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Last week's collection. £1884. Many Thanks. There is still a large number of Planned Giving boxes of envelopes awaiting collection from the Parish Room. Thank you for your giving through Planned Giving as well as giving through the other means that are now available for this purpose.

New rotas for Readers and Eucharistic are available from the Sacristy.

Requiem Mass for Thomas Collins (aged 100) on Wednesday 2nd August at 2pm. Your prayers for the repose of his soul and for his family in their loss.

Prayers for the Dead. Thomas Collins, Helen O'Shea, Denis Crosbie (1st anniv), Proinsias Redican (1st anniv).

Feasts this week. Tuesday 25th. St James, Apostle. Wednesday 26th. Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saturday 29th. Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Gospel Notes. The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g. learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions or taking foolish risks?

The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative or a word of encouragement?

Thought for the Day. Alzheimer's and dementia leaves people waiting patiently upon events around them, as they are recipients of what happens to them. Due to severe dementia, disability and bouts of depression, they can be confined, restricted and deprived of the power of mobility. These patients embody a contemplative like silence on their beds, their bodies limp and the palms of their hands are opened in wordless prayer. Their posture is one of total dependence. In a way, their beds become altars of offering, where the words this is my body evoke a reality of awe.

Appeal for catechists. We are looking for some people to take on a catechetical role helping with the First Communion and Confirmation programs in the parish. There is also a need for help with RCIA (catechesis for adults) and Baptismal preparation.

Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist. There is a need here as well particularly with taking Communion to the sick which suffered during Covid.

Altar serving is another area requiring embellishment. This is a good way to involve children and their families in the Mass.

We always need a few key people who have ability and can undertake key functions in the life of the parish. They can be somewhat elusive to come by.

Our musical and singing accompaniment at some of the Masses remains patchy.

We could also do with a few more collectors at some Masses.

Thanks to all those who are currently involved in any way. It is deeply appreciated.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for July. For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to an encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters. 23 July 2023 • World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly