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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings
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Divine Office
Week 4

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 19 July 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	16th OF THE YEAR Leslie Sequeira RIP For the People of the parish Mary & Michael Hughes RIP Patrick Denning RIP Sonia McCarthy RIP
Mon 20 July 9.30am	feria Giovanni Patti RIP Hazel Ardis Lweis Ints.
Tues 21 July	feria James & Catherine Nolan RIP John Delaney Ints.
Weds 22 July 9.30am	S. MARY MAGDALENE Paul sikdar RIP
Thurs 23 July 9.30am	S. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN Jim Quinn RIP
Fri 24 July 9.30am	S. Charbel Makhluif Mary Doyle RIP Michael Barry RIP
Sat 25 July 9.30am	S. JAMES, apostle Michael Griffin RIP
Sun 26 July 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	16th OF THE YEAR Teresa Canavan Ints. Darren O'Sullivan RIP Joao Manuel Fernandes RIP Paddymeehan RIP People of the Parish

TODAY'S MASS



In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Patience is the companion of wisdom"

St Augustine of Hippo

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

WATCH & LISTEN TO THE CARDINAL ON <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLsYL5yggVI&feature=youtu.be>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes..

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Chris O'Callaghan, Wally Sabatini

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Mary Hughes, Paul Sikdar

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal after this difficult time
- ◆ Our Children waiting for first Holy Communion
- ◆ Our young adults waiting for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- ◆ All who find themselves unemployed
- ◆ For honesty and integrity in the media
- ◆ For the sick and those who care for them
- ◆ For the faithful departed

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JULY

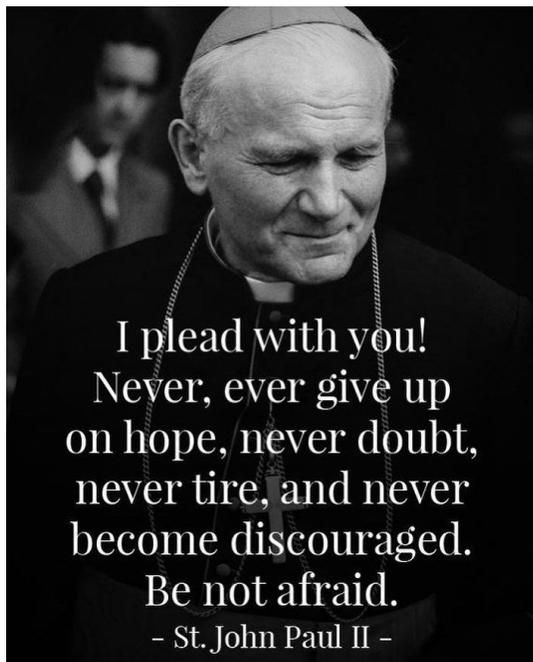
Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Has been sponsored this week in memory of **all who have died of the covid 19 infection**

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week in Memory of **Ints. of the Turnbull family**



A common reaction when things in our lives don't go as planned is to quickly make changes without fully considering the consequences. When the farmer first realized that weeds were growing in the midst of his wheat he could have immediately began to get rid of the weeds so as to protect the wheat. But as Jesus points out, pulling out the weeds would also mean pulling out the wheat. Jesus calls them to be patient. Patience is a virtue that seems to be seen less and less today. The patience to wait for the right moment to speak or act is not always easy. Waiting for God to answer our prayer can be frustrating. We expect ourselves and others to act quickly in making decisions. The pressure is on for the quick fix, not the well thought out solution or resolution.

One of the first lesson we learn when it comes to planting is that it takes time. When we plant a seed we aren't going to see the plant, bush or tree mature for quite a while, sometimes years. Like the mustard seed in the parable, the seed is so small yet grows into the beautiful flower, spreading shrub, or mighty tree. It's hard to believe when we look at the seed to envision how with patience we will see the growth. The same is true in our spiritual lives. We might have experienced some conversion and we look at our lives and realize how much we have to change. That realization can become almost overwhelming and lead us to think that it is impossible to make all these changes. When the changes don't happen right away we can become frustrated and discouraged. God is patient with us and we would do well to imitate Christ by cultivating the virtue of patience. With patience we can walk to road of conversion, and progress in the spiritual life.

Patience does seem to be lacking in society today. We like "fast food", instant news and films via the internet, online banking, a quick response to our emails and texts. We have grown too accustomed to getting things taken care of quickly, and patience has faded into the background. A rediscovery of patience is necessary in our lives. It is patience that is needed for us to see the Kingdom of Heaven that is in our midst. God's presence slowly becomes more evident in our lives, and the answer to prayers involves our slowly uniting our prayers with the will of God. Sometimes our vision of the Kingdom is small, but as we patiently grow in faith it becomes more and more evident in our lives. The three parables teach us that the Kingdom of God is here, and will take time for it to become fully established. Meanwhile, we have the need to be patient and attentive to how God is working within us and in the world.



NEWS UPDATE

We are now keeping our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am
Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am
Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am
Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

Weekdays:

Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned.

Needless to say this will involve a huge undertaking on the part of volunteers and cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding can you email Fr Jeremy on:

jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk

CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm.

THANK YOU! Rosemary Turnbull and all the family would like to thank everybody who sent condolence messages, Mass Intentions and Donations for St Luke's hospice in memory of Paul. Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for a beloved husband, father, Wednesday 9th September at 9.30am. and father, friend and member of St George's congregation on

FUNERALS are now possible in church together with a Requiem Mass but the numbers are **limited to 30 persons**. If you wish to attend any funeral you will need to be in contact with the family who will gather a list of names.

STEWARDSHIP & CLEANING - Thank you to all who have already come forward offering to help with stewarding at Mass and the cleaning of the church. We **urgently need more stewards/cleaners** so if you, or you

know of someone (under 70 with no underlying health conditions), able to help please contact Fr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team.

CONFIRMATION 2020 - Although we must, of course, move forward with the utmost care, as schools plan for the return of all pupils in September we, along with other Parishes, are keen to complete this year's Confirmation Programme as soon as practicable. We are still waiting to receive guidance from the Diocese on how the Sacrament of Confirmation is to be administered in the coming months but, once this is clarified, we will be in touch with Parents/Carers to let them know the **provisional** plan to take things forward safely and fruitfully.

WELCOMING - Although, the 'Welcoming Ministry' at Mass remains suspended until further notice, 'Welcomers' would be welcome to join the Stewarding Team currently taking care of the well-being & safety of those attending Mass. For further details please see the Newsletter Insert about **Stewarding & Cleaning**.

READERS - All should have received information from those responsible for their Reading Rota earlier this week. Readers are reminded to please 'check in' with the priest before Mass and ensure disposable plastic gloves are worn for the duration of the reading to help keep us all safe.

ALTAR SERVING - In line with current guidelines, to keep us all safe the regular Altar Servers Rota is suspended until future notice and the Mass will only be served by a few experienced Altar Servers. We shall be back in touch with all those on the rota as soon as the guidelines make it possible for all to serve once again.

DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE & INFORMATION - Sadly, during these difficult times the number of domestic incidents has increased significantly and people are at continuing to be at risk. For Help-lines and Information please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/domestic-abuse/>

FREE EDUCARE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - Free online safeguarding training in **Child Protection & Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults** is available through the Diocese of Westminster to everyone at the Parish. All adults involved with ministry at the Parish are strongly encouraged to complete this training. To register please contact Mr. Gabriele Sedda at safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Having met with our Local Bishop, Deanery & FHC Catechists this week, we are now in a position to provisionally plan for the resumption of the FHC Programme in September when all the children, all being well, return to school. Details of the planned completion of this year's FHC Masses, respecting the government's current guidelines, were sent by email to FHC Parents/Carers this week. Details of enrolment for Year 3 children on the 2020-21 Programme will be made available before the children return to school in September.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

AN ACTIVE PARISH during the lockdown...in the sense that lots of work has been done: some repointing of the floor stonework, plastering of the damp areas of the church, repainting of the sacristy and a grand refurbishment of the Walsingham (meant to happen to celebrate the rededication of England to Our Lady in March). **COMMEMORATIVE CARDS** are available from this Sunday to mark this event which was less celebrated as we had hoped as we were closed. If you take a card, please take it home and do not leave it in the pew.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND ENDURING FAITH DURING THE PAST MONTHS.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon Ps 54 (53): 6, 8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Collect

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase
the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in
keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial psalm: 85

R/. *O Lord you are good and forgiving.*

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call. Give heed,
O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. R./

2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name. O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. R./

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. R./

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 111 (110): 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued
with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.