

Sunday 21st August 2022

THE TWENTY FIRST 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
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Weekday Readings
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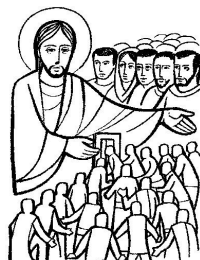
Divine Office
Week 1

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

THIS WEEK

Sun 21 Aug 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Marmerto M. De Jesus RIP Alfonso Ledo RIP Gabby Henry RIP Bernard Welikala RIP
Mon 22 Aug 9.30am	The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary Private intention
Tues 23 Aug 9.30am	S. Rose of Lima The Holy Souls
Weds 24 Aug 9.30am	S. BARTHOLOMEW, apostle Nora Prenedville RIP
Thurs 25 Aug 9.30am	S. Louls of France Farell Valmond RIP
Fri 26 Aug 9.30am	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God  Rosario S. De Jesus RIP
Sat 27 Aug 9.30am	Of Our Lady Allan Woods RIP
Sun 28 Aug 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH McDermott, Fee, Bonner & Barker families Yolande Dias RIP Bridie Cunningham RIP Max Perera RIP

TODAY'S MASS



"The last shall be first" We must not think of ourselves better than others just because we are Christians. It may be that others will find their way to the kingdom before us! We must set ourselves high standards and try to enter the kingdom by the narrow door.

First Reading *Isaiah 66:18-21*
Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 117:1-2*
Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13*
Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Gospel Reading *Luke 13:22-30*
People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Hold firmly that our faith is identical with that of the ancients. Deny this, and you dissolve the unity of the Church.

St. Thomas Aquinas

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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.

HOLYDAYS 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: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Dee Auriol, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Shaun Scoon and Patrick Fernando*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Rhea Eve Carey*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Thomas Fernandes,*

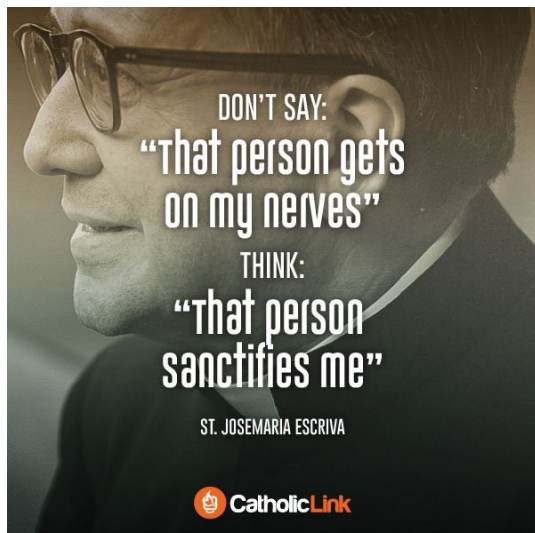
ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Yolande Dias, Farrell Valmond, Max Perera (5th), James Walsh*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST
Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



What does the image of a door say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' story about the door being shut to those who come too late suggests they had offended their host and deserved to be excluded. It was customary for teachers in Jesus' time to close the door on tardy students and not allow them back for a whole week in order to teach them a lesson in discipline and faithfulness.

Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven - to God's kingdom of everlasting peace and eternal life. Many rabbis held that all Israel would be saved and gain entry into God's kingdom, except for a few blatant sinners who excluded themselves! After all, they were specially chosen by God when he established a covenant relationship with them.

Jesus surprised his listeners by saying that one's membership as a people who have entered into a covenant relationship with God does not automatically mean entry into the everlasting kingdom of God. Second, Jesus asserts that many from the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations would enter God's kingdom. God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile alike.

But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not *strive to enter by the narrow door*. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. *I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved* (John 10:9). God sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to open the way for us to have full access to the throne of God's grace (favour and blessing) and mercy (pardon for our sins). Through Jesus' victory on the cross he has freed us from slavery to sin and hurtful desires and addictions, and he has made us sons and daughters of God and citizens of his heavenly kingdom. We are free now to choose which kingdom we will serve - the kingdom of truth and light ruled by God's wisdom or the kingdom of falsehood and darkness ruled by Satan and the world system or society of people who are opposed to God and his laws.

If we want to enter God's kingdom and receive our full inheritance which is stored up for us in heaven, then we must follow the Lord Jesus in his way of the cross through a willing renunciation of our own will for his will - our own life for his life - our own way for his way.

Why did Jesus say we must *strive to enter* his kingdom of righteousness and peace? The word *strive* can also be translated as *agony*. To enter the kingdom of God we must struggle against every force or power of opposition - even the temptation to remain indifferent, apathetic, or compromising in our faith and personal trust in Jesus, our hope in holding firm to the promises of Jesus, and our uncompromising love for God above all else. Saint Paul reminds us that our hope in God does not disappoint us because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church where you pick up the weekly sheet together with a basket of crayons (Please make sure you put these back neat and tidy. They are in two age groups: 3-6 & 7-12.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family.

CHANGES: We'll be saying goodbye to Fr Julio in a few weeks. His last weekend will be September 4th. There will be cakes and pastries in the bar after the 9.45am & 11.15am Mass to help us say goodbye and thank you. We'll be welcoming Fr Mike on the next weekend, Sunday 11th September.

MUSIC at all the Masses have stopped now for all of August and resume in September. Thank you to our choirs and musicians for enhancing our worship and for your commitment. Come September we will be looking hard for people to help with our singing and music. Over the summer have a good think whether you can help in this way.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Many thanks to those who have come forward offering to help with the FHC Programme next year. Those wishing to enrol on next year's Preparation Programme, beginning in September, should note that **Enrolment Forms** are now available at the **back of church**. Please note that to enrol you will need to be seen to **regularly attend Mass at our Parish** in the months preceding the start of our Parish Programme & also obtain a copy of your child's **Baptism Certificate**.

CONFIRMATION - We are considering starting a **Post-Confirmation 'Prayer & Pizza'** group in the Autumn. This would offer the young people, who have recently received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, the opportunity to continue to meet together once a month on a Thursday evening to share a little in the light of faith. To register your interest please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk. Details of Registration on 2023's Confirmation Programme will be published in the Newsletter later this year.

READING AT 5.30PM MASS - Might you consider **reading at the Sunday Evening Mass**? This ministry offers the opportunity to reflect a little more attentively on the Word of God whilst also serving the community at Mass. The commitment is just once a month. There are some gaps in our regular rota that we remain keen to fill. If you might consider helping, please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk, for further information or speak to any of the Parish Team. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA have recently presented some certificates and prizes to pupils from

St George's School who took part in the KSC Easter painting and "Pray for our earth" prayer competitions. Two of the entries were then chosen by the provincial judges (Westminster West) for submission to the KSC Head Office for the national judging. Special congratulations to Lena Kostuj (Easter Painting) and Meabh Elton (Prayer) for this achievement. Thank you to all who entered and to Ms. Tuohy, from St George's School.

ROSARY AT HOME - If you would be interested in becoming part of the 'Rosary at Home' initiative, where a statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to your home for a period as you say the Rosary each day, please fill-in your details on the clipboard in the church porch.

SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul): Here is a date for your diary! St George's SVP Group are organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 17th September 2022 at 7.15pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are £5 a head or £20 for a table of 4 people. All money raised will go towards the work that the SVP do to support those in need in the Parish. To book a table, email frain.home@gmail.com or call Theresa on 07753654154. Over 16s only.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - Westminster Youth Ministry is offering a **50% discount** on the cost of those attending the **World Youth Day pilgrimage** for those joining their **Youth Leadership Training** scheme. For full details please visit <https://dowm.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/>.

THE OVER 60's CLUB is now closed down for the summer. We look forward to seeing you on 6th September.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed for the month of August. Mass intentions can be booked via email or through posting an envelope through the presbytery letter box.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the coming months. Please contact the office.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA: JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE:
for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

THE UNIVERSE:: Parishioners wishing to view the online version of The Universe can do so by **subscribing to <http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk>**

SIGNING FORMS ETC. Please **always** make an appointment if you want school forms, passport forms, pension forms countersigned/witnessed by the clergy. The same if you want one of the clergy to act as a referee. Please don't just turn up at the door expecting it to be done immediately. Please also know if you want an English passport witnessed or naturalisation form we must have known you for a minimum of 3 years.

AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE HOLIDAY SEASON: If you are a Reader, Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Counter, Musician, Cleaner or help out in any way and are going away, please arrange cover for your duties. This will help us enormously with the smooth running of the Masses and for all that we do together. Thank you in advance.

DIOCESAN AND SCHOOL VACANCIES please see folder in porch or School/diocesan website.

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages & retreats, job opportunities, schools & colleges information.

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE, Wealdstone, is currently advertising for a Pastoral Support Officer to work within the Student Services Department from September 2022. Please see website for details



ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all

ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster for the following dates: - St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham: 3rd September, 30th October - 1st November - Westminster Cathedral: 3rd - 5th September - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes:



5th - 6th September - St Mary's University, Twickenham: 6th September - St John Fisher, Shepperton: 6th - 7th September - St Joseph's, Stevenage: 17th - 18th October - Our Lady of Willesden, Willesden: 28th - 30th October For full details of the tour, visit www.stbernadette.org.uk

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *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.

First reading: *Isalah 66:18-21*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 116:1-2*

R/. Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! *R/.*
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. *R/.*

Second reading: *Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? *My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.* Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any

ishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So *hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread;* then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 14:23*

Allelula, allelula!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Allelula!

Gospel: *Luke 13:22-30*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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.