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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Saturday	15th	5.00 pm		Daphney Xavier RIP
Sunday	16th	9.00 am		Anna Mary Eke (Int.)
		11.00am		Benedict Cliford De Silver RIP
				Ryan Barrett Anniv. RIP
Monday	17th	9.30 am	Feria	Mary Abbot BD
Tuesday	18th	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	19th	9.30 am	Feria	Sean O'Toole RIP
Friday	21st		Benediction & Mass (St. Lawrence)	
			16th Sunday Ord Time Year A	
Saturday	22nd	5.00 pm		
Sunday	23rd	9 & 11.00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Patricia Reilly, Mariesha McDonagh, Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Benedict Clifford De Silver and Alexander Nicolaides and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 God's word is like rain which fertilises the earth

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23 All creation eagerly waits for God to reveal his glory in us

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23 The Sower and the seed. The good soil of the receptive heart

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- The Power of the Word

What's true of the ordinary word is even more true of God's. That's what's stressed in today's readings. It's put in the strongest of terms in the reading from Isaiah 55:10-11: "So it is with the word that goes from my mouth: it will not return to me unfulfilled, or before having carried out my good pleasure and having achieved what it was sent to do." The only defence against God's word is inadvertent or deliberate deafness. And being deaf or hard of hearing is something today's Gospel does not recommend. In fact, it urges us to have our ears cocked. But it conveys that message in a different image. It urges us to let the Word fall into good soil, so that it can yield a rich harvest in our lives.

PETER'S PENCE MANDATORY COLLECTION-Appreciation

Thank you for the kind donations and the support you give towards the church's evangelisation. We raised **£263.26** through last week's second collection.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday if you need to buy Mass or other cards etc

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023/24

Forms are available for the 2023/24 course for children not in St. Paul's School. Speak to Pat Stevens and Patty Oparah at the 9am Mass only. Numbers are limited and the closing date is July 30. Children should be at least seven years old by August 31st 2023 and attending Mass regularly. The course will start in October.

Forms for children at St Paul's School will be available later in the year. The course for these children starts in January 2024 and is for children who attend the school and worship at St Pauls. If they attend the school but worship elsewhere, they should attend a course at their normal church.

MUSICIANS AT THE 11.00 AM MASS

We are still looking for musicians and singers to join the choir at the 11.00 am Mass. This is run by Robert Mukiibi who is also looking for someone to lead the choir in the weeks when he is not available due to work etc. If you can help, please see Robert at Mass, or contact him on 07961434834.

SHOES URGENTLY NEEDED

One of our parishioners, Bernie Mendola, is helping to support Ukrainian refugees. She says there is a shortage of shoes for adults and children. There is also a need for toys for the children. If you can help, please contact Bernie on 07794649989. God bless you.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 6-9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The annual pilgrimage will be held on Saturday 23rd September and will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Outline programme for the day: 10.00am Arrivals begin, 11.30am Welcoming of parish and other pilgrim groups and banners, 12.00pm Pilgrim Mass, 1.30pm Picnic lunch, 2.15pm Gather for the procession along the Holy Mile, 3.45pm Prayers and Benediction in the Priory, the site of the original Shrine 4.30pm Departures. More details to follow.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join us on our pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November. Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office 0207 798 9173

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 to the Parish.

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