



Sunday 12th September 2021

THE 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday Readings
Year I Week 24

Divine Office
Week 4

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

THIS WEEK

Sun 12 Sept 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Zenon Handzel RIP Francis Waddington RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Jim McHugh RIP (5th Anniv) Peter Afonso RIP
Mon 13 Sept 9.30am	feria Hazel & Denzil Isaaks Ints
Tues 14 Sept 9.30am	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Noyel de Souza RIP
Weds 15 Sept 9.30am	Our Lady of Sorrows Daniel Daley Snr RIP
Thurs 16 Sept 9.30am	feria Annabel Toal Ints.
Fri 17 Sept 9.30am	feria  Roque & Shannon (Thanksgiving)
Sat 18 Sept 9.30am	Of Our Lady Michael Fahey RIP
Sun 19 Sept 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Therese Isaccs RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Andrew Rosario RIP Coral Clasby Ints. Heironim & Genowefa Cendrowicz RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

First Reading: *Isalah 50:5-9a*

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9*

A prayer of praise to God for his salvation

Second Reading: *James 2:14-18*

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:27-35*

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the Love of Jesus. After this there is nothing more than heaven itself"

St Peter Julian Eymard

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida, Frances Sequeira

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Paige Keane, Joe Jose

RECENTLY MARRIED: Megan Fellows & Matthew Patten

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Kevin Lowe, Ellie O'Toole, Joe McCarthy & Bruna Perdoni

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Daniel Daley, Jim McHugh, Jack Murphy (40th), Michael Fahey (1st)

SANCTUARY LAMP

Thanksgiving Mystica Rosanne Fernandes (3rd Birthday)

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Thanksgiving Mystica Rosanne Fernandes (3rd Birthday)

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Who is Jesus for you and what difference does he make in your life? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the "Christ of God" - "the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the Anointed One, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36). The word for "Christ" in Greek is a translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah" - both words literally mean the Anointed One.

Why did Jesus command his disciples to be silent about his identity as the anointed Son of God? They were, after all, appointed to proclaim the good news to everyone. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it. \St. Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD), an early church father, explains the reason for this silence:

There were things yet unfulfilled which must also be included in their preaching about him. They must also proclaim the cross, the passion, and the death in the flesh. They must preach the resurrection of the dead, that great and truly glorious sign by which testimony is borne him that the Emmanuel is truly God and by nature the Son of God the Father. He utterly abolished death and wiped out destruction. He robbed hell, and overthrew the tyranny of the enemy. He took away the sin of the world, opened the gates above to the dwellers upon earth, and united earth to heaven. These things proved him to be, as I said, in truth God. He commanded them, therefore, to guard the mystery by a seasonable silence until the whole plan of the dispensation should arrive at a suitable conclusion. (Commentary on Luke, Homily 49)

Jesus told his disciples that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption might be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard this word. How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55:8). It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us eternal life and freedom from the slavery of sin and from the oppression of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of humankind.

If we want to share in the victory of the Lord, then we must also take up our cross and follow where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? When my will crosses (does not align) with God's will, then his will must be done. To know Jesus Christ is to know the power of his victory on the cross where he defeated sin and conquered death through his resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the gifts and strength we need to live as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit gives us faith to know the Lord personally as our Redeemer, and the power to live the Gospel faithfully, and the courage to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the Gospel.

Who do you say that Jesus is?

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the covid restrictions. At present we invite you to continue to wear your mask but this is a choice for you to do or not. If you wish to social distance the stewards will direct you to where you can go.

mary's meals

a simple solution to world hunger

MARY'S MEALS are with us this morning collecting for their excellent work. **NO CLOTHES THIS TIME< PLEASE.**

REBUILDING OUR PARISH: After months of restrictions we now need to carefully and slowly rebuild many of the ministries that have not been possible. Were you a:

- Reader?
- Server?
- Singer/choir member?
- Cleaner?
- Steward/welcomer?
- Catechist?

Can you continue where you left off? Would you like to start in a new ministry? If our parish is to thrive, we need YOU to help and think clearly where you might use your talents in the rebuilding of our community. Parents, can you encourage your children? This is the time for fresh blood and new talents. We have the resources if you are able to give them. It's up to You - please don't leave it always to someone else!

FUNERAL LITURGY of Bruna Perdoni on Thursday 16th September at Breakspear Crematorium at 12.45pm. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Joe McCarthy on Thursday 23rd September at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

TUESDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS which follows on well from the theme of this Sunday's Bible readings - and is a kind of second Good Friday and Easter in the autumn! Our relic of the True Cross will be exposed, and we will be blessed with it at the end of Mass.

WEDNESDAY IS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS. 'In the passion of my maker, be my sinful soul partaker, may I bear with her my part.' (Stabat Mater.)

FR JULIO will be away now for the best part of six weeks as of last weekend as he returns to visit his family in Venezuela. Mgr Jeremy asks respectfully that you be patient if you need a priest during this time.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. Thank you to all who donated on Friday. Donations are still being accepted - just put through the letterbox, with a note of your name, at 972 Harrow Road (next to St. George's Church) by Friday 17th September. Again, a big THANK YOU to Macmillan Nurses who serve our community so well.

PARISH CENTRE & CAFÉ: this will be slowly opening up for small groups and we hope to have it all up and running as usual by Advent Sunday. This is also an important date when the bishops have restored the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass. Please note there will be NO commercial lettings of the hall until 2022.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am-3.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT 2021-22 Enrolment for the Year 3 children on this year's First Holy Communion Programme is taking place in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 14th September at 7pm.** Enrolment Packs, with full information about enrolment, are available at the back of church. Due to continuing COVID concerns we request that just **one Parent/Carer** attend the Enrolment Evening (children are not to attend). For further information about the Programme please contact our Catechetical Coordinator at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

HELPING WITH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22 - Each year we are hugely grateful to those parishioners who generously offer their time & talents to help prepare the children in Year 3 for their First Confession and First Holy Communion at St. George's. These sessions take place on Tuesday evenings during term-time. If you might consider helping please contact our Catechetical Coordinator at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Confirmation in this Parish takes place for those in Year 10 & above. If you are a young person wishing to be confirmed please keep an eye on the Newsletter from mid-November onwards for details of registration on next year's Programme.

WORK COMPLETED During the period of lockdown and beyond we have been financially stretched with smaller collections and consequently we have carried out very few improvement works. However, we have completed a piece of external work at the liturgical east end (actually it faces north and therefore gets the brunt of the weather). The work has consisted of removing the pigeons from the inside of the roof and sealing up against further intrusion. Repointing all the brickwork and replacing the cross which was blown down and destroyed by the winds in the 1980's. The remaining scaffold will be down in a week or two and we should be to look and see the finished work.

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL REFERENCES. Details of when the clergy will be available to sign your Certificate of Catholic Practice will be out soon. Please note that this certificate is exactly what it says: that you need to be practising (ie regularly at Mass) for this to be signed.

CHURCH LAMPS: These have now been rehung and the ship lamp at Our Lady of Walsingham has been restored. These can be booked each week in

memory of someone. Just contact the parish office. We have several empty gaps!

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.

GIFT AID DETAILS: In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer or you have changed your address please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

JOB VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE. On the diocesan website you can see a number of job vacancies that are available. For more details go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS: See www.catholichistorywalks.com for information. There's a regular programme of events around London. Trouble is they usually tell us about them with too little notice! If you would like to join the group for these interesting excursions, check the website.

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE MASS: will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington at the Cathedral on 11 September at 2.30pm.

CLEANER NEEDED for 2 hours each week. £10.00 per hour. Please contact: 0208 908 1039.

ROBERTO looking for room to rent. Non-smoker/drinker, quiet person. 07597 896173 "

ONLINE AND REMOTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support providing counselling and marriage preparation throughout England and Wales. They are looking for volunteers who can spare just a few hours a week working from the comfort of their own home to help them support marriage and relationships. They are asking for help in the two following roles. Zoom Support: Are you an expert on Zoom and would you like to use your tech-skills to help us run marriage preparation courses, training or CPD events online? Remote Secretary: Provide a vital service to counsellors and clients, taking last-minute cancellations calls and communicating changes as necessary. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR AN ENGAGED ECOUNTER WEEK-END taking place this weekend in Leamington-Spa.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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: *Isalah 50:5-9*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 114(116):1-6,8-9*

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord, my God, deliver me!

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
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Second reading: James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation: Jn14:6

Allelula, allelula!

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.
Allelula!*

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,
take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.