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### Mass this Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### Today's Readings

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14* Although God is surrounded by mystery, nevertheless God chooses to be known and the divine is revealed among us.

*Colossians 1:15-20* All things were created through Christ and for him.

*Luke 10:25-37* Jesus recounts the parable of the good Samaritan in answer to a question about who we should see as our neighbour.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Weekday

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Weekday

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Weekday

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 9:15am St Bonaventure

#### Intention

Charles Hennessey (Months Mind)

For Our Parishioners

Ron & Yvonne Thurnham (anniv)

Stephen Devereux (RIP)

Seafarers

The Deanery of Stevenage

Franciscans

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

**Sea Sunday** July 10<sup>th</sup> is Sea Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions with many suffering from more stress and poorer mental health than ever before. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can make a donation in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting "SEA" to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

**Change of Mass Time** Please note that the morning mass on Thursday will be at 8am.

**Synodal Pathway** The *National Synthesis* of responses to the worldwide listening process, which we engaged in locally last year and early this year, has been published. (See <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-synthesis/>)

Our bishops gathered together to reflect on what has been said.

It is important that we follow through what we began here locally. Our *Parish Pastoral Council* will have a special meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September both to consider what is being discerned nationally and to plan a local Parish Synod in the Autumn to foster communion, participation and mission in our town and villages. Please keep the synodal pathway in your prayers, by all means offer insights to our PPC but please be ready to participate directly in our parish synod.

### One-stop information for people in Herts

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/help-to-manage-the-cost-of-living>

**HertsHelp** Call 0300 123 4044 to speak to an adviser, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or go to <https://www.hertshelp.net/hertshelp.aspx>

**National Energy Action** *Warm and Safe Homes helpline*, 0800 304 7159 is open daily, 10am-12pm, to support clients with energy advice around topics such as reducing energy consumption, Warm Home Discount and Priority Services Register, fuel debt, water rates and benefits advice.

### Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for July

**For the elderly** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

### 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](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). Please apply by 31 July 2022

### Desiderio Desideravi: *Liturgical Formation*

On the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul, Pope Francis published an Apostolic Letter on "The Liturgical Formation of the People of God" *Desiderio desideravi*

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html)

Pope Francis begins his letter with this reflection

*The Liturgy: the "today" of salvation history*

*"I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."* (Lk 22:15) These words of Jesus, with which the account of the Last Supper opens, are the crevice through which we are given the surprising possibility of intuiting the depth of the love of the persons of the Most Holy Trinity for us.

... No one had earned a place at that Supper. All had been invited. Or better said: all had been drawn there by the burning desire that Jesus had to eat that Passover with them. He knows that he is the Lamb of that Passover meal; he knows that he *is* the Passover. This is the absolute newness, the absolute originality, of that Supper, the only truly new thing in history, which renders that Supper unique and for this reason "the Last Supper," unrepeatable. Nonetheless, his infinite desire to re-establish that communion with us that was and remains his original design, will not be satisfied until every man and woman, *from every tribe, tongue, people and nation* (Rev 5:9), shall have eaten his Body and drunk his Blood. And for this reason that same Supper will be made present in the celebration of the Eucharist until he returns again. DD 2,4