



St John The Evangelist

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ENCOUNTERING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 10th JULY 2022

Who is our neighbour?

So, who is our neighbour? Our neighbour does not just mean someone who lives near us; it also means strangers we meet. And when seafarers arrive in a port, they are strangers in a foreign land. Their home can be thousands of miles away. They do not know the locals. Often, they do not speak the language. And they do not know how to do many of things that we take for granted where we live. Where can I find a shop where I can buy toiletries? How do I get there? How can I access the internet to contact my family? Where is the nearest church? It is the stranger that Stella Maris port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors are there to help when they go on board a ship. Like the Samaritan in the gospel, they are concerned for the welfare of those they meet. Recently a Ukrainian seafarer fell into his ship's hold and broke his back; Stella Maris' local port chaplains visited him in hospital, enabled him to get in touch with his family, and found a Russian speaker in the local community to make communication easier. Stella Maris chaplains help foreign seafarers with friendship and to find necessary healthcare, - and they support them until they are recovered. Chaplains also help to find dental care, and even mental health resources. The help Stella Maris chaplains give might include providing a mobile phone top-up, warm clothes in the winter, or arranging for seafarers to attend Mass or Confession or both. At other times, it might mean helping a seafarer resolve an issue with their employers over pay, or working conditions. The Gospel calls us all to help the stranger. Stella Maris chaplains and ship visitors do this in ports around the world.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Stella Maris is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. This weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday which is a day for us to stand alongside and pray for seafarers and fishers so that they will always have a friend in port who they can turn to.

Extract from Stella Maris 'Sea Sunday Parish Booklet 2022'

For more information about their work visit www.apostleshiofthesea.org.uk

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 10TH JULY	11.30am 11.30am 2.30pm 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Youth Event Jubilee Afternoon Tea Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
TUE 12TH JULY	10.00am 7.00pm	Rosary after Mass Life Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 14TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 16TH JULY	9.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Gift Family Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
SUN 17TH JULY	11.30am 12 noon 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall Family Picnic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	St John the Evangelist St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 9 TH JULY	9.30am Fr Kevin Eastell RIP	6.00pm For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 10 TH JULY <i>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am Eithne Hollingsworth RIP (Anniv.) 11am Annie & Noel Kent (Ints.) (Diamond Wedding Anniversary) 6pm Nora Byrne RIP	10.30am For the People of the Parishes	9am Milo Perkins (Ints.)
MONDAY 11 TH JULY <i>ST BENEDICT, ABBOT</i>	9.30am Fr David Wilson RIP		
TUESDAY 12 TH JULY	9.30am Holy Souls		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 13 TH JULY	9.30am Helen Clark RIP	NO MASS TODAY	
THURSDAY 14 TH JULY	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
FRIDAY 15 TH JULY <i>ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP</i>	9.30am Philip Brady RIP		
SATURDAY 16 TH JULY	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	6.00pm For the People of the Parishes	
SUNDAY 17 TH JULY <i>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am Margaret Townsend RIP 6pm For the People of the Parishes	10.30am (Family) Fr David Wilson RIP	9am For the People of the Parishes
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for the Dunlop Family (Blessed Sacrament) and Fabby Montesdeoca Ints. (Our Lady's)	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Our Lady's) burns for the deceased members of the Page Family 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 and Julian Harris

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

A SUMMER OF MOVES

As has been announced Fr Damian will sadly be leaving our parishes at the end of August and will be replaced by Fr Matteo di Giuseppe who has recently been ordained to the priesthood. We are now pleased to announce that Fr Damian has been appointed Parish Priest of the parish of Our Lady of the Holy Souls, Kensal New Town. We congratulate Fr Damian on his new appointment and assure him of our prayers. Fr Damian will have one leaving Mass which will take place on Wednesday 31st August at 7.00pm as a joint parishes event. We are hoping, weather permitting, that this will take place in the field at Our Lady Help of Christians and will be followed by a social event to say thankyou to Fr Damian for all his hard work. In other news, Fr Shaun Church is returning to the diocese after his sabbatical as parish priest of St Francis de Sales, Hampton Hill and Fr Mark Walker has been appointed parish priest of St Aidan of Lindisfarne, Acton East. Please keep all of our priests in your prayers as they take up their new appointments over the summer.

FAREWELL GIFT FOR FR DAMIAN

If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift for Fr Damian, as an expression of thanks for all his work in the parishes over the past five years, then you can do so by using one of the special envelopes available in the parishes this weekend. These envelopes can either be placed in the offertory collection or delivered to the parish office at Our Lady's by Sunday 21st August. Alternatively you could make a BACs payment using the reference 'Fr Damian's Gift' - bank details are on each parish website under the 'Donate' tab.

RETIRING HEAD

Many of our parishioners will have connections to St John's School in Mill End and will have heard of the upcoming retirement of the school's headteacher, Mr Tony Hall at the end of term, after many years service to our community. There will be a Mass of thanksgiving for Mr Hall at St John's Church, Mill End, followed by a reception, on Monday 11th July at 6pm. We congratulate Mr Hall on his retirement, thank him for all his hard work at the school, and assure him of our prayers.

LOURDES PETITIONS

At the end of July Fr Andrew will be on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you would like him to take a petition to the grotto with your intentions then please drop them into the parish office by Monday 18th July.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

A new season of Prayer and Life Workshops will take place on Monday evenings at the Parish Hall of Our Lady Help of Christians. These workshops offer us a possibility of a deeper relationship with Christ in prayer, learning different models of prayer over a period of 15 weeks. A taster session will take place on Monday 12th September at 5pm and 7pm. Do consider this life-changing and spiritually enriching workshop to help you grow in faith.

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*

JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA – Sunday 10th July 2.30pm

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 at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/326264585157> or by contacting Angela O'Donovan – acodonovan@gmail.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. *Anyone who is willing to bake scones or cakes for the afternoon tea please let Angela know on 07971 587848 or acodonovan@gmail.com. Thank you*

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.

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.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

DETONATE

Detonate is an amazing children's holiday club run by Christians from the local churches. We aim to introduce the children to God, to explore the Bible with them and to help them look to Jesus as their special friend – all in a fun-filled week with sport, drama, craft and music. We are really keen for more small group leaders and helpers to accommodate more children. Other areas looking for helpers are: Craft, Refreshments and Daytime security at this point – so a wide age spread of helpers! This is an amazing week where everyone is blessed – such a privilege to be showing and sharing the love of Jesus in this brilliant way. Please sign up www.detonate.org.uk/team You can always contact Martin Dunkerton (07867 970 032)

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

CHANGE IN CAR PARK MANAGEMENT

Due to Health and Safety concerns the car park at Our Lady's will be managed by Creative Car Parks from Monday 1st August. The camera and signage for this will be installed on Monday 18th July, with each building on the site having a touch pad for us to enter our car registrations when using the car park. This system will not be operated on Sundays or Monday - Saturday 9.15-10.15am to allow us to attend our scheduled Masses as usual without interruption. For further information about why this is necessary please do take a copy of the leaflet available in each of our churches.

CALVARY CROSS UPDATE

The restoration of the Calvary Cross is taking longer than we had hoped due to the difficulty in finding the right contractors to carry out this specialist work, at a time when they are in high demand. It is hoped that this restoration will be completed in the next few months so we can once again have this important image at the heart of our parish.

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.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to Anne Dodson (£30), Sean Godfrey (£22.50), Martin Brady (£15.00) and John Steele (£7.50)

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.

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 FAMILY PICNIC

We 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.

MARY'S GARAGE SALE: for the Cardinal Hume Centre for the homeless in Westminster

Two months to go and we have just topped £1,000. Thank you so much. Still full of excellent items to sell. Please come and see. Open Saturday 10.30am - 12 noon and Thursdays 2-4pm and any other time by appointment. Also check our website. Ring Mary 284975 xx

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

Very many thanks for your June quarter's collection of £136.36. If you would like to join in this support for our hard working Missionaries please contact Mary 284975. Thank you.

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

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view the latest vacancies.