



Sunday 26th July 2020

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SEVENTEENTH 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 1

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 26 July **17th OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm (Sat) Teresa Canavan RIP
8.30am Darren O'Sullivan RIP
9.45 am Joao Manel Fernandes RIP
11.15am Paddy Meehan RIP
5.30pm For the People of the parish

Mon 27 July **feria**
9.30am Pat Byers RIP
Mary Brennan & family Ints.

Tues 28 July **feria**
Vincent Basquil RIP
Ann Brennan & family Ints.

Weds 29 July **S. Martha**
9.30am Jack Devine RIP

Thurs 30 July **feria**
9.30am Cella Devine RIP

Fri 31 July **S. Ignatius Loyola**
9.30am Amanda Gallagher RIP
Leshy Dempsey RIP

Sat 1 August **S. Alphonsus Liguori**
9.30am Michael Griffin RIP

Sun 2 August **18th OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm (Sat) The People of the Parish
8.30am Vincent Basquil RIP
9.45 am Dorothy Commawarel Ints.
11.15am Bridget Rooney RIP
5.30pm Imara & Rohana Ints.

TODAY'S MASS



In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. In the third parable the kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Second Gospel Reading: Romans 8:28-30
God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52
Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal"
St Thomas More

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

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: Darren O'Sullivan, Bobby Graham, Amanda Gallagher (11th), Joao Manuel Fernandes

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;
- ◆ For all preparing for baptism;
- ◆ For those still required to self isolate;
- ◆ All who find themselves unemployed;
- ◆ For honesty and integrity in the media;
- ◆ For those travelling and going on holiday;
- ◆ For the sick and those who care for them;
- ◆ For the faithful departed.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST

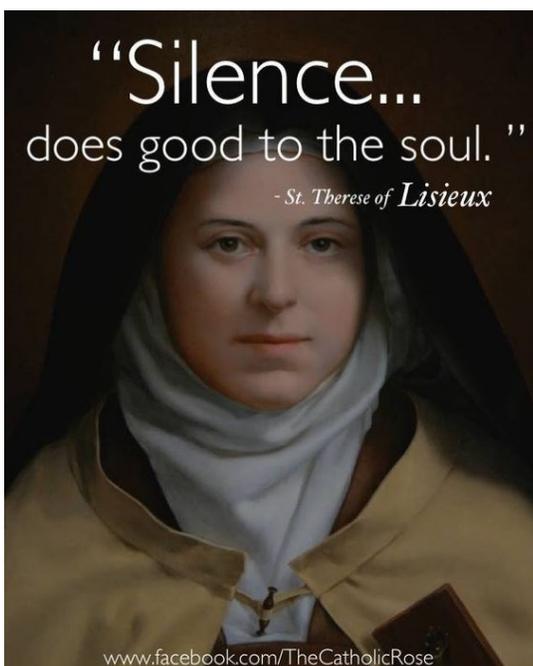
The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
For the intentions of the Parish

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
For the intentions of Kim, Brinda & Children



Listening is a skill often unpractised today; we only need to note current political discourse, TV commentators on current events, and even observe carefully our own family communications to realise that we tend to talk a lot and listen relatively little.

In the midst of a world where there is so much chatter and so little respectful attention we hear Solomon asking God in today's first reading for the gift of *"a listening heart"*, preferring this disposition of openness to others more than power or wealth. For his part the Psalmist extolls the virtue of listening, the wisdom books of the Old Testament insist upon it ceaselessly, and our Lord himself often begins his teaching by urging his disciples to *"hear a parable..."* as we heard at Mass two weeks ago.

In that same passage Jesus explained why active, conscious listening was critical for those to whom he preached, and remains so for us; he says that if we do not make this effort: *"they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand... they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and be converted, and I heal them"* (Matt 13:13, 15).

The wisdom that arises from careful listening enables us to discern what is truly important in life and in our faith; this is what Jesus was trying to explain in the parable of the buried treasure and that of the pearl of great price. We do not sell everything we have and use the proceeds to buy an object if that object is not of truly compelling worth.

Solomon recognized what was of real value in living his vocation as a follower of the Lord and as the King of Israel: the wisdom that only comes with *"a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith"* (1 Tim 1:5). In turn this wisdom only comes to those who are humble enough to listen to it quietly and peaceably. May we attune our hearts to be listening and understanding so that the Lord's precious gifts might not be lost on us, and so we may share them generously, *"like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old"* (Matt 13:52).

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME BACK TO ANYONE WHO IS RETURNING TO MASS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THESE PAST MONTHS. YOU'LL NOTICE THINGS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT (BUT NOT TOO DIFFERENT!). PLEASE FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE STEWARDS AT THE DOOR. PLEASE ALSO WEAR FACE COVERINGS.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

TEST AND TRACE. To help NHS Test and Trace, should we have a case of COVID-19, we have been asked to keep a record of who attends church each day. These contact details will be kept in a secure place and destroyed after 21 days. You can opt out of sharing your name and contact details. No one will be compelled to provide their name and number if they do not wish to do so. As our numbers for Mass are increasing, we may need to introduce a requirement to reserve a place for Mass. Please look at our website for updates.

NEWSLETTER. Now that our church is open a paper copy of the weekly newsletter will be available in the church for you to pick up and take home with you (**you must not leave it behind**). The newsletter will continue to be posted on the parish website as normal.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The FHC Programme should resume in September when, all being well, all the children 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 on 16th July**. If, for any reason you did not receive this email please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator. Details of enrolment for Year 3 children on the 2020-21 Programme will be made available before the children return to school in September.

CONFIRMATION 2020 - Having met with our Local Bishop, Deanery & Confirmation Catechists, we are thankfully now in a position to provisionally plan the **conclusion of this year's Confirmation Programme** when our young people return to school in September. **Parents/Carers** should have received an **email this week** with details of **their son/daughter's Confirmation Mass**. If, for any reason, this was not received or Parents/Carers require any further information please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator.

WELCOMING - Although, for the time being, 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 with current guidelines. 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.

ALL YOUR OFFERINGS ADD UP! A huge thank you to the generosity of those who have faithfully filled their giving envelopes each week and also those who have contributed during this time via Direct Debit. We also now have a **Virgin Money Giving** page which is soon going live on our web and micro site just look out for the red button.

If you are setting up a Standing Order, our correct church bank account name is: **WRCDT Sudbury** (Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee) Whatever way you make an offering to the Church, it all counts and will be enormously helpful in this fallow time, thank you! Importantly however, we realise that this is also a very challenging period for many and church contributions might be difficult at this time. If you are in a position to help us now, you can use the Donate Page on our micro-site: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/donate/>

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 Helplines 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.

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.

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

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 68 (67): 6-7, 36*

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

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: *Kings 3:5.7-12*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, Ask what you would like me to give you. Solomon replied, Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great? It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. Since you have asked for this the Lord said and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.

Responsorial psalm: *ps. 119*

R./ Lord, how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. *R./*

2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live,
for your law is my delight. *R./*

3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. *R./*

4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. *R./*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:28-30*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Allelula, Allelula!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from
my Father. Allelula!

Gospel: *Matthew 13:44-52*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 103 (102): 2*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.