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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



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| Saturday | 19th | 5.00 pm | | Alberta Cudjoe BD |
| Sunday | 20th | 9.00 am | | John Thomas- |
| | | 11.00am | | Thanksgiving |
| | | | | Thomas Kilcommons RIP |
| Monday | 21st | 9.30 am | St. Pius X, Pope | Ben Donaghue RIP |
| Tuesday | 22nd | 9.30 am | The Queenship of Mary | Rose Brunton- Int |
| Wednesday | 23rd | 9.30 am | St. Rose of Lima | Holy Souls |
| Friday | 25th | | Benediction & Mass (St. Louis) | |

21st Sunday Ord Time Year A

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| Saturday | 26th | 5.00 pm |
| Sunday | 27th | 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, Rose Brunton 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: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7 The Lord will bring foreigners to worship in Jerusalem

Second Reading: Romans 11:13ff Paul trusts that eventually his fellow Jews also will come to Christ

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus answers the prayer of a persistent woman and praises her faith

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK-

She found the perfect answer: "Even the pups get the crumbs that fall from the master's table!" her prayer was answered, and her faith warmly praised. But still, what do we make of the initial remark? A popular idiom in Israel, used by Jesus to convey that his primary mission was the conversion of his own Jewish people? Historically, that was his way; first to revive the Chosen People, so that these in turn would furnish a "house of prayer for all nations." However, even during his lifetime He was willing to receive those pagans who came to him; and he predicted that in future "many will come from East and West, and will sit down at table in the Kingdom of God." Notice too the world-wide mission of the disciples, after the Resurrection (Mat. 28:18.)

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.

CALL TO GLORY: I write with the sad news of the death Thomas Kilcommons last week. Funeral service will follow soon. Please keep Thomas and the family in your prayers.

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.

CELEBRATE SUMMER family activity pack

Download the brand new CELEBRATE online family activity pack for summer! Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch, this online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Why not try the CELEBRATE Summer Psalm Walk in this pack at your local park or on holiday? Use this link to download the CELEBRATE SUMMER pack for free today
- <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

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/>

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 - 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.

The Repository will be open after 11.00 am mass this Sunday.

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