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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 3RD JULY 2022

Placing our hope in the future

Saint Paul, in today's second reading, spoke to us about freedom. All of you married couples, in building your family, made, with the help of Christ's grace, a courageous decision: *not to use freedom for yourselves, but to love the persons that God has put at your side*. Instead of living like little islands, you became "slaves of one another". That is how freedom is exercised in the family. There are no "planets" or "satellites", each travelling on its own orbit. The family is the place of encounter, of sharing, of going forth from ourselves in order to welcome others and stand beside them. The family is *the first place where we learn to love*.

Brothers and sisters, even as we reaffirm this with profound conviction, we also know full well that it is not always the case, for any number of reasons and a variety of situations. And so, in praising the beauty of the family, we also feel compelled, today more than ever, to *defend the family*. Let us not allow the family to be poisoned by the toxins of selfishness, individualism, today's culture of indifference and culture of waste, and as a result lose its very DNA, which is the spirit of acceptance and service. The mark of the family is acceptance and the spirit of service within the family.

The relationship between the prophets Elijah and Elisha, reminds us of the *relationship between generations*, the "passing on of witness" from parents to children. In today's world, that relationship is not an easy one, and frequently it is a cause for concern. Parents fear that children will not be able to find their way amid the complexity and confusion of our societies, where everything seems chaotic and precarious, and in the end lose their way. This fear makes some parents anxious and others overprotective. At times, it even ends up thwarting the desire to bring new lives into the world.

We do well to reflect on the relationship between Elijah and Elisha. Elijah, at a moment of crisis and fear for the future, receives from God the command to anoint Elisha as his successor. God makes Elijah realize that the world does not end with him, and commands him to pass on his mission to another. Elijah throws his mantle over the shoulders of Elisha, and from that moment the disciple takes the place of the master, in order to carry on his prophetic ministry in Israel. The elderly Elijah passes the position, the prophetic vocation to Elisha. He trusts the young person, he trusts in the future. In this gesture, there is hope, and with hope, he passes the baton.

How important it is for parents to reflect on God's way of acting! God loves young people, but that does not mean that he preserves them from all risk, from every challenge and from all suffering. God is not anxious and overprotective; on the contrary, *he trusts young people and he calls each of them to scale the heights of life and of mission*. We think of the child Samuel, the adolescent David or the young Jeremiah; above all, we think of that young girl who conceived Jesus, the Virgin Mary. He trusts a young girl. Dear parents, the word of God shows us the way: not to shield our children from the slightest hardship and suffering, but to try to communicate to them a passion for life, to arouse in them the desire to discover their vocation and embrace the great mission that God has in mind for them. Dear parents, if you help your children to discover and to accept their vocation, you will see that they too will be "gripped" by this mission; and they will find the strength they need to confront and overcome the difficulties of life.

Extract from Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis to 10th Meeting of Families, 25 June 2022

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 3RD JULY	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Coffee after Mass - 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 5TH JULY	10.00am 7.00pm	Rosary after Mass Life Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 6TH JULY	9.00am	Rosary before Mass	St John the Evangelist
THU 7TH JULY	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 9TH JULY	11.30am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Baptisms Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 2 ND JULY	NO MASS TODAY	6.00pm Mikie Mack RIP	
SUNDAY 3 RD JULY <i>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parishes 11am (Family) For the People of the Parishes 6pm Stephen & Jenna Nairn (Ints.)	10.30am Margaret Griffin (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
MONDAY 4 TH JULY	9.30am Viktor Boehler RIP (Anniv.)		
TUESDAY 5 TH JULY	9.30am Adam & Ola Budzynski RIP		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 6 TH JULY	NO MASS TODAY	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes	
THURSDAY 7 TH JULY	9.30am George Forrest RIP		
FRIDAY 8 TH JULY	9.30am For the sick and housebound of the parishes		
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 For the People of the Parishes
SANCTUARY LAMPS	This week our Sanctuary Lamps burn for George Forrest RIP (Blessed Sacrament) and Viktor Boehler RIP Anniv. (Our Lady's)	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Our Lady's) burns for the deceased members of the Hollis 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, Julian Harris and Canon Robert Plourde

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

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.

YOUTH EVENT - SUNDAY 10TH JULY AT ST JOHN'S, MILL END AFTER MASS

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to postpone the bouncy slide, but the youth event will still take place with lots of fun, games and refreshments. All in school year 6 and above are welcome. Parents please text name, and numbers attending to Belinda on 07788 721222 by Wednesday 6th July.

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 again 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.

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.

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.

DETONATE

With three weeks to Detonate starting (Monday 25th July), we are thankful for the many volunteers signed up to help already. We have limited numbers to 280 so far BUT there are another 40 on the waiting list. We are really keen for another 11 small group leaders and helpers (for the 280) but would need another 7 to accommodate the extra 40. 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) or Judith Palfreman if you need any further information or help signing up. Thank you.

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

There will be a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 3rd 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 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

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.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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