



St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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24/25 JULY 2021
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B

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

17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday	24th	5.00pm		Shania Lockwood(int)
Sunday	25th	9.00am		People of the Parish
		11.00am		Kenneth Drew
Monday	26th	9.30am	Ss Joachim & Anne	Gavina & Restituto
Tuesday	27th	9.30am	Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	28th	9.30am	Feria	Bridi Mcguhern RIP
Friday	30th	9:00am	Exposition & Mass (St. Peter Chrysologus)	Alfred & Vero Ojuri (Wed. Anniv.)

18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday	31st	5.00 pm
Sunday	1st	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: 2 Kings 4:42-44 Elisha provides food for a hundred men

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 From prison, St. Paul invites us to live a life of peace and harmony

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15 Jesus feeds the people with a boy's loaves and fishes

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Loaves and Fishes freely offered!

All four evangelists saw a connection between what happened in the wilderness on that day and what happened at the Last Supper and what happens at every Eucharist. Just as Jesus transformed the small boy's simple gifts of five barley loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands, so he transforms our simple gifts of bread and wine into a spiritual feast for all, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. The way the Lord works in the Eucharist is how he works in the rest of our lives. He takes the little we offer to him and by means of it, in the words of Saint Paul, he is 'able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.' The gospel teaches us never to underestimate the significance of even the tiniest efforts we make to be generous with the resources we have at our disposal, whether it is resources of money, or time or some ability or other.

REPAIRS

The Main door to the Church has been replaced by Canon Windows. It come comes after years of opening up the church after having to enter through the side door. This has been made possible through offerings over the years. The next renovation will be to change the 'ailing' flat roof over the crying room in the coming days. Thank you

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.

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.