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Sunday 9th August 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 9th August 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15pm (Saturday 8th August 2020)

For all those who have lost their jobs due to Covid19.

8.30am Reparation for sins against life.

11.30am All our sick and housebound parishioners, and those in care homes.

5pm People of the parish.

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 10th August 2020

St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)

10am: In reparation for sins committed.

Private Mass: Ellis Foundation Mass.

Tuesday 11th August 2020

St Clare, Virgin (Memorial)

10am In reparation and for healing of the Maduka family (Novena).

Private Mass: Intentions of Fr Tomasz on his recent birthday.

Wednesday 12th August 2020

10am Intentions of Etelvina Barreto on the occasion of her 85th birthday.

Private Mass: Raffaele Greco RIP.

Thursday 13th August 2020

10am. Through the intercession of Our Lady, protection, strength & guidance for Religious & Seminarians (Novena).

Private Mass: Intentions of Fr Tomasz on his recent birthday.

Friday 14th August 2020

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr (Memorial)

10am. In reparation for sins against life.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

Saturday 15th August 2020

Our Lady

10am Mary Vassallo RIP.

Next Sunday 16th August 2020

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)

6.15pm (Saturday 15th August 2020)

Amelia Yoo Foo RIP

8.30am People of the parish

11.30am Thanksgiving for the priestly ordination of Fr Giovanni Alexander, blessings on his priestly life & ministry.

5pm The people of Beirut affected by the recent horrific explosion.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. 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. Indeed, lack of them could result in us having to cancel Masses.

Please wait for information on Baptism, Weddings and Funerals. 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. 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. Please see the instructions in the next column regarding Communion.

HOLY COMMUNION

Please approach as directed by stewards. Kindly lower your mask (no need to remove it) in order to consume Our Blessed Lord. Please remove any gloves. Then replace your mask and exit the Church.

THE RETURN OF CONFESSION

This will be on a first-come-first-served basis every Saturday after the 10am Mass, from 10.30am until 11am.

Since we are not permitted to use the Reconciliation Room, Confessions will be heard in the working sacristy, accessed through the main sacristy, where the servers normally vest.

You will firstly be directed to the Retro Chapel to wait. After your Confession, you should leave immediately and make your penance at home.

Please follow all social distancing guidelines and any directions.

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.

Distribution of new Gift Aid envelopes directly to homes has now commenced. Those with full boxes of envelopes will find a Standing Order form enclosed.

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 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.

Standing Orders make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting.

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

These include: Jessica Anane,
Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake,
Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére,
Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,
Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude,
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.

READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading – (1 Kings: 19:9, 11-13)

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord." Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 84:9-14 response v 8)

**R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
Justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R**
3. The Lord will make us prosper,
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

Second Reading – (Romans 9:1-5)

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this:
my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless,
I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation – (Luke 19:38)

**Alleluia! alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes
in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heavens! Alleluia!**

Gospel – (Matthew 14:22-33)

Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night, he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.

'It is a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

But at once Jesus called out to them, saying,

'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come,' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried.

Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.

'Man of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'

And as they got into the boat, the wind dropped.

The men in the boat bowed down before him and said,

'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Delphine Fernandes, of Turle Road,
who died on Friday 31st July 2020.

Also **Anthony (Tony) Duffy**, of Dunbar Avenue,
who died on Monday 3rd August 2020.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the families. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.