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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Saturday	26th	5.00 pm		Gerry Lowther (RIP Anniv.)
Sunday	27th	9.00 am		For the Sick
		11.00am		People of The Parish
Monday	28th	9.30 am	St. Augustine of Hippo	
Tuesday	29th	9.30 am	Beheading of John the Baptist	
Wednesday	30th	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Friday	1st	9:00 am	Benediction & Mass	Peter & Sue Allen

22nd Sunday Ord Time Year A

Saturday	2nd	5.00 pm
Sunday	3rd	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: Isaiah 22:19-23 I place the key of David upon his shoulder.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36 All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20 You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Peter's credo

Each must make a personal answer to Our Lord's question: "Who do you say that I am?" although Peter's credo is a solid basis from which to begin. Notice the beautiful phrase: "Son of the Living God," expressing more richly what "Christ" means. Peter's worshipful faith comes to him as gift from above, not from any mere logic or ingenuity. Why was the blessing given to him in particular? Perhaps because his humble and contrite spirit made him best prepared to receive it? Or because God chooses whom He wills, irrespective of their merits? It is to this Peter that Jesus entrusts whatever is meant by the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Upon his solid, dedicated faith the Church will always rely, for unity and encouragement. Keys are mainly for opening; many doors lock by themselves. We could reflect further on Peter's task, as seen in other Gospel passages (Mat. 14:28ff; 17:24ff; Lk. 22:32; Jn. 21:15-17), and in the Acts (1:15ff, 2:14ff; 3:12ff).

WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC

Westminster Youth Ministry is bringing a taste of Lisbon to London for youth (12-35) who were unable to attend World Youth Day this year. Following the theme of World Youth Day: 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Lk 1:39). We'll be exploring how we can rise up, certain that God's plan is the best one for our lives.

Join us for a day filled with fun, prayer, testimonies and Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday, 2 September 2023 (11 am – 4 pm) at SPEC Retreat Centre, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner HA5 3EP. Sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic>.

Fr. Clement away; I will be away in Ghana, for three Sundays in September (after the first week). Fr. Tom Forde will supply the period I am away. Kindly give him your support. Thank you

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 headsqa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk and/or admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk to arrange a visit.

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.

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

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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