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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 26TH JUNE 2022

We are coming to the end of another academic year. For young people in studies, parents, and older adults, we are finishing one part of the year, and moving into what will be a time of relaxation or holiday. We need to finish well to enjoy the summer fully.

Finishing well is so important. You may have had a bad start in life, or year, or week. You may have messed up, made mistakes, or have regrets. But you can finish well and that is what matters most.

Some start well but fall. In the recession, many of the companies, that business consultant Jim Collins had profiled in his international bestseller Good to Great, fell. Even the ‘mightiest’ of companies can fall.

The bible readings give us three ways to finish well. 1. Serve generously; 2. Be led by the Holy Spirit; 3. Be resolute.

Serve generously

In 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21, Elisha seems hesitant to follow Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you.” However, after cooking a meal for his men, “he then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.” Elisha’s hesitation wasn’t because of laziness. He prepared a meal for his men, using his valuable oxen and plough – presumably for firewood? Service and generosity inspired him to follow Elijah, and finish well.

Hesitation prevents us from finishing well. How many times do I remember saying to myself during my studies for priesthood, “I must get down to work”, and then find myself wasting time, procrastinating on something useless? Sometimes when we struggle to finish something (e.g., study for exams), it’s because we need to take a break. Not a break to be lazy, but to serve others, help make a meal, or do another task that needs doing. Whatever it is, be generous. After generous service, it’s amazing how we can go back to our original work with greater clarity and purpose.

Be led by the Holy Spirit

St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians tells us that the reason we don’t finish well is because of a battle between self-indulgence and being led by the Holy Spirit. “It is precisely because the two are so opposed [self-indulgence and the spirit] that you do not carry out your good intentions.”

It’s important to look after ourselves. There is such a thing as legitimate self-care. However, we should avoid self-indulgence. The antidote to self-indulgence is to “serve one another ... in works of love.” If you are struggling to live the Christian life after being Catholic maybe for many years, consider taking up service in a spirit of love. There are many ways of serving in the church. The Holy Spirit helps us carry out our good intentions, to finish well.

Be resolute

“Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem.” I love this image of Jesus. It reminds me of Isaiah 50:7, “I have set my face like flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.” I imagine Jesus setting his face like flint at this moment. He knew what he had to do: take the history of the world’s sin on himself, to become the sacrificial sin offering to God, which takes away the sin of the world. He did it. For me. For you. For everyone. What an amazing redeemer! He needed to be resolute to go through with this incredible act of love. He was not left ashamed. He defeated death itself.

Sometimes we are faced with a difficult situation. We know we have to go through with it, and we know it’s the right thing to do. It’s just that it’s hard, people don’t understand, and/or people may dissuade us. If something is the right thing to do, whatever it is, however difficult it may be, be resolute. The process will not be easy, but you will not be left ashamed. You will finish well.

Fr Damian

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 26TH JUNE	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	SVP Coffee Morning - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 28TH JUNE	10.00am 7.00pm	Rosary after Mass Life Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 29TH JUNE	9.00am	Rosary before Mass	St John the Evangelist
THU 30TH JUNE	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 2ND JULY	5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist
SUN 3RD JULY	11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 25TH JUNE <i>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am For those being ordained to the priesthood (Diocese of Westminster) and Fr Damian's Anniversary	6.00pm For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 26TH JUNE <i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Jad Damouni RIP 11am Joanne and Alex Kenny (Ints.) 6pm Evie McNerney RIP	10.30am Sean O'Neill RIP	9am Jimmy & Gloria Flynn RIP
MONDAY 27TH JUNE <i>ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH</i>	9.30am Fr Kevin Eastell RIP		
TUESDAY 28TH JUNE <i>ST IRENAEUS, BISHOP</i>	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		9.30am Fr Kevin Eastell RIP 7.30pm For the People of the Parishes
WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE <i>SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES</i>	9.30am Fr Kevin Eastell RIP 7.30pm For the People of the Parishes	9.30am Ted Mangan RIP	
THURSDAY 30TH JUNE	9.30am Fr Kevin Eastell RIP		
FRIDAY 1ST JULY <i>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL</i>	9.30am Genie Buscarini RIP		
SATURDAY 2ND JULY	NO MASS TODAY	6.00pm Mikie Mack RIP	
SUNDAY 3RD JULY <i>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am For the People of the Parishes 6pm Stephen & Jenna Nairn (Ints.)	10.30am Margaret Griffin (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week both Sanctuary Lamps burn for the kind and generous people who have offered their home to people escaping from Ukraine & to pray that those people feel safe and welcome here.		This week our Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Lamp burns for Jimmy & Gloria Flynn RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Maureen Douglas, Michael Gaukroger, Molly Gray and Leslie Edwards

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, Alfredo Rock and Paul O'Connor.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Anne Trenchard, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Paddy Goble, Pam Fitzpatrick, Julian Harris and Canon Robert Plourde

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL

On Wednesday 29th June the Church celebrates the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. Masses across the three parishes will be as follows: St John Fisher - Vigil (Tuesday) 7.30pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am and 7.30pm; St John the Evangelist - 9.30am (to be joined by St John's School).

GENIE BUSCARINI RIP

The ashes of Genie Buscarini RIP will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 1st July.

SLIDE INTO SUMMER

The parish is planning another fun filled youth event on the 10th July at St. John's Mill End after the 10.30am Mass. There will be a bouncy slide, games, tug-of-war, water balloons, there's a hole in my bucket and refreshments. All children are welcome to use the slide after Mass however the youth event (school year 6 and above) is from 12 noon. Looking forward to seeing you there. Parents please text name, contact number and how many are coming to Belinda on 07788 721222.

YOUTH CHOIR

In the autumn we will be launching our Youth Choir, for those aged 8-13 who will be singing once a month at Our Lady's Parish at the 6pm Mass and once a month at St John's Parish, Mill End at the 10.30am Mass. There will be a weekly evening rehearsal. If your child would be interested in joining the choir please register your interest via the parish office for further details.

JUSTICE AND PEACE CONTACT

Each of our parishes are in need of a Parish Contact for the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. This involves receiving communications relevant to peace and justice work from the diocese, and to encourage and support the involvement of the clergy and parishioners in prayer, action and reflection on peace and justice. If you would be interested in being the Parish Contact for this then please contact Fr Andrew.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

During the pandemic we were very fortunate to be able to install live-stream at Our Lady's parish for those unable to join us for Mass. To support them we introduced the Act of Spiritual Communion being read. Now that the obligation has returned and the numbers joining us via live-stream are much lower, from this weekend this private prayer will no longer be read in the Church. Those who continue to join us via live-stream due to ill-health or frailty, are encouraged to continue praying this prayer, which is visible at the top of our live-stream and is also available on our websites, during Holy Communion.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)

Our new family catechesis for all those with children aged 5-11 begins has now begun. The sessions are engaging, spirit-filled and fun, and they are for all the family. We celebrate Mass, enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment before sharing catechesis and activities. As part of GIFT we will also hold Faith Formation for parents on one evening each month online (Zoom). These sessions are designed to help parents grow in their own faith, enabling them to lead their family on their journey of faith. We pray that GIFT will be a new way of approaching family catechesis across our parishes that will give all our families encouragement and strength in journeying together in faith. If your family would like to sign up for GIFT then please email the parish office (rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk) with the names of each of your family, the children's ages and a contact phone number. Further details will then be sent to you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Please note that there will be no formal application process for First Holy Communion classes as in the past. Applications will now be discerned via the GIFT catechesis in our parishes over the coming years.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a catholic? Are you a baptised catholic but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to complete your initiation? If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes', please drop me an email and we can have a chat about what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step. *Fr Andrew*

COME AND SING!

We are very blessed in each of our three parishes that we have adults who are willing to lead and support our singing in our choirs and music groups to enhance our Sunday worship. These are always open to new members. If you enjoy singing (even as a beginner!) then please do approach the groups or Fr Andrew to find out how you can get involved.

JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA – Sunday 10th July 2.30pm

We're pleased to confirm the new date. Join us for a traditional afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All welcome! It will be an outdoor event (weather permitting). Tickets £12 per adult and £6 per child are available again at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/326264585157> or by contacting Angela O'Donovan – aodonovan@ntlworld.com. If you purchased a ticket before, it is valid on the new date. If you can't make the new date, please request a refund via Eventbrite or email Angela or the parish office. If you cannot make the new date and do not request a refund, all proceeds will be donated to the SVP.

SPONSORED SANCTUARY LAMPS.

In each of our churches 2 sanctuary lamp candles burn throughout the week – one by the tabernacle indicating the Lord's presence, and the other by the statue of Our Lady. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? If so, we are asking for a donation of £10 per week, for your intention to be remembered and recorded in the weekly newsletter. Please hand your donation into the Parish Office or to one of the priests marked 'Sanctuary Lamp Donation', together with a note stating your particular intention, and the Church and the location of the lamp that you would like to burn for that intention.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have one team of three people who have volunteered to lead Children's Liturgy at our 11am Mass on Sundays. To start with this will take place once a month starting on Sunday 18th September. If you would like to volunteer to assist with Children's Liturgy in a second group so that this can take place more regularly then please contact Fr Andrew.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please join us in the hall after the 8.30am Mass this Sunday 25th June for our SVP Coffee Morning.

There will be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 4th July. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations go to the Catholic Worker Farm.

COLLECTION

The collection will take place again in the traditional place at the offertory in our parish for those who do not contribute via standing order or via our contactless point. The bringing up of our financial offering at the offertory is a great symbol of us returning in thanksgiving what we have been given by God.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

SCHOOL ACCESS

St John's School have now moved into the new temporary building behind the Church. In order to access this an entrance and drive have been added onto the back of the Church Car Park. Please keep the parking bays in front of the entrance clear during the week, but they can be used on Sundays for Mass. Thank you for your understanding and support for the school over these challenging months.

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FAMILY MASS

As part of our Family Mass that takes place on the third Sunday of the month, we would be looking for teenagers in the parish to become readers. If anyone is interested in this ministry then please talk to Fr Andrew or Geraldine.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

ST JOHN FISHER SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Would like to extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to a **Family Picnic on Sunday 17th July 12pm** in the church grounds. Please can each family bring their own picnic, squash for the children will be provided and tea and coffee for the adults following the picnic. If you are able to bake a cake to bring along this will be served with tea and coffee. There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the entrance porch and please tick if you are able to bring a cake. This is simply for us to know how many parishioners to expect. We look forward to seeing you at our first social event after such a long time.

ST JOHN FISHER SOCIAL COMMITTEE

In order to plan future social events at St John Fisher we need parishioners willing to join us on the Social Committee. If you would like to serve your Parish in this way please see Francis or Maureen (Fields) after Mass on Sunday, let Fr Andrew or Fr Damian know or email Kerry on rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk and we will be in touch.

MARY'S GARAGE. PLEASE READ THIS MESSAGE.

I have just had some wonderful sets of donations including Rye, Wedgwood, Royal Worcester, Spode ornaments; sets of Spurs programmes; a beautiful 60 year old hand made crocheted king size bedspread and so much more. Harrods has nothing on us. Check out the photos on our WEBSITE. BREAKING NEWS: we had made £400 and have just doubled it up on the Cardinal Hume Centre Big Give Page to £800. Alleluia!! We are open every Saturday morning 10.30-12, Thursday afternoon 2-4pm and any other time by appointment. Thank you so much for your support for this great charity. Mary 284975

DIOCESAN NOTICES

UK VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

In September and October 2022 the relics of St Bernadette will be travelling across the UK for veneration and to help us focus on the message and mission of Lourdes. For more details and for the itinerary of the visit please go to www.stbernadette.org.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31st July 2022.