

## 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### First reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

King Solomon's prayer for wisdom: he prays for a heart that would discern between good and evil

### Responsorial: Psalm 118

℟: Lord, how I love your law!

### Second reading: Romans 8:28-30

If we simply love God, all that happens to us will work for our good

### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Three parables: the treasure, the pearl and the net. The kingdom to be prized beyond everything else.

*Think of what you really value in life. Take time.  
Give thanks to God for what brings deep joy in life.*

*Thy Kingdom Come, Lord Jesus.*

Jesus takes the ordinary for his story asking what you would really want never to lose/ asking what your treasure is. Is it money, reputation, locality? I gave up a better job but had time for the family and for love'; words of a young father. We know that parents give up a lot for their children; as do grandparents/ godparents and others. As people we look for what's most important in life: the love of God; deep and enduring friendships/ success after hard work in school/ commitment to the poor - what cannot be lost and what is worth sacrificing other good things for.

Life is a mixture of the good and the bad. There is an old saying: 'There's good in the worst of us and bad in the best of us. We work for God with the strengths and weaknesses of all we work with. God sows the seed of the gospel in good and bad soil; it bears fruit in its own way wherever it is sown. The treasure is in our people. So much hidden generosity comes out at bad times - floods, power cuts, illness and death. We need always to find the hidden treasures in our own people and even in our history. The kingdom of God is close, near and is within us.

## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, 30-July Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
3.00pm : *Filipino Mass*

MONDAY, 31-July **St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**  
Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 01-Aug **St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor:**  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 02-Aug  
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 03-Aug  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 04-Aug **St John Vianney, Priest:**  
Mass: 12.00noon & 6.30pm

SATURDAY, 05-Aug  
Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm - *Sunday Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY, 06-Aug **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD:**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
4.00pm: *Konkani Mass*

### 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.

**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 **31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

### PLENARY INDULGENCE

On Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the plenary indulgence (the Portiuncula) may be acquired in minor basilicas, shrines and parish churches.

Requirements: a devout visit to a church and the recitation there of the Lord's prayer and Creed, in addition to sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. This indulgence may be gained only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day to midnight on the day itself.

**Filipino Mass:** There will be Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm.

**Liturgy of the Word (Children Liturgy):** will be on Summer break and restart in September.

**Thank you:** Hannah Sargent and family would like to thank all the hundreds of parishioners who offered condolences on the death of her husband Ernie. We would especially like to mention Kathy, Priscilla, Maria, Nimalka and Michelle. May his soul rest in peace.

### GETTING MARRIED

- **In the Catholic Church in this Country:** You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months **before** the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.
- **In the Catholic Church Abroad:** In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.

### 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 downloaded from the Parish website - and you will need to make an appointment to talk with one of the priests before you start the sessions.