

Please pray for: Louise and Mary Dykes, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Leila Cummings, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stephen Connellan, Stanley Cummings, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Breda Connellan, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Marianne Elliott, Pat Biggs, Leonard Cabral, Keith Murray, **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Callum Cunningham, Mary Cotton, Fernanda Holecz and Ellen Heduan, Olive Bradley, Patrick Burns, Eric Ago-Martey, Ann Murphy, Basil Keys, John Langan, Maurice Griffin and Nancy Byrne.

MASS INTENTIONS

For August - Please note only selected Sundays are available.

From September - If you would like to book a Mass Intention for September, please do so in the normal way.

As there will only be one Mass on Sunday for the time being, and whilst these very exceptional circumstances continue, it might be necessary for that Mass to be celebrated for more than one intention. If you have arranged to have a Sunday Mass celebrated for a specific intention and do not wish to have that intention included with other intentions in the same Mass, in what is known as a Collective Intention Mass, please contact the parish office to re-arrange your Mass intention.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	25	Pushpa Fernando RIP
Sunday	26	John Langan RIP (Anniversary) Anthony Rossi RIP Florein Angela Gumban RIP (Anniversary)
Monday	27	Paddy Casey RIP
Tuesday	28	Basil Keys RIP (Anniversary)
Wednesday	29	NO MASS
Thursday	30	Pat Hogan RIP
Friday	31	Alcinda Ramos RIP
Saturday	1	John Graham RIP

18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	2	Maurice Griffin RIP (Anniversary) Carmina Gonsalves RIP (Anniversary) Nancy Byrne RIP (Anniversary)
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CONGRATULATIONS TO

MERYL MARIE DE OLIVEIRA

who received the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 18th July.
and to

SHAYE BURTON-WILLIAMS

who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 25th July.
Please pray for them both as they are welcomed into the Holy Church,
their parents and godparents.



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - A

1 Kings 3: 5,7-12 Romans 8: 28-30 Matthew 13: 44-52

26th July 2020

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If God came to you in a dream tonight and asked you for one thing and one thing only, what would you ask for? Health, the end of the pandemic, love, success? I imagine it wouldn't be easy, there are so many things we want and desire, there are so many things we need... Solomon as a young king had many legitimate needs. A young king needs a powerful army, wealth to build a temple for God, fame, influence...however, when God appeared to him he asked for wisdom! Wisdom of heart. He asked for that capacity to distinguish between good and evil and he didn't ask that for himself but for his people; to rule his people with justice. He desired wisdom of heart to be a good king, to serve his people better and thus fulfill God's plan for his life. God granted Solomon the gift of wisdom and lo and behold with wisdom came every other good thing he needed and longed for; riches, wealth success and love.

Among all the things we want and need in life, what is the one desire of our lives that once found it will bring with it all our other legitimate desires? The gospel calls that ultimate desire of the human heart "the kingdom of God". The one who finds the kingdom of God finds everything desirable besides. That is why the kingdom is compared in this Sunday's gospel to a hidden treasure in a field, which someone discovers and with that a fine pearl of great value. It is worth selling everything one owns to buy the field where the treasure is and the fine pearl. This gospel is about totality, it's radical. The kingdom of God is not just one among so many other good and desirable things. It is the supreme good, the one and only good thing we shall ever need to be on the path of fulfillment in life. These parables invite us not only to seek first the kingdom of God but actually to seek only the kingdom, because if we find it, then we have found every other good thing we desire and long for. Let's embark on this journey to seek the hidden treasure, to search for the pearl of great value, let's ask the Lord to give us the wisdom to look for it in the right places and show us the right path.

Fr Agustin

PRIVATE PRAYER & MASS TIMES THIS WEEK (27th July - 2nd August)

Monday	Private Prayer	11.00am - 12.00noon
Tuesday	Private Prayer	11.00am - 12.00noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday	Closed	
Thursday	Private Prayer	11.00am - 12.00noon
Friday	Mass	10.00am
Saturday	Mass	6.30pm
Sunday	Mass	9.30am

COMING TO MASS

Please do not forget that it is now necessary to book a place for each Mass that you would like to attend.

Bookings should be made via the Parish website <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/perivale/>

Please click on the 'Events' page to see the list of Masses.

The deadline for booking a place is 6pm the day before each Mass.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can book a place by calling the parish office.
(020) 8997 3164.

If leaving a message, please clearly state your name and contact number.
We will call you back to confirm your booking - Thank You.

It has been great to see those of you who have been able to come to Mass and Private Prayer. In light of the latest government guidance, I would like to draw your attention to a couple of points you need to consider when coming to the church.

1. All worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with.

Some of you may now be spending time with family and friends outside of your own household, who have become your social 'bubble'. If you are coming to the church with them, you may sit together. If however you are coming with anyone outside of this group, you should maintain the 2m social distancing.

2. All worshippers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet.

Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and will be mandatory in shops and in supermarkets from 24th July 2020. As the church is an enclosed space, you will be reciting the prayers and responses and are likely to meet and greet someone you know, it is strongly recommended that you wear a face covering in the church.

With these actions we are doing our part to prevent the spread of the virus and it will help those who are perhaps feeling anxious about coming to Mass, more comfortable.

DURING AUGUST

Fr Agustin will be away on holiday from 2 August - 4 September.

While he is away we will continue to have Private Prayer, **in the morning only** and Mass will only be said on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The parish office will continue to be open Monday-Friday.

From 3rd August

Private Prayer 11.00 - 12:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Mass 10.00am Friday, 6.30pm Saturday and 9.30am Sunday

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE 26 July - 1 August

As the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage cannot take place this year, a virtual pilgrimage will take place instead from 26th July to 1st August, with a full programme of Masses and devotions. Full details can be found on the events page of the diocesan website.

All are welcome to join in this virtual pilgrimage on the dedicated Westminster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage YouTube channel at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9AT-YIsH22Hbp2rnIG7jsA>

Programme of Events

Sunday 26th July: Invitation to Pilgrimage Opening Mass
Monday 27th July: Penitential service
Tuesday 28th July: Rosary Marian Torchlight Procession
Wednesday 29th July: International Mass
Thursday 30th July: Blessed Sacrament Procession Blessing of the Sick
Friday 31st July: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 1st August: Closing Mass and Ceremony and lighting of the 2020 Diocesan Candle

SUPPORTING CAFOD

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. Thanks to the generous support from the Catholic community, CAFOD is already working across 26 countries but there is so much to be done. The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving. This month, as the DEC raises awareness of the global situation, CAFOD are asking us to keep those worst affected in our thoughts, prayers and where possible, our alms giving. You can donate to CAFOD online at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Coronavirus-response>, by telephone (0)303 303 3030 or by sending a cheque made payable to 'CAFOD' to CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.

THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL Your Support is Still Needed

The Cardinal's Appeal has been supporting hungry, isolated and homeless people throughout the coronavirus crisis. With many families under unprecedented financial pressure and more people likely to need support as support packages such as the furlough scheme come to an end, the Appeal continues.

The Cardinal is very grateful to everyone that has been able to support the Appeal so far this year. If you would like to donate to the Appeal you can do so online at
www.cardinalsntenappeal.org.uk

If you would like to donate, but cannot do it online, you can donate through the parish. Simply contact the parish office and we will explain the process to you.