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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Saturday	29th	5.00 pm		Agnes Gallagher (sick) Pamela Blomfield 103 BD
Sunday	30th	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00am		Alfred & Vero (Wed. Anniv.)
Monday	31st	9.30 am	St. Ignatius of Loyola	Thomas Anthony (Int)
Tuesday	1st	9.30 am	St. Alphonsus	Joshua MacNeil BD
Wednesday	2nd	9.30 am	St. Eusebius	Patrick Gallagher RIP
Friday	4th	9.00 am	Benediction & Mass (St. John Vianney)	The Sick & Carers

18th Sunday Ord Time Year A

Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday	5th	5.00 pm
Sunday	6th	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 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: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 King Solomon's prayer for wisdom: he prays for a heart that would discern between good and evil **Second Reading:** Romans 8:28-30 If we simply love God, all that happens to us will work for our good **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13:44-52 Three parables: the treasure, the pearl and the net. The kingdom to be prized beyond everything else

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- The priceless pearl

It is no accident that Christ began his Sermon on the Mount with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Or that the only condition for his followers is that "they leave all things." Or that the rich young man should have failed all because he failed this one test, "for he had great possessions." Or that the pearl in today's parable could only be bought by "selling everything he owns." The trouble with most people is that they want it both ways. All this and the good life too. But they can't have it both ways.

There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. A price tailored to each individual circumstances. Detachment is that price. To be able to walk away from what we cherish most without so much as looking back with regret. Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we are unwilling to pay the price.

STELLA MARIS-SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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 **this** 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, 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.

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/>

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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