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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Saturday	16	5.00 pm		Denise Northcott RIP
Sunday	17th	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00am		Calogero Scozzaro RIP
Monday	18th	9.30 am	Feria	For the sick
Tuesday	19th	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	20th	9.30 am	St. Andrew Kim & Companions	
Friday	22nd	9:00 am	Rosary Prayers & Mass	

25th Sunday Ord Time Year A

Saturday	23rd	5.00 pm
Sunday	24th	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 Rose Brunton, Patricia Reilly, Mariasha 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, Alexander Nicolaides and Thomas Kilcommons and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Our desire for revenge can block us from receiving God's mercy

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 As we belong to Christ, we live to the Lord

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 The spirit of the unforgiving debtor rebounds on himself

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Pardoning is good for us

Hatred and resentment are moral cancers that eat away at our enthusiasm to do good. An appeal to strict justice is not enough to solve the dilemma, since taking out another's eye does not really cure the loss of one's own eye, and revenge cannot really settle the account of a grievance. But forgiveness is a hard virtue to gain and to maintain. We can feel the problem in the question Peter asks of Jesus today: "How many times must I forgive?" And although his proposal of "seven times" is used as a round symbolic willingness to forgive "as much as it is humanly possible to forgive," Jesus suggest we must go further still, since God forgives "seventy-seven times" (or seventy times seven times.) Forgiveness is not a question of just how often or how many times, rather it reflects God's unending willingness to pardon. There are no limits to his forgiveness.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS BY THE HOLY FAMILY SISTERS OF THE NEEDY

A religious institute founded in 1983 in Nigeria to dispense God's love among the needy and the marginalised in the society. Today, it has several institutes and projects in many parts of the world. Your prayers and support will be needed to support the many projects being undertaken by the religious Sisters.. We welcomed the sisters into the Parish last weekend. Thank you for your kind donation of £314.82 taken in the second collection.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The numbers attending Mass will be recorded for four Sundays commencing on the weekend of September 16 and 17

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE VACANCY

If you are interested in applying for this position, please follow. https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,school-office-manager-and-headteacher-pa_86622.htm to access further details and a school application form. Visits and an informal chat with the Headteacher, Mrs Napier are warmly welcomed. Please email headspa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk and/or admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk to arrange a visit.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Are you interested in becoming a school governor in a Catholic School? Please contact governors@rcdow.org.uk or check out some of the vacancies at Interested in working in our Schools-Diocese of Westminster Education Service rcdow.org.uk or use the QR reader on the poster at the back of the church. You do not necessarily need to have experience in education as training will be given.

RUN THE ROYAL PARK HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE, 8TH OCTOBER, 2023.

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20, Fundraising goal: £300, All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good. Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

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 - 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

Join the Youth Ministry on their journey to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday, 23rd September for only £35 (pilgrim levy included). The coach leaves at 7am from Westminster Cathedral, and should return around 8pm. Reflecting on this year's theme 'Mary, Mother of the Home', we'll be exploring the history of Walsingham and the role of Mary as our Mother on our drive to the shrine. Only 20 seats left! Sign up now on our website - <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/>

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.

Please welcome Father Tom Forde who will be covering for me whilst I am in Ghana.