

Sunday 28th August 2022

THE TWENTY SECOND 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.

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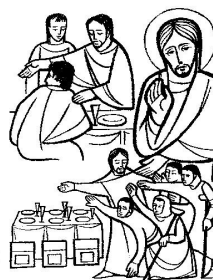
For children,  
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[sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 28 Sept</b> 6.15pm 8.30am	<b>23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <b>THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b> McDermott, Fee, Bonner & Barker families Yolande Dias RIP Bridie Cunningham RIP Max Perera RIP
<b>Mon 29 Aug</b> 9.30am	<b>The Passion of S. John the Baptist</b> Sean & Joan Faughey Ints (50th Wedding anniversary)
<b>Tues 30 Aug</b> 9.30am	<b>Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, martyrs</b> Sean Kelly Ints.
<b>Weds 31 Aug</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Alden and the Saints of Lindisfarne</b> Mr & Mrs Dan Galvin RIP
<b>Thurs 1 Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>ferla</b> Patrick Kelly RIP
<b>Fri 2 Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>ferla</b> Alfnso Ledo RIP
<b>Sat 3 Sept</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Gregory the Great</b> Mary Bernadette Maguire RIP
<b>Sun 4 Sept</b> 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> John Brady RIP (7th Anniv.) Margaret Whoriskey RIP James Walsh RIP Edward Johnston RIP <b>THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>



TODAY'S MASS



Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

**First Reading** *Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29*  
Humble yourself and you will find favour with God

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 68:4-7,10-11*  
The just rejoice and exult before God.

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24*  
You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 14:1,7-14*  
When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

He who desires nothing but God is  
rich and happy.  
*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

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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 (5th), Joe McCarthy (1st), Max Perera (5th), Patrick Kelly*

### BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

*In memory of Joe McCarthy RIP (1st Anniv.)*

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*Max Perera RIP*

### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

#### Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

Augustine

Who wants to be last? Isn't it only natural to desire respect and esteem from others? Jesus' parable of the guests invited to the marriage feast probes our motives for seeking honour and position. Self-promotion is most often achieved at the expense of others! Jesus' parable reinforces the teaching of Proverbs: Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of the prince (Proverbs 25:6-7).

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our life and action? True humility is not feeling bad about yourself, or having a low opinion of yourself, or thinking of yourself as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us (Psalm 139:1-4). A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion or pretence to be something he or she is not. The humble regard themselves neither smaller nor larger than they truly are.

True humility frees us to be our true selves and to avoid despair and pride. A humble person does not have to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others, especially to those who are not really familiar with that person. The humble are not swayed by accidentals, such as fame, reputation, success, or failure.

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own. St. Paul, gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ..who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:7-8). Jesus gives grace to those who seek him humbly. So, do you want to be a servant as Jesus served?

# NEWS UPDATE



**NEXT SUNDAY –4th September will be Fr Jullo's last Sunday with us before he moves to Hanwell. We thank him for his ministry among us and wish him well in this next part of his work as a priest. There will be cakes and pastries in the café Bar after the 9.45am Mass and the 11.15am and a chance to say "goodbye" in person. We'll be having a collection for him once we are all back in September so we can give him a gift by which he can remember us.. You are also welcome to give him anything in person too.**

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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://dowym.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 - 1 st November - Westminster Cathedral: 3rd - 5 th September - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes: 5th - 6 th September - St Mary's University, Twickenham: 6th September - St John Fisher, Shepperton: 6th - 7 th 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](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)



# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

## Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts the love of your name,  
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,  
you may nurture in us what is good  
and, by your watchful care,  
keep safe what you have nurtured.  
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: *Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.  
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.  
There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 67:4-7,10-11*

*R/. In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.*

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. *R/.*
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: *R/.*
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. *R/.*

## Second reading: *Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have

come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Jn14:23*

*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 14:1,7-14*

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord,  
confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Ps 30: 20*

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

## Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from  
the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord,  
that, being the food of charity,  
it may confirm our hearts  
and stir us to serve you in  
our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.