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Sunday 30th August 2020

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 29th August 2020)

Crescent Fernandes RIP.

8.30am Fr Donald Minchew RIP.

11.30am In thanksgiving to

St Anthony of Padua.

5pm People of the parish.

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 31st August 2020

10am. Tom Dunne RIP.

Pvt Mass – In reparation and for healing
of the Maduka family (Novena)

Tuesday 1st September 2020

10am. Mariusz Cichosz RIP.

Pvt Mass: Emmanuel Yankyerah RIP.

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

10am Thanksgiving – Cynthia Jouan.

Pvt Mass: The Holy Souls.

Thursday 3rd September 2020

St Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor of the Church (Feast)

10am Bernard Doherty RIP.

Pvt Mass: The Holy Souls.

Friday 4th September 2020

St Cuthbert, Bishop (Memorial)

First Friday of the month

10am Grace Adcock RIP & family.

Pvt Mass: The Holy Souls.

Saturday 5th September 2020

10am Evelyn Hyland RIP.

Next Sunday 6th September 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 5th September 2020)

Mary Vassallo RIP.

8.30am People of the Parish.

11.30am In thanksgiving to Our Lady
of Perpetual Succour.

5pm All those returning to school.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays after 10am Mass, until approximately 11am. Please go to the Retro Chapel as directed to await your turn. Proceed through the main sacristy to the working sacristy. Please exit the church straight afterwards and make your penance and thanksgiving at home.

**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.**

FAREWELL FR TOMASZ

We ask God's blessing on Fr Tomasz, with thanks for his ministry with us.

We wish him well as he moves to St Joseph's & St Swithin's Bromley.

PUBLIC MASSES

We now hold public Masses daily. Meanwhile, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Daily public Mass is at 10am from Monday to Saturday, with at least one private Mass from Monday to Friday with no congregation.

We are not open for private prayer. We need more volunteer stewards, aged 18 or over, without whom we may have to cancel Masses.

The hall remains out of action. Please follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines at all times when in the church, as well as any instructions and directions given to you by the clergy and stewards. There will be no singing, no sign of peace, and no bidding prayers. Sermons will be somewhat shorter! Kindly to not gather outside or in the porch, either before or after attending Mass or Confession.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are plenty of opportunities to have Masses said. Please contact the Parish Office to make a booking and for advice on Mass offerings. Even if you cannot be present, Mass will still be said for requested intentions.

THE REPOSITORY

The Repository will open when there is somebody available to staff it. Only two persons may enter at any one time. Please follow all instructions given.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

This year, due to COVID 19, school reference interviews will be conducted by phone.

Please download and print out the Reference Form, which is on the Home Page of our parish web site: <https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/index.html>

Please complete the form in ink.

Please do not complete it on line. You will find very clear instructions on the form. Please spread the word to anybody you know who may not have internet access or where they may not be able to read or understand English. The closing date for forms to reach the Parish Office is Sunday 11th October.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Please follow directions given by priests, ministers and stewards. Masks should be lowered and hands outstretched to accept the Host. Kindly leave immediately afterwards.

PARISH FINANCES & GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDERS

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.

We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order.

In these times when many cannot come to Mass, and are concerned about making offerings, having a Standing Order would ensure that their planned giving continues without interruption, with the satisfaction that the financial element of their stewardship, dependent upon 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, INCLUDING:**

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,
Terry Jupp; 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, Carole Winch,
John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,
Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading – (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be
seduced; you have overpowered me; you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim:
'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long. I used to say,

'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any
more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied
me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9 response v 2)

R: For you, my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you, my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

4. For you have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings, I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast. **R**

Second Reading – (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you,
in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your
living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.

Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around
you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind.
This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what
is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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

Gospel Acclamation – (cf Ephesians 1:17, 18)

**Alleluia! alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

Gospel – (Matthew 16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined
to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the
elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started
to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said.
'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter,
'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path,
because the way you think is not God's way, but man's.

'Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a
follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross
and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it;
but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins
his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father
with his angels and, when he does, he will reward each one
according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
AND CONFIRMATION**

Plans are now underway for the reception of these Sacraments in
small groups over the coming months. Our children have waited
a long time for what they were expecting to happen earlier in the
year, and have continued with their studies during lockdown.

Please pray for all our First Holy Communion candidates, that
they may soon receive our Blessed Lord for the first time and,
with the encouragement of their parents and guardians,
and, indeed, the parish as a whole, continue in the practice of
receiving Jesus, the Bread of Life, regularly.

Please pray also for our Confirmandi. Again, they have
continued their preparation throughout lockdown.

May their faith be strengthened through this Sacrament,
and may they willingly allow the Holy Spirit to act in their lives.

Our sincere thanks to all our Catechists, who have worked
tirelessly to ensure that candidates completed their studies,
making them ready to receive these two vital Sacraments.