

23RD JULY – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Because God is all-powerful he governs the world with patience, allowing time for repentance

Responsorial: Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10

℟: O Lord, you are good and forgiving

Second reading: Romans 8:26-27

God understands our ill-expressed wishes better than we do ourselves

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

God will judge all justly at the end of time

*Recall something in your life that began small
and has now grown; give thanks
Lord, may your kingdom come among us.*

Everything starts small. The mustard seed was a tiny seed that grew into a flowering bush; it was not mustard as we know it, but only a bush to give beauty and shelter. It can remind us of the beauty of creation, and of the caring shelter we can give to others. It is also a reminder that each of us began as a seed in the mother's body, and grew with the plan of God. The love of God grows like that - it begins small with birth and with baptism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage - love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others may shelter in love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many.

We want the kingdom of God on earth and God is saying that it grows slowly. It grows as we try to grow love, peace, justice and compassion. The shelter of the mustard bush is the mercy of God, encouraging our parish to be 'an oasis of mercy' (Pope Francis). It is not easy, as love and care for the really needy often meets with opposition. The kingdom of God grows with the help of God, and without this help, our efforts are in vain.

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, 23-July Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
Syro Malabar Rite: 4.00pm

MONDAY, 24-July 9.30am: Requiem Mass of Ernest John Sargent

TUESDAY, 25-July **ST JAMES, Apostle**
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 26-July **Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 27-July Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm
11.00am: Requiem Mass of James Greaney

FRIDAY, 28-July Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY, 29-July **Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus:**
Mass: 9.30am
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, 30-July Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
Filipino Mass: 4.00pm

POPE'S INTENTION - JULY 2023

For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Polly De Curtorim, Louis Gabriel, Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Ernest John Sargent, Hannah's husband who died on 6th July 2023. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 24th July at 9.30am followed by a cremation at West London Crematorium. Ernest known to all of us as Ernie, was a long term volunteer at our parish. He will be dearly missed. May his soul rest in peace.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

James Greaney who died on 1st July 2023. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 27th July 11.00am followed by burial at Greenford Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

2023-2024 CATECHISM PROGRAMME: All Catechism application forms for the **2023-2024** programme are available on the Parish website.

The programmes are for **First Holy Communion** (for both Catholic and non-Catholic schools), **Post First Holy Communion Catechism** (for the Children who recently received their First Holy Communion), **Confirmation** and **RCIA**.

Parents wishing to enrol their Child may download and print the appropriate form. Fully completed forms for all programmes along with the copy of the requested documents must be submitted by **31st July 2023** through the Presbytery Letter Box. You do not need to ring the bell. Forms arriving after this date will not be accepted.

Catechists will be available after the Sunday 10.45am Mass to answer any of your queries.

LOOKING FOR TALENTS FOR THE SUNDAY 7.30PM MASS CHOIR

TEAM: Parishioners who wish to be part of the Sunday 7.30pm Mass choir please contact Parish office.

Filipino Mass: There will be Mass on Sunday 30th July at 3.00pm.

JUNIOR YOUTH MEETING: will be held on Friday 28th July from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Pastoral Centre. This is a gathering for the youth from our parish aged 12 to 18. New members are welcome to join.

Mary's Meals: will be at our parish this weekend; it is a charity that feeds young children one good meal every day in their place of education. Mary's Meals feeds in some of the world's poorest communities, in countries such as Malawi, Haiti, Thailand and most recently Yemen. So the volunteers are here to speak us more about of their work.

WORLD YOUTH DAY is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon

SUMMER DAYS: Weather is getting hotter during these period, so please carry a bottle of water with you in case of any emergency use.

Meet and Greet after 9.00am Sunday Mass: Parishioners are welcome to join for tea and coffee after the 9.00am Sunday Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC THROUGH THE RCIA PROGRAMME?

This means: Adults who are not Baptised at all and who wish to become Catholics: Adults who are baptised into another Christian denomination, but wish to become Catholics, and Adults who wish to become FULL members of the Roman Catholic Church (i.e., those who have been baptised but may not have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist). Registration Forms are now available for the preparation sessions. They may be collected from the Presbytery or may be down loaded from the Parish website - and you will need to make an appointment to talk with one of the priests before you start the sessions.