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Sunday 6th September 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

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.

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 7th September 2020

10am. Christine Clark RIP.
Pvt Mass: Margherita Gunner RIP.

Tuesday 8th September 2020

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

10am. Caitlyn Vailankanni Chloe
Correia (3rd birthday)
Pvt Mass: In reparation and for healing
of the Maduka family (Novena).

Wednesday 9th September 2020

10am Roy Daniels RIP.
Pvt Mass: Ellis Foundation Mass.

Thursday 10th September 2020

10am Philip Cowie RIP (birthday).
Pvt Mass: Through the intercession
of Our Lady, for protection, strength
and guidance for all Religious
and Seminarians (Novena).

Friday 11th September 2020

10am Custodio & Patrick
Mascarenas RIP
Pvt Mass: Thanksgiving, Kiran Bacchus

Saturday 12th September 2020

The Most Holy Name of Mary

10am Fr James Carolin RIP (21st year).

Next Sunday 13th September 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 12th September 2020)
Margaret Towey RIP.
8.30am People of the parish
11.30am Jack Chapman RIP (birthday)
5pm Intentions of Bridie Dillon.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays after 10am Mass, until
approximately 11am. in the working
sacristy. Please await your turn in the
Retro Chapel. 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.**

FR AUGUSTINE GHADO

We expect Fr Augustine to arrive at
some time prior to the end of
November, following his holiday in
Nigeria, and dependent upon any
quarantine restrictions which may be
in force upon his return. As soon as we
have any news, we shall tell you.

PUBLIC MASSES

**The obligation to attend Sunday
Mass remains suspended.**

**Daily public Mass is at 10am from
Monday to Saturday. A private
Mass is said each weekday.**

**We are not open for private prayer.
Please come forward to be volunteer
stewards, if you are aged 18 or over.**

**The hall remains closed to parish
groups. Please follow all NHS and
Public Health guidelines as well as
any instructions and directions
given to you by clergy and stewards.**

**There will be no singing, no sign of
peace, and no bidding prayers.
Kindly do not gather outside or in
the porch, either before or after
attending Mass or Confession.**

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office now opens on
Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
between 11am & 3pm. Please only visit
if essential. please be guided by any
COVID directions given, and always
wear a mask or other face covering.

MASS INTENTIONS

**Please ask stewards for Mass Intentions
Envelopes. Remember that you may
Gift Aid Mass offerings. Alternatively,
please contact the Parish Office.**

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 Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,
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,
Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, 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 – (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows,
'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the
House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth,
warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man,
"Wicked wretch, you are to die", and you do not speak to
warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall
die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death.
If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his
ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die
for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 response vv 7-8)

**R: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs, let us hail the Lord **R**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low,
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

Second Reading – (Romans 13:8-10)

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love.

If you love your fellow men, you have carried out your
obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit
adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not
covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command:
You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing
that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to
every one of the commandments.

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

Gospel Acclamation – (John 17:17)

**Alleluia! alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

Gospel – (Matthew 18:15-20)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something
wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two
selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.
If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you:
the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any
charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the
community; and if he refuses to listen to the community,
treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be
considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall
be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to
ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my
Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name,
I shall be there with them.'

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.

Once dates have been finalised for these two Sacraments,
we shall advise you of them. However, attendance will be
limited to close family and sponsors. We regret that none of the
special Masses organised will be open to parishioners.

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.