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Sunday 26th July 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 26th July 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15pm (Saturday 25th July 2020)

For healing - Rachel.

8.30am Peter Chapman RIP.

11.30am Maria Thi Bay Nguyen RIP.

5pm People of the parish.

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 27th July 2020

10am: Pietro Mobile RIP.

Private Mass:

Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP,

Tuesday 28th July 2020

10am Recovery of Mary.

Private Mass: Thanksgiving (Anna).

Wednesday 29th July 2020

St Martha, (Memorial)

10am Bogdan Zajkowski RIP.

Private Mass: In reparation and for healing of the Maduka family (Novena).

Thursday 30th July 2020

10am Mary Ann Sy Yan RIP.

Private Mass: In reparation for sins committed.

Friday 31st July 2020

St Ignatius of Loyola,

Priest (Memorial)

10am UCM intention.

Private Mass: Fr Cyril Walmsley RIP

Parish Priest of St Bartholomew's from 1938-1944 (died 1971)

Saturday 1st August 2020

St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, (Memorial)

10am Intentions of Joseph Lunn.

Next Sunday 2nd August 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15pm (Saturday 1st August 2020)

People of the parish

8.30am Bogdan Zajkowski RIP.

11.30am Fr Giovanni Prandini

& Fr John Howard

(Newly ordained priests)

5pm Fr Peter Sebastian &

Fr Dermott O'Gorman

(Newly ordained priests)

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE CHURCH. IT IS JUST FOR YOU. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW IT ON THE PARISH WEB SITE.

PUBLIC MASSES

We now hold public Masses daily, subject to COVID – related rules and regulations. We must adhere to the instructions from Archbishop John Wilson, all of which follow government guidelines. There will be no 10am Sunday Mass. Meanwhile, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated at 10am from Monday to Saturday, and one private Mass will be celebrated, with no congregation. We are not open for private prayer.

We still need more volunteer stewards, aged 18 or over, not self-isolating, nor in any at-risk category. Please contact the Parish Office to register your availability.

We cannot operate without the availability of sufficient stewards.

Please wait for information on Baptism, Confessions, Weddings and Funerals. We are not permitted to use our Reconciliation Room.

We ask for your patience whilst the necessary planning takes place.

The hall remains out of action.

Please continue to follow all instructions and directions given to you by the clergy and stewards.

Should we fail to adhere to the instructions given, Masses could cease. We must all be good stewards! There will be no singing, no sign of peace, and no bidding prayers. Sermons will be somewhat shorter! Please continue to follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines.

PARISH FINANCES & GIFT AID

Standing orders assure us of just £750.00 per week. (NB: approximate figure). Some recent new Standing Orders have not been applied by banks. Please check your bank statements, and contact the Parish Office for advice and forms to get things moving if you are affected.

Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme via the Parish Office.

During the next four weeks, Gift Aid envelopes will be delivered to all members of the Gift Aid Scheme.

For obvious reasons, we simply cannot leave them out for collection.

We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order. In these times when many are unable to come to Mass, but are concerned about making their offering, having a Standing Order would enable them to ensure that their planned giving continues without interruption, and provide the satisfaction that the financial element of their stewardship, as determined by their personal financial circumstances, is fulfilled. One should also bear in mind the fact that the use and handling of cash presents its own issues.

Standing Orders make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting. Those receiving boxes of envelopes will find a Standing Order Form inside.

NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

Please pray for four new priests of the Archdiocese of Southwark:

Giovanni Prandini,

John Howard,

Peter Sebastian,

Dermott O'Gorman.

All these newly ordained men are ready to exercise their priestly ministry after several years of training and preparation.

They were ordained at St George's Cathedral, Southwark by Archbishop John Wilson, in separate ceremonies, each with only a few persons present, due to COVID restrictions. They begin their work in the Lord's Vineyard in the most extraordinary of times.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR

ALTAR SERVERS – BEING COVID COMPLIANT

Due to social distancing and hygiene guidelines, **only one Server** is permitted on the Sanctuary at each Mass. Their only task will be to ring the bell during the Eucharistic prayer. The bell will be sanitised between Masses.

NB: There will not be a kneeler for the Server.

Due to these restrictions, it has been decided that only either Deacon Ged, MC Jed Murphy or one of our more senior servers may serve at Mass. There are special guidelines that Altar Servers must adhere to without exception.

If you would like to serve at Mass, and provided you have been serving for at least 5 years, and you have permission from your parents or guardians, if appropriate, please email MC Jed Murphy: norburymc@rcaos.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND.

These include: Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake,

Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,

Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Delphine Fernandes,

Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,

Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski, Joseph Lunn,

Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Michael Madigan,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern,

Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,

Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Charmaine Shali,

Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,

Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Gail Wilson, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

SCHOOL REFERENCES 2021

We await news from the Archdiocesan Education Commission on this important process.

READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading – (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.'

Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this.

'Since you have asked for this,' the Lord said,

'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 response v 97)

R: Lord, how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise
to your servant. Let your love come to me
and I shall live, for your law is my delight. **R**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R**

Second Reading – (Romans 8:28-30)

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those what he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified, he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation – (John 15:15)

**Alleluia! alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you everything
I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

Gospel – (Matthew 13:44-52)

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value, he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of haul of kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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