

NEWSLETTER

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mary, type of the Church as virgin and mother.

By reason of the gift and role of her divine motherhood, which she is united with her Son, the redeemer, and with her unique graces and functions, the Blessed Virgin is also intimately united to the Church. As St Ambrose taught, the Mother of God is a type of the Church in the order of faith, charity, and perfect union with Christ. For in the mystery of the Church, which is itself rightly called mother and virgin, the Blessed Virgin stands out in eminent and singular fashion as exemplar both of virgin and mother. Through her faith and obedience she gave birth on earth to the very Son of the Father, not through the knowledge of men but by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, in the manner of a new Eve who placed her faith, not in the serpent of old but in God's messenger without wavering in doubt. The Son whom she brought forth in her womb God placed as the first-born among many brothers, that is the faithful, in whose generation and formation she cooperates with a mother's love.

The Church indeed contemplating her hidden sanctity, imitating her charity and faithfully fulfilling the Father's will, by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By preaching and baptism she brings forth sons, who are conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of God, to a new and immortal life. She herself is a virgin, who keeps in its entirety and purity the faith she pledged to her spouse. Imitating the Mother of her Lord, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, she keeps intact faith, firm hope and sincere charity.

But while in the most Blessed Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle, the faithful still strive to conquer sin and increase in holiness. And so they turn their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues. Devoutly meditating on her and contemplating her in the light of the Word made man, the Church reverently penetrates more deeply into the great mystery of the Incarnation and becomes more and more like her spouse. Having entered deeply into the history of salvation. Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father. Seeking after the glory of Christ, the Church becomes more like her lofty type, and doing the will of God in all things.

The Church, therefore, in her apostolic works too, rightly looks to Mary, who gave birth to Christ. He was concerned of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, in order that through the Church he could be born and increase in the hearts of the faithful. In her life the Virgin has been a model of that motherly love with which all who join in the Church's apostolic mission for the regeneration of mankind should be animated.

A reading from the Constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council mi

MASS INTENTIONS

October 5th, 2024

6pm - For Children & Staff of St Edmund's School

October 6th, 2024

9am— Fr Javier Ruiz Ortiz (sick)

11 am - Wolfgang & Sebastian Munster (Anniv)

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm or by appointment.

Second collection for Cafod during all masses this weekend. Donation envelopes on the table in the church's lobby.

Welcome

Dear friends, we welcome **Fr. Royston Price**, Redemptories priest, who will be celebrating and speaking at all Masses during this weekend.

A Prayer after Communion

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things. We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Genesis 2;18-24,

Psalm 127 Response v 5

2nd Reading - Hebrew 2: 9-11

Gospel – Mark 10; 2-16

1st Reading— Wisdom 7; 7-11,

Psalm 89; 12-17 Response v 14

2nd Reading - Hebrew 4;12-13

Gospel - Mathew 11; 25,

The Catechetical Program 2024

(Application Forms now available on the table in the lobby - cannot be emailed)

Confirmation:

If you are in year 9, and wish to make your Confirmation, the course will be held at 4pm- every Saturday. The start date will be announced shortly. **Deadline for applications - Monday 4. November 2024.**

RCIA (The Rite of Christian initiation of adults) the course will start in October, and will be held every Tuesday evening. If you are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith, fill out the form and then hand in your details to the parish office ASAP or to Fr Christopher after Mass. **Deadline for applications - Monday 7. October 2024**

First Holy Communions:

Should you wish to have your child make their First Holy Communion (from your 3 onwards), please take a form, fill it in and hand one part into the parish office. The part with information for parents should be cut off by you and read properly as contains important information about the course. The dates of the course will be announced shortly. **Deadline for applications - Monday 4. November 2024**

Dear Friends, The Cardinal has asked all parishes in the Diocese to encourage a Day Of Fast and Prayer for the Middle East and for our Christian brothers and sisters at this worrying time on Monday 7th October 24

Please pray for peace. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

Parish Pilgrimage 2025

The Year 2025, has been designated as a year of prayer by the Holy Father Pope Francis. Northern Star Travel Ltd. is organising the Parish Pilgrimage to San Giovanni, Rome & Assisi from the 14-23 February 25. If you are interested to join the parish group then see the Itinerary. To pay the deposit contact Adrian Duffy on 01617732115 and should we have sufficient numbers to go on Pilgrimage, the money would be refunded. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

GROUP TRAVEL QUOTATION No: 2024-1037

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DEPARTURE DATE: 14 Feb 25

RETURN DATE: 23 Feb 25

No: DAYS: 10

TOUR DESCRIPTION:

Rome, Assisi & San Giovanni by air from Luton

COST PER PERSON:

£1350.00 sharing, £1640 in single room.

COST INCLUDES:

Outward flights Stansted - Bari. Return flight Ancona– Stansted Airport duty and passenger taxes.
1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold. 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast San Giovanni.
3 nights' dinner bed & breakfast Rome. 3 nights dinner bed & breakfast Assisi

WHAT IS EXTRA:

Travel insurance £65.00 per person.

Rome city tax €7.50 per person per night paid directly to the hotel.

CONDITIONS:

Minimum group size 20 paying passengers.

1 x free place for priest in single room.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.....

A deposit of £300 per person would be required to make the booking.

San Giovanni, Rome & Assisi

14th Feb 25 – Friday

The flight departs Stansted for Bari. After reclaiming your baggage upon arrival, a coach will transfer you to the hotel in San Giovanni Rotondo where accommodation has been arranged for 3 nights on dinner bed & breakfast basis.

15th Feb 25 – Saturday

Mass will be celebrated after breakfast. After Mass we meet at the English Office for a talk about Padre Pio, Stations of the Cross follow at 11.30am. After lunch there will be a guided visit at 2.30pm, after which free time for shopping/relaxing or looking around the Basilica. Dinner will be taken in the hotel.

16th Feb 25 – Sunday

This morning the guide will meet at the Hotel and accompany you to Pietrelcina, Mass will be celebrated on arrival. In Pietrelcina you will see the birthplace of Padre Pio, the Church where he was baptised and the chapel of the Stigmata, we return to San Giovanni in plenty of time for dinner.

17th Feb 25 – Monday

After breakfast the coach transfers us to Rome, where we are due to arrive mid-afternoon, we will join the Cannons Mass in St Peter's Basilica at 5.00pm before dinner is taken in the hotel.

18th Feb 25 – Tuesday

This morning, we will visit the Basilica's of St John Lateran for Mass & St Mary Major. In the afternoon, we will visit one of the Catacombs (entrance fee approx. €8 per person) before we travel to the Basilica of St Paul's outside the walls for a visit.

19th Feb 25 – Wednesday

The weekly Papal Audience will take place at 09.30am – tickets will be given by your courier. In the afternoon there will be a walking tour of the historical centre taking in the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon & Navona Square.

20th Feb 25 – Thursday

The coach departs Rome after breakfast for the journey to Assisi, on arrival check in to the hotel, celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St Francis before dinner.

21st Feb 25 – Friday

After a leisurely breakfast this morning, we will be joined by our local guide for a visit to the Basilica of St Clare we visit the Church of St Mary Major where the Blessed Carlo Actuis intact body can be seen before a guided visit of the Basilica of St Francis, there will be ample free time in Assisi before Mass is celebrated at 5.00pm in the Basilica of St Francis. Dinner at the hotel.

22nd Feb 25 – Saturday

This morning Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angel, you will have the opportunity to visit the Porziuncola – the small church inside the Basilica where the Franciscan movement started. We will visit the monastery at San Damiano, which was the first monastery of the order of St Clare, afternoon free in Assisi.

23rd Feb 25 – Sunday

Depart after breakfast for the transfer to Ancona to join the flight back to Stansted, along the way we make a brief stop the Holy House in Loreto, the flight is due to depart at 3.30pm and land in Stansted at 4.30pm local time

Counting of the Collection

Dear Friends, To comply with guide lines set by the Diocese, they require us to create a Rota of Counters to Count the collection. Therefore we are appealing for volunteers who would be willing to count the collection after the 11 am Mass on a Sunday or on an alternative date.

You need to count in pairs, with another member of our community. It will take probably half an hour, once a month if we have enough volunteers to cover each week. We also ask students of six forms to step forward. If you are interested, please give your details into the Parish Office.

Hope we will hear from you, *Fr Christopher with Parish Finance Committee Members.*

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The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Mrs Diane Winship - Safeguarding Representative

Mr Tomasz Daszkiewicz - Data Protection

Parish Officer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £243.00 envelopes: £201.00 contactless collection last weekend: £0.00 total: **£444.00**

Standing orders in **in January- £3286, in February - £2589, in March - £2715,**
in April - 3769, in May - 2152, in June - 3800, in July - 2565, in August - 2416

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

WRCDT CHARITY NO: 233699

Our Church. Dear Friends, After a few years of pause in spending money on our premises, the Finance Committee with myself, feel that it is time to address some issues. First, we have started with lights exchange in Sanctuary as they have started to fall off due to their age. We have also replaced majority of bulbs in the church and the hall. Secondly, after 24 years of use, we refreshed our kitchen and toilets. .

As usual, I would like to ask you for a specific donations towards our works as if we got money into this category, all your donations will stay with the parish, while when the money goes into general donations - we have to pay 30% of the total to the Diocese. If you are a Gift Aider, you can gift aid the donation and it will add an extra value.

Donation envelopes are available on the table in the lobby. You can also chose to donate on our digital plate or by bank transfer but doing it - do not forget to add; donation for electrical works or for decoration.

It all will come with a cost of eleven thousand pounds. We have collected **£6335** towards our works so far. Thank you for your support and generosity. Fr Christopher

Altar Servers

If our young people, have made their First Holy Communion, and would like to become an Altar Server. Please give your details to the Parish Office by email or to me just after Mass. Joseph Adesete our MC would be carrying out the training after the 11 am Mass.

Thank you, Fr Christopher

