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1/2 JULY 2023

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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| Saturday | 1st | 5.00 pm | | Jeanine |
| Sunday | 2nd | 9.00 am | | Sean McGreal RIP Anniv. |
| | | 11.00am | | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 3rd | 9.30 am | Feria | |
| Tuesday | 4th | 9.30 am | St. John Southworth | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday | 5th | 9.30 am | St. Irenaeus | |
| Friday | 7th | 9.00 am | Benediction and Mass | Michael & Maureen Sheehan (RIP Anniv.) |
| 14th Sunday Ord Time Year A | | | | |
| Saturday | 8th | 5.00 pm | | |
| Sunday | 9th | 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 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16 This is a holy man of God; let him rest here in God

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11 When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:37-42 Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK-be prepared to give up everything - even our own life

“What a morbid religion you have!” a Muslim said to a Christian in Pakistan. “All that talk of suffering and death can't be good.” But for a Christian, suffering and death do not stand by themselves. We are never to think of them as if they were the whole story. We never think of Christ's suffering and death without thinking of his resurrection; and likewise, our own suffering and death are openings to resurrection. The last word is not suffering and death, but “that we might walk in newness of life.”

This pattern (death-resurrection) is stamped on our whole life: it is not only the pattern of the whole, it is stamped on every cell of the body, so to speak. There is no deep life without a lot of dying to oneself. The way to deeper life is not through exaltation of the ego, but through its death. The false self, the self-made self, the ego and its false pride: this has to die – or rather burst, because it is nothing real but only a bubble. “Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

PETER'S PENCE MANDATORY COLLECTION-

Next weekend there will be a second collection, which is a mandatory collection for Peter's Pence. Thank you for the kind donations and the support you give towards the church's evangelisation.

THANKSGIVING MASS- 9.00 am on July 2 2023

Between May 14 and June 25, we had 29 Children receiving First Holy Communion. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass at 9am this weekend. Congratulations to all the children and thank you to the catechists, Pat Stevens, Patty

Oparah, Mrs Sharon Allen and the Head and staff from the school and Mrs Sue Allen. Thank you also, parents for your cooperation.

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 also 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/>

RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT

At the request of several groups throughout the country the Bishop's Conference will host a webinar to advance the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in recent years. The webinar will take place on Tuesday 11th July 14.00 – 15.30. The webinar will provide an opportunity for those working in the area of racial justice to learn from one another, share experiences and initiatives. It will also help inform the Bishops' Conference in the ongoing mission of promoting racial justice. Anyone can register for the event by following the link below. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/>

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

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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