



**Sunday 23rd August 2020**

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## 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday Cycle  
Readings Year A**

**Weekday Readings  
Year 2 Week 21**

**Divine Office  
Week 1**

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

## THIS WEEK

### **Sun 23 August      21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

6.15pm (Sat)	The People of the Parish
8.30am	Farrell Valmond RIP
9.45 am	Yolanda Dias RIP
11.15am	Leslie Waddington RIP
5.30pm	Evelyn Taylor

<b>Mon 24 August</b>	<b>ST BARTHOLEMEW, Apostle</b>
9.30am	Tessy RIP

<b>Tues 25 August</b>	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Farrell Valmond RIP

<b>Weds 26 August</b>	<b>feria</b>
9.30am	Max Perera RIP

<b>Thurs 27 August</b>	<b>S. Monica</b>
9.30am	Teresa Ints.

<b>Fri 28 August</b>	<b>S.Augustine</b>
	Tom O'Connor RIP

<b>Sat 29 August</b>	<b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b>
9.30am	Michael Griffin RIP

<b>Sun 30 August</b>	<b>22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
6.15pm (Sat)	Michael Griffin RIP
8.30am	The People of the Parish
9.45 am	Mario Tribaudi RIP
11.15am	James Walsh RIP
5.30pm	Imelda McCarthy RIP

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.

## **TODAY'S MASS**



Isaiah tells us that the Lord God once placed the key of the House of David on Eliakim. When Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, Son of the living God, he is entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of heaven. God, the source of all wisdom, chooses faithful servants to build his kingdom on earth.

**First reading: Isaiah 22: 19-23**

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

**Second reading: Romans 11: 33 - 36**

*All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.*

**Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20**

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

## **SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you"*

--Saint Augustine

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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:** William McCauliff, Mary Craddock, Mary Mallatt, Wendy Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Yolande Dias, Evelyn Taylor (1st), Farrell Valmond, Leslie Waddington, James Walsh

### WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

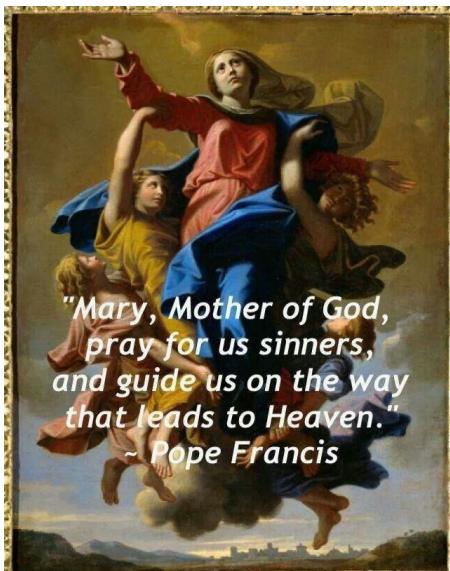
- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal after this difficult time;
- ◆ Our Children waiting for first Holy Communion;
- ◆ Our young adults waiting for the Sacrament of Confirmation;
- ◆ For all preparing for baptism;
- ◆ For those still required to self isolate;
- ◆ All who find themselves unemployed;
- ◆ All who remain housebound or in quarantine;
- ◆ 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  
*In memory of Mary Craddock RIP*

**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**  
has been sponsored this week  
*In memory of Mary Griffin*



Jesus first of all asks his disciples "who do people say the Son of Man is ?" Jesus has frequently identified himself as Son of Man in Matthew's gospel and the disciples report the various theories circulating about Jesus –that he is John the Baptist risen from death, or Elijah, Jeremiah or another prophet. "But you ", Jesus says "who do you say I am ?"

We are told Peter "spoke up". Perhaps there was an awkward silence: the other disciples finding it difficult to put into words what they thought about him.

Jesus asks that direct question of each one of us.

We know things about Jesus from what we have learnt from others - family, teachers, Church. We proclaim statements about him in the Creeds, we have stories and teachings about him in the Bible. But, like Peter, our lives are changed forever when we truly, personally know who Jesus is: when we move from accepting what others believe, to building a relationship with him ourselves; a relationship with the Son of the living God whom we love and want to follow and love more and more.

Peter faced many challenges. He did not always understand what Jesus was saying and had to be corrected by him. He began to sink beneath the waves on the Sea of Galilee and was reproved by Jesus for his lack of faith. He fell asleep in the garden when Jesus had asked him to keep watch. He struck off the High Priest's servant's ear with his sword. When challenged after Jesus' arrest, he denied even knowing him.

And yet, Jesus chose this man of all the disciples, to be the rock upon which the Church was to be built. Jesus accepts us all in our difficulties. He chooses us despite our weaknesses, as he chose Peter.

Jesus promised that the Church would prevail despite all challenges. We are the living stones of that Church, united by the rock of Peter and always sustained by the Christ we proclaim.

# 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 or one of the Parish Team.

[jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk)

**CONFESIONS** 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.

**COMING ON TIME FOR MASS** During this period when we are following strict guidelines it is really important to try to get to Mass in good time. As always this is a good thing to do but at the present moment, doubly so. One or two of us are habitually late for Mass. Maybe this is the moment to correct that reality. Please do set off in good time in order to arrive in good time—and you will have time also to spiritually prepare before Mass.

**AFTER MASS** whilst we are doing what is in the guidelines known as "Option 2" in the giving of Holy Communion at the end of Mass, and outside,

many have found it helpful to pause and give thanks in the front garden, especially under the trees. Please respect this and DO NOT TALK AND GOSSIP which interrupts the silence and is not good in itself.

**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.

**STEWARDING & 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 MASSES** - All being well, the FHC Masses from this year's Programme should be taking place after the children return to school in September. All this year's FHC Parents/Carers should have received an **email on 16th July** with details of their new **FHC Mass & Rehearsal**. If, for any reason, you did not receive this email please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT 2020-21 - Enrolment Packs**, for the coming year's FHC Programme, are **now available at the back of Church**. One of many measures to keep us as safe as possible this year relates to the **FHC Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 22nd September**. Only one Parent/Carer is to attend (wearing a face covering) and **absolutely no children are permitted to attend**. Enrolment will be from **7.00-8.00pm (Surnames A-M)** and from **8.00-9.00pm (Surnames N-Z)**. Once you have read the details & guidelines in the pack, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator. Thank you.

**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.

**UPDATE ON HALL BOOKINGS:** Sorry, we still have no start date as yet regarding the resumption of meetings for hall groups. Of first importance will be the use of the halls for preparing our young for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Covid Secure requirements for halls have been published but they are complex. Some of the activities of our hall users involve physical exercise, so this is an additional complication. Like other churches the loss of revenue from hall rents and hire is having an impact on our parish income but we can only open when it is safe to do so for all. Please bear with us.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF ST. GEORGE'S PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** It has come to our attention that some of the planned giving envelopes, which were posted in April, have made their way to the wrong address! **PLEASE** check that the box of envelopes you have received has your name and address on the label. **It is vital that the correct names correspond to the correct donation** particularly for all who have gift aided their donations.

If your box does **not** have your name on it we would be very grateful if you would please return it to the parish office as soon as possible. You can contact the office by email at [sudbury@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudbury@rcdow.org.uk) or by letter.

If you are not in our planned giving scheme and wish to donate by envelope or standing order or wish to gift aid or make any changes please contact the parish office at the above email address or by letter. You may leave a message on the answer-phone (020 8904 2552 Option 2) but remember the parish office is closed at the moment and all of August. This is important – thank you for your co-operation.

**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.

**YOUNG PARISHIONER REQUIRES WORK:** Call Ajay Esteves 07459 872486 if you are able to help him.

**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. Cf. Ps 85: 1-3**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

## **Collect**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
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. **Amen.**

## **First reading: Isaiah 22:19-23**

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:  
I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

## **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8**

**R/. Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R/.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R/.**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R/.**

## **Second reading: Romans 11:33-36**

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from him.  
How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and  
how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who  
could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who  
could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from  
him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*You are Peter*  
*and on this rock I will build my Church.*  
*And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.*  
*Alleluia!*

## **Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption  
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 103: 13-15**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.