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16th July 2023 2023 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time–Year -A

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:30am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of
Sunday

Sunday 9.00 am
10.30am Family Mass
12.30pm in Spanish

Confessions

Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm
Or by arrangement

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Monday—Friday 9:15am
Sunday-8.30am

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Cardinal Newman once said: “An idea once expressed is never lost” In other words an idea once put out there , whether it’s good or bad is like a seed floating around in the air looking for someone to implant itself in. And that’s what the first reading at Mass this weekend is saying too, about God’s ideas.

“Yes as the rain and the snow come down from the heaven' and do not return without watering the earthso the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." God’s Word is looking for good soil – a good soul – an open-hearted person in which to plant itself.

If you ever visit Auschwitz as you walk around that tragic place you will find on one of the walls a quote from a speech that Hitler had made to the youth of Germany. He said: “I freed Germany from the stupid and degrading fallacies of conscience and morality...We will train young people before whom the world will tremble. I want young people capable of violence, imperious, relentless and cruel.”

Isn’t it amazing that with words like these he was able to galvanise the youth of Germany and create the living hell that was the 2nd world war. They created a place of death and hopelessness. That was Hitler’s project. He planted a seed that took root in their young hearts and the fruits of it were hatred, and murder on a grand scale. He hardened their hearts and they became a soil so hard that not even the Word of God could penetrate it.

There is a future that God wants for his people, which is very different. It is about the human community living together in mutual respect, tolerance and love, under God, with the strong looking out for the weak. This is God’s project. For that project to bear fruit we have to first allow the seeds of God’s word to take root in us and grow in us and then take that Word to others so it may be planted in them too.

That is what we are about as Christians. If Hitler could so inspire to Evil, why are we not inspiring people to Good? Is it because we are too feeble, too apathetic about God and his Word? too apologetic? Not ambitious enough?

Let us be more energetic in our faith. Speak our message with more confidence and conviction. The ideas we are expressing are life-giving for all. There is no room here for half-heartedness. Let’s get behind this message of Hope and Joy which is God’s Word. The generations of Catholics before us have done that for us. Now it is our turn to do it for those around us and those who will come after us.

Announcements

Please pray for Vanessa Hayes of Glastonbury House whose funeral will be at 10.00am on Wednesday 19th July, **Ann Robinson** of Dolphin square whose funeral will be at Mortlake Crematorium at 9.30am on Tuesday 25th July 2023, **Catherine Murphy** of Gloucester St and **Sergio Orsi** of Churchill Gardens who died recently. Funeral details later. **May They Rest in Peace**

Mass times this coming week: Please note Mass on Wednesday 19th July will be a 10.00 as it is a Funeral Mass, and Mass on Friday 21st July will also be at 10.00am as it is a special Mass for the children leaving St Vincent de Paul School this year. All are welcome to attend.

The SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) has tickets for the Summer Raffle to raise much needed funds for the Society various projects in England and Wales. Each ticket is £1. The 1st prize is £5,000! Members of our SVP group will be at the back of the church after Mass this weekend, or you can buy tickets from Sarah at the parish office.

Hakuna – Every Thursday from 7.30pm for an hour in the church. This is an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament led by young people for young people. All are welcome.

Fr Pat's retirement from the 4th August 2023: Following the moving letter from our Parish Priest, Fr Pat in newsletter on the 11th June 2023, we want to assure you that there will be an opportunity to celebrate his ministry, when the time is right and we can do it properly. In the meantime please let us all keep him in our prayers.

Our new parish priest will be Father Chinedu Udo. He comes to us from Tollington Park parish. We must prepare to give him a warm welcome and our ongoing support when he comes to us in early September .

Would any one like this Steps trainer ? You could make a donation large or small to our twin parish Turkana. Please contact Sarah 0207 834 6965 ext 2 or email sarahharcher@rcdow.org.uk



The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for June came to £6939.00. The Loose plate including Dona contactless payments for June was £3682.17 & the Offertory envelopes for June came to £1061.74. Thank you all very much indeed.

If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: **WRCDT Pimlico** Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... **Or use our contactless card machines.**

The best way to support the parish is by standing order, you can download a standing order form from our website –just click the “Donate” button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

CAFOD: update on the conflict in Sudan: Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict

Justice & Peace bidding Prayer: Lelia & James Boohan– Lord, guide us in giving help and support to communities and countries that have drought or are war torn.

Join our Bidding Prayer Writers. What Social Justice issue (s) inspires you? What needs help? We encourage you to share that inspiration with the rest of our parish community. Write a bidding prayer! For more info or just your bidding prayer send to: judyannmasters@gmail.com Thank you.

Action Prayer : This weekend's readings reference the Word of God as seeds. Interesting, how first we hear the cycle of productivity, God's will, the seed bears. The reward. Then we are told that the fate of a seed depends on where it falls.

"...the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing." Our Action Prayer this week to have a heart to heart with God, while looking in the mirror. Try doing it out loud. Explain your actions and reactions when hearing about the refugees, the use of cluster bombs or the clock ticking over climate disaster etc. Are we existing in thorns or fertile soil? Do we have eyes that see and ears that hear?