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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS (23 and 30 July, and 6 August)

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 23 JULY – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

(Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Mass Book p 105*

8.00am Mass: Philomena and VJ Srivastava

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Richard Grey RIP

6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

No weekday Masses this week

Sunday 30 JULY – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Mass Book p 108*

8.00am Mass: Charmaine Lee and Family

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Junior Nkohkwo RIP

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

No weekday Masses this week

Sunday 6 AUGUST – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

(Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Mass Book p 173*

8.00am Mass: Eamon and Ann McCluskey RIP

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Win Holman RIP

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

No weekday Masses this week

Readers 23rd July

8am: Mark Murphy

Readers 30th July

8am: Valentino Ferdis

Readers 6th Aug

8am: Mark Murphy

Counters 24th July

Pauline and Una

Counters 31st July

Vera and Valentino

Counters 6th Aug

Karen and Peter

10am: Shehara Gamage

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

10am: Tony Gernon

Cleaners w/c 24th July

Cleaners w/c 31st July

Cleaners w/c 7th Aug

6pm: Kristin Walsh

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

6pm: Emilia de Rennes

Audry and Siobhan

Jozwicki Group

Aurea's Group

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail: chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Tel: 07818 108689

TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION WE MUST LIVE THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE - BE A PRACTISING CATHOLIC

Sacrament of Baptism – please speak to Fr Peter before fixing a baptismal date and reception venue.

Sacrament of the Eucharist – see above, Mass times

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance

Confessions: Sundays 9.15am-9.45am,

Saturdays 9.45 am -10.15 am during Holy Hour,

and after every weekday Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of Confirmation – annual course for baptised

young Catholics – please apply to Fr Peter

Sacrament of Marriage – please speak to Fr Peter at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

Sacrament of Healing – It is our duty to call a priest to anoint family members in failing health. Please try to give notice if at all possible and don't leave it to the last minute. It brings consolation to the dying as well as healing to the sick. It can be administered at church, in hospital, care home, at home, indeed anywhere. Make sure you are anointed before an operation with general anaesthetic.

Sacrament of Ordination and consecration to the sacred Priesthood and Religious life – please speak to Fr Peter who will connect you with our vocations director.

BEFORE WE CAN BRING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS TO OTHERS, WE OURSELVES HAVE TO KNOW, EMBRACE AND PRACTISE THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL WITH THE HELP OF THE SACRAMENTS ESTABLISHED BY JESUS HIMSELF

PLEASE PRAY for the sick

especially Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Joyce Crooks, Tyler Curniffe, Louise Dovey, Delia Gallagher, Marie Gilbert & Family, Martin Jackson, Paul Jarvis, David Jordan, Solomon Justin, Georgia Kelly, Paul Kwan, Teresa McDonald, Sally McKenna, Jimmy Murphy, Pauline Murphy, Ryan O'Loughlin, Mark Peace, Jean Penycate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, DS Aiden Taylor and residents of the Amy Woodgate Residential Home.

THE PARISH CENSUS at 6 PM Mass only

Thank you to those at the 8 am and 10 am Masses last Sunday who completed the newly created Parish Registration form. We would be grateful if those attending the 6 pm Sunday Mass TODAY could do the same – on a voluntary basis. The forms will be made available at that Mass. Completed forms will be kept securely in a locked cabinet and be accessible only to our Parish Secretary, Mrs Vera Parfitt and me.

For those who were unable to attend the morning Masses last Sunday, you will find blank forms and pens in the church lobby by the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Please complete a form and give it to me in person before you leave. Do not give it to anyone else.

The purpose of the census is to help me be a better servant in my pastoral work on your behalf and to take care of your spiritual needs. I am also keen to be able to communicate securely by e-mail with the whole parish as we begin to move into the **next phase of parish renewal**.

HOW THE PARISH CAN SPREAD THE GOSPEL Engage the Disengaged:

How to accompany 'Non-Religious' Persons

Our Catholic Bishops say:

"We are excited to welcome **Sherry Weddell** from the **Catherine of Siena Institute** to an online webinar organised by the Diocese of Portsmouth in collaboration with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. In this webinar she will deliver a masterclass on **how Catholics can fulfil their mission to bring all to Christ**. Sherry is a best-selling author, lecturer and evangelist who is much in demand across the world to talk on equipping parishes and dioceses to become centres of evangelisation and formation, and on-going apostolic support for the laity. The evening will offer the chance to learn from a world-renowned speaker about how to initiate a conversation with someone who would consider themselves non-Religious. This online seminar will also give people the chance to meet new people and understand new ways to work through an increasingly secular world. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world and trained and helped lead an international team who have worked directly with over 130,000 lay, religious, and ordained Catholics in hundreds of parishes in 150 (arch)dioceses on 5 continents. Sherry's book, **Forming Intentional Disciples** which came out in July 2012, is a best seller that has sold over 100,000 copies.

DETAILS FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Where: ZOOM ONLINE

When: 6pm – Tuesday 21 November 2023

Tickets: £10 Book your place through:

[Eventbrite](#) (click link in newsletter on our website)

CATHEDRAL MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating a 1st/10th/25th/30th/40th/50th/60th or any other significant wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on 23 September. Close family members are welcome. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, either give your details to your parish priest or email them to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk The details needed are: full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. **The deadline is 31 July 2023.**

PAPAL MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Sunday, 23 July 2023

The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 23 July 2023, normally the **Feast of St Joachim and St Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

Dear brothers and sisters!

"His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (v. 42). **The Holy Spirit**, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every encounter between different generations: grandparents and grandchildren, young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time. We are invited to reflect on the bond that unites young and old."

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS AT MASS

When we come into this church for Sunday Mass we gather as part of a community of faithful. We seek some peace and joy. But if we stand back and grasp the perspective of history, we realize that in our quest for comfort we can lose sight of the huge battle underway between good and evil in the world. We watch films depicting superheroes who save the world time and time again. They fulfil in us a yearning for justice and right order and the victory of good over evil. But we know that life isn't like that at all. Those who do bad things prosper in this world and cause unspeakable suffering. The real superhero is our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, who out of pure love for humanity, humbled himself to become one of us and then die for us and rise from the dead to save us from sin and death. This Christ is as real as real can be. Yesterday was the feast of St Mary Magdalene, the first witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Today we are called to reflect on what we have to do to prepare for our own resurrection in Christ. We can never earn it. We rely on the grace and the mercy of God. But we still have to prepare ourselves for a new life **by keeping God's commandments and living the sacramental life here on earth**. We ignore at our peril this spiritual battle which takes place not only between human beings but within each human being. Some human beings make themselves into the dandelion weed. They lure us away from the truth and love of Christ. But there is dandelion in each one of us too. "All members of the Church, including her ministers, must acknowledge that they are sinners. In everyone the weeds of sin will still be mixed with the good wheat of the Gospel until the end of time. Hence the Church gathers sinners already caught up in Christ's salvation but still on the way to holiness." (Catechism 827). The point about dandelion is that it is not only slightly poisonous (like sin), but it cannot be distinguished from healthy wheat until it is fully grown and deadly. **Don't sleep walk into a life of sin. Cultivate the seed of the Gospel.**