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### Mass this Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### Today's Readings

*2 Kings 4:42-44* Elisha feeds the people with barley loaves and fresh grain.

*Ephesians 4:1-6* We should do all we can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds us together.

*John 6:1-15* Jesus feeds the crowd with the five barley loaves and two fish, and twelve hampers of scraps are left over.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am
	10:30am

#### Intention

The Hall Family  
Those on holiday  
For Our Parishioners

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Weekday	Fr Calum MacLean (RIP)
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am	St Ignatius of Loyola	The Jesuits
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am	St Alphonsus Liguori	In Thanksgiving
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am	Weekday	Fr Thomas Quinn (RIP)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention (D,J,I)

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.*

**Love in Action** After the summer holidays we will be working together through the Caritas Westminster *Love in Action* programme in order to help us care better for our neighbours and our world. This will enable us to consider aspects of Catholic Social Teaching and how to implement them in our parish (and will parallel elements of what are children are thinking about in school). One part of this will be small groups meeting: these could be in Church after the Tuesday evening mass, Online, or in people's houses. To help us plan please could you express your preference on the form at:

<https://forms.gle/KFnk2yfX3Cdqo2Qy9>

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday, 21st September. 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](mailto:anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk).

**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.

**Sacramental Programmes** 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 the names of candidates, and forms are available in the Sacristy.

**Talents, Time and Treasure** Thank you again very much for your prayerful and generous responses to our Planned Giving Drive. We are now processing your forms, and will report back soon. If you missed the Week 3 pamphlet, there should be some in the entrance porch, the Sacristy and the office. Please make your pledges and return your completed forms without delay. If you have any questions, contact Lawrie Fernee on 01763 243395 or LFernee@BTinternet.com.

**Monday Rosary / House of Prayer** During the Summer holidays, we shall be reciting one of the mysteries each week, at 10am, by the statue of Our Lady next to the church. All are welcome. Should it rain, we will retreat to the church.

**Silver and Double Diamond!** Fr Philip and Jane will have a delayed and anticipated Silver Wedding and Double Diamond birthday celebration on **August 18<sup>th</sup>**. We would like to invite all of you to celebrate with us. Please note we are having a short summer break at the start of August so it would be very much appreciated if you could **sign up by this weekend** so we can order the food etc. next week.

**St Mary's School Prayer Garden** St Mary's School are planning to convert their outside classroom into a prayer/reflective /quiet area. This will allow individuals, groups or classes to pray and reflect. Classes will use this area to celebrate the word of God by listening and reflecting on scripture readings. If you are able to help them with this project, they are requesting donations of objects, statues, crucifixes, icons, pictures etc that may be used. They would need to be suitable for outdoor use and everything British weather throws at us! Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for July**  
*For The Pastoral Care Of The Sick* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all



St Ignatius of Loyola has blessed the Church with a rich heritage of prayers and methods of prayer: the examen, imaginative contemplation of Gospel Scenes, the structuring of retreats, not least the 28 days of retreat envisaged in the *Spiritual Exercises*. An important part of the *Spiritual Exercises* is the discernment of God's will. An important prayer which focuses on this is the *Suscipe*. This is a radical prayer of self-giving and openness to God's love.

### *Suscipe*

**Take, Lord, and receive all my  
liberty,  
my memory, my understanding,  
and my entire will,  
All I have and call my own.  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what  
you will.  
Give me only your love and your  
grace,  
that is enough for me.**