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**22/23 JULY 2023**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		Fr. Anton Cowan RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		The Opara Family
		<b>11.00am</b>		Eke & Deceased Family Members
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	Nelly Kearns RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. James, Apostles	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	St. Joachim & Ann	Nelly Keans RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Benediction & Mass	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time Year A</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>9 &amp; 11.00 am</b>		
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment</b>				

**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:** Wisdom 12:13ff Because God is all-powerful, he governs the world with patience, allowing time for repentance **Second Reading:** Romans 8:26-27 God understands our ill-expressed wishes better than we do ourselves

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13:24-43 God will judge all justly at the end of time

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Giving Us Time to Grow

There were people in Our Lord's time who wanted him to separate the bad from the good. Among them were people who claimed the moral high ground, the Pharisees whose name means "the separated ones." Even John the Baptist expected Jesus to separate the cream from the skim, to have only holy people around him. John foretold that Our Lord would separate the chaff from the wheat. He said (Mt 3:12) "He will gather his wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." That's precisely what Our Lord didn't do. He had all sorts of people around him, a rainbow coalition of people, the learned, the ignorant, the good-living, the bad-living, tax-collectors, prostitutes, the lot. What in God's name is he doing, they said. Why doesn't he get down to business? Why doesn't he weed them out?

### STELLA MARIS-SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

**Seafarers** and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure on board. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday was Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. We are making our collection **next** weekend. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

## **20<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY- FR. CLEMENT**

This week marks my 20<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary. Join me in thanking God. I will fix a date for a proper thanksgiving Mass later in the year. Thank you all for your kind support.

## **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/>

## **RETOUVAILLE: 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 - 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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://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.

**The Repository** will be open after 11.00 am Mass.

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