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### Mass this Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### Today's Readings

*Jeremiah 23:1-6* God promises, through Jeremiah, a shepherd who will care for his sheep, take away their fears and bring home those which are missing from the flock.

*Ephesians 2:13-18* Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has united humanity and offered us peace.

*Mark 6:30-34* Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

#### Intention

Travellers

For Our Parishioners

Canon Herbert Veal (RIP)

<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	St Bridget of Sweden	Olive Swales (anniversary)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Weekday	Patrick O' Farrell (RIP)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	ST JAMES	Pilgrims
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	SS Joachim & Anne	Families during the Summer Holidays

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for migrants

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.*

**Please note** The Tuesday Mass will be slightly later than usual, at **6:30pm**.

#### 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/ New Catechists

We are wanting to recruit new catechists, especially for our First Holy Communion Programme. We do not need experts: What we need are faithful Christians willing to journey with our candidates, and help with the programme – all training and resources will be provided. If you are willing to help as a catechist, please see Fr Philip or e-mail him. *There will be a meeting for Confirmation Catechists at 6pm this coming Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 6pm in the Presbytery.* 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.

**Talents, Time and Treasure** Thank you 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 sign up on the list in the sacristy to help us get the catering right. 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 before the 28<sup>th</sup> July**, as we shall need to order the food etc. at least two weeks in advance And if anyone is willing to help with the day, please let us know.

**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.

**Race For Life** Thank you very much to everyone who kindly donated towards St Mary's fundraising for the Cancer Research Race for Life. Despite the rain, we had a very special, emotional day and were honoured to be a part of such an incredible event. Together we have raised an unbelievable £2320 for Cancer Research! We are overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you again!

**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

The Vatican has granted permission for *Our Lady of Walsingham* to be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, wrote to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, president of the Bishops' Conference, in response to his request last year that the Obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Walsingham be raised to the rank of Feast.

He explained that normally it wouldn't be moved but an exception would be made. He said:

'Given the historic importance of this shrine for the Church in England and Wales, dating back just over one thousand years, and given the growing devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham to which you attest, the Dicastery has decided that, by way of exception, your request may be granted.'



*Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as in the mystery of the Incarnation the blessed and ever Virgin Mary conceived your Son in her heart before she conceived him in the womb, so we, your pilgrim people, rejoicing in her motherly care, may welcome him into our hearts and become a holy house fit for his eternal dwelling*