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Mass this Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 23rd June 2024

Today's Readings

Job 38:1. 8-11 Creation is only a metaphor for God, a sign of something greater than we can know.

2 Corinthians 5:14-7 We are a new creation, because God has given us in Christ a new kind of love.

Mark 4:35-41 It is easy for Christ to have the wind and the sea obey him. The obedience of human beings is harder to obtain.

Mass This Week

Saturday 22nd 6:30pm
Sunday 23rd 9:00am
10:30am

Intention

Vinny Cawley (Intention)
Antonietta & Tony Esposito
For Our Parishioners

Tuesday 25th 6:00pm Weekday
Wednesday 26th 9:15am Weekday
Thursday 27th 9:15am St John Souhworth
Friday 28th 9:15am St Irenaeus

Elizabeth Matthew (anniversary)
Catarina & Donato Erario
Flora Menezes (RIP)
Theologians

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention

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

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

New Lectionary Pre-orders are now being accepted for missals containing the new translation. <http://www.newlectionary.org/> or <http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/your-new-sunday-missal-esv>

Planned Giving Over the next few weeks we shall be thinking through our parish plans and what we need to achieve them. Please use this time to prayerfully consider how you can best offer your time, talents and treasure in the ways that are right for you.

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. Sign up sheet and current details in the Sacristy. More details, especially more accurate prices, will follow once the airlines are able to give us a quotation.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. We have now heard back from Letchworth regarding costs for the coach and pilgrim levy. Prices work out at £25 per adult and £15 per child aged 6 to 12 years (free for children under 6).

If your name is on the list in the sacristy, please confirm your commitment to attend the pilgrimage by emailing anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk.

Sacramental Programmes As we have concluded the '23-24 round of sacramental programmes, it is now time to look ahead. In the Autumn we will begin the next round of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA Adult Baptism and/or Confirmation and/or Reception into the Church. Over the summer we will collect names of candidates, and forms are available in the Sacristy. This is also the time to recruit more catechists and plan our programmes. If you are willing to help as a catechist, please see Fr Philip or e-mail him.

General Election Our Bishops' Conference have released resources to help us understand Catholic insights into seven key issues. A video has been released by Cardinal Vincent encouraging participation in the Election. These resources can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Race For Life On 30th June, eighteen members of St Mary's School staff will be taking part in the Cambridge 5K to raise money in memory of our wonderful colleague, Nicola Rorrison, who lost her battle with cancer a year ago. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, so please sponsor us. Thank you!
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/louises-race-for-life-171529184378>

Children's Fun Day Sunday 7th July (12pm to 4pm) in the parish hall. There will be food, drinks, bouncy castle, games and more. There will be no charge for this, but any donation to cover expenses will be welcome. We will require volunteers to help with various things. If anyone has a BBQ they are willing to lend for the day, any games we could borrow, or would just like to lend their time, please could you contact Anthony Ogwara on 07840 420585 or email anthony.ogwara@gmail.com We look forward to you joining us!

Save the Date Fr Philip and Jane will have a delayed and anticipated Silver and Double Diamond celebration on **August 18th**. We would like to invite all of you to celebrate with us. And if anyone is willing to help with the day, please let us know.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for June
For migrants fleeing their homes We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

In a homily in September 2013, Pope Francis reflected on prayer for politicians, which may provide food for our prayers as this time and a challenge to those seeking election.

[Leaders in public life] must ... be humble like the centurion in the Gospel, who could have boasted of his power to get Jesus to come to him, but he "was a humble man and instead said to the Lord: do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. With humility he said: only say a word, and my servant will be healed. These are the two virtues of a ruler, and this is what the word of God inspires in us: to love people and humility". Thus "every man and woman who assume the responsibility of governing should ask themselves these two questions: Do I love my people, so that I may better serve them? And am I humble enough to hear the opinions of others so as to choose the best way of governing?". If they "do not ask themselves these questions, they will not govern well..." "Let us pray for leaders", said Pope Francis, "that they govern us well. That they bring our homeland, our nations, our world, forward, to achieve peace and the common good. This word of God helps us to better participate in the common life of a people: those who govern, with the service of humility and love, and the governed, with participation, and especially prayer".

More at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2013/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20130916_politicians.html