sorry. 'I am sorry but you know I'm not in great form! I am sorry but I didn't know the full story!' The shepherd of peace would like the apology to be unreserved. 'It was my fault. Please forgive me. I am sorry.' A heartfelt apology is like the superglue of life. It can mend just about anything.

STELLA MARRIS (APPOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA) COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Last week was Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. We will continue to collect this week in the basket by the door for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you. As a Parish, we are being asked to support a good cause, kindly pick an envelope at the back or visit their website to support. www.stellamaris.org.uk

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 next 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.

ASK YOUR MP TO VOTE AGAINST ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth. The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30! seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

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.