

Sunday 7th August 2022

NINETEENTH 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.


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THIS WEEK

Sun 7 Aug 6.15pm	19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Angeline & Barry Taylor RIP (Mary Mallet RIP)
8.30am	Gabriella Henry RIP
9.45am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.15am	Kevin Lowe RIP (1st anniv.)
5.30pm	Jordan Fernandes RIP
Mon 8 Aug 9.30am	S. Dominic Holy Souls
Tues 9 Aug 9.30am	S. THERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS Marjorie Nurse RIP
Weds 10 Aug 9.30am	S. LAWRENCE Coomarewel Family Ints.
Thurs 11 Aug 9.30am	S. Clare Viola Arnephy RIP
Fri 29 12 Aug 9.30am	S. Jane Frances de Chantal Teresa Green RIP 
Sat 13 Aug 9.30am	Of Our Lady Reparation of Sins
Sun 14 Aug 6.15pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Betty Quigley RIP
8.30am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am	Baptiste Fernandes Ints.
11.15am	Mark Burton RIP
5.30pm	Mary Grace Perera RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

First Reading *Wisdom 18:6-9*

The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22*

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Gospel Reading *Luke 12:32-48*

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The bread you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor".

St. Basil the Great

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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: *Felix Kacik, Gabriel Srithevan*

RECENTLY MARRIED: *Joel Fernandes & Andrea Vas*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Thomas Fernandes,*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Kevin Lowe, Mary Mallet*

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

Troy Jared Caiado Ints. (5th Birthday)

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Pedro & Priscilla Gracias RIP

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.

"JESUS GIVES ALL TO THOSE WHO SURRENDER ALL."

-ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS



What is the greatest joy and treasure we could possibly possess? The Lord Jesus promises that those who seek God and his kingdom will not be disappointed (Luke 12:32, Matthew 6:33). The Lord Jesus offers us the greatest treasure possible - but we must first seek it and make it our true joy and possession above all else. We naturally want to have and keep whatever we think will bring us happiness, peace, and security. Jesus offers a priceless treasure and source of abundant joy and security that is worth selling all else for.

Jesus tells his followers to not be fearful or anxious about their present lives and future security (Luke 12:32). He urges them to sell their possessions and to give their money to those who need it most - especially those who have nothing to provide for their present needs and welfare (Luke 12:33). This seems to go against our natural instinct to hoard and save for the future. Why would anyone want to sell their possessions and give away their money - unless they wanted to exchange these goods for something far more precious and of greater value than all the money and possessions they could ever hope to acquire in this present life.

Jesus warns that money and possessions will not last and can be taken away at any moment by a thief or by death itself. But there is one treasure which can never be lost or destroyed because it is kept secure by God himself. What is that treasure? It is the Lord himself and his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). This treasure is worth far more than anything we could possibly acquire on our own. If you make the Lord your treasure, then you will have in your possession the greatest source of joy and lasting peace and security. The wisdom of Scripture tells us, *If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, and will turn your face toward God* (Job 22:25-26).

What is the meaning of the parable of the master who returns from a wedding feast to his home in the middle of the night (Luke 12:35-40)? The door to one's house in the ancient world was usually bolted from the inside, especially at night to keep out thieves and troublemakers. It was not possible to enter from the outside without help from someone inside. Household attendants (domestic servants) who knew their master's voice were expected to be always vigilant and prepared to unbolt the door and let him in without a moment's delay. This required an attentive watchfulness and listening ear for any sign of the master's approach. No distraction, not even sleep, could be allowed to interfere with the preparation for the master's return. If the servants failed to hear the voice of their master's return, they literally shut him out since he could not unbolt the door from the outside - only they could open the door from within and allow him to enter. Their failure to welcome and serve the master on his return brought shame and dishonour.

If the Lord knocked on your door today would you be ready and eager to receive him? He wants us to be prepared for his coming - today, tomorrow, at the hour of our departure from this life (our death), and when he comes again at the end of this present world to judge all the living and the dead. The Lord will reward those who have believed in him. Jesus knocks on the door of our heart each and every day. Do you listen to his word and receive it with trust and joy? The Lord calls to each one of us and he says, "Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will feast together" (Revelations 3:20). The big question today's readings pose is: do you hunger for the Lord and for the treasure of his kingdom?

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.

THANK YOU Fr DAN for helping out during last week and welcome back to Fr Antonio Pineda helping this weekend. Fr Julio is on holiday.

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://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 - 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 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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: *Wisdom 18:6-9*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 32(33):1, 12, 18-20, 22*

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second reading: *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*

can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves

make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Luke 12:32-48*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered
and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Ps 147: 12, 14*

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.