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Today's Mass Readings

Jeremiah 23: 1-6;
Psalm 22;
Ephesians 2: 13-18;
Mark 6: 30-34

**Welcome to this House
of God:**
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

This Week 18th July - 25th July Psalter Week 4	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 18th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Win Sparkes RIP (MJ) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm Fergus O'Toole RIP (CH)	12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 19th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	
Tuesday 20th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Arthur Leason RIP (MB) Novena to our Lady of Betharram	
Wednesday 21st July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Iain & Marie Martin (P & CI) Novena to our Lady of Betharram	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 22nd July Feast of St. Magdalene	9.15 am Br. Michael Richard SCJ RIP (FG) Novena to our Lady of Betharram	
Friday 23rd July Feast of St. Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	9.15 am Siwan Smith RIP (CP) Novena to our Lady of Betharram	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
Saturday 24th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 25th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Colum MacCourt RIP (NM) 10.30 am Moses Hodgetts RIP 6.00 pm Grandparents and the Elderly	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

“Social peace demands hard work, craftsmanship. It would be easier to keep freedoms and differences in check with cleverness and a few resources. But such a peace would be superficial and fragile, not the fruit of a culture of encounter that brings enduring stability. Integrating differences is a much more difficult and slow process, yet it is the guarantee of a genuine and lasting peace”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 217)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.**

**6.00 pm: His goodness shall follow me all the days of my life. I
will walk in God's kingdom forever.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank
Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst,
John Jennings, Sheila Manion, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Stella
McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith,
Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman,
Richard Wightman, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson & Phil Yates.

**Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested
that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If
you would like your name to be included in this list please contact
Fr. George SCJ or Kate Dalgleish. Please note that the newsletter is also
placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.**

LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming from the Sacred Heart Church has been installed. Please
make use of this to participate in Mass and other events if you are unable
to attend church. The front pew may be visible, if you do not want your
image to be part of the live stream then please sit further back in the
church. Thank you for all the donations received towards the live streaming
camera. These are much appreciated.

CASHLESS GIVING

During the current Covid 19 pandemic, the trend towards cashless giving
and online payments using credit and debit cards has become more
popular. We have decided to make these payment options available to
parishioners and visitors who may wish to donate. We expect them to be
available within the church and on our website in the coming weeks.
Donations by cash, standing order and using Gift Aid envelopes will also
remain an option. In the church there will be a cashless giving terminal with
a tap and go facility. This will be set up to give the option of donating for
general parish funds (the first collection), specific fundraising collections,
mass offerings and charitable/second collections when they occur. Gift Aid
payments will also be possible. Once operational, the payment system will
also enable fast payments to be made. An online link will also be available
to make payments through our website. This system is already in use within
many churches in our diocese and has proved to be very popular with
parishioners and visitors. We will provide more information on this when
the facility has been made available.

DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION (PARISH CHILDREN)

The FHC preparation sessions will be held on following days:

- September: Saturday 4th, Saturday 11th, Saturday 18th & Saturday 25th
- October: Saturday 2nd, Saturday 9th & Saturday 16th
- November: Saturday 6th, Saturday 13th & Saturday 27th

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 4th December at 11.00 am.

CAFOD

There are many resources available on CAFOD's website. Please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources> for a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays. There are resources for 'Laudato Si' at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical> and resources for the community activity Livesimply at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award>.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: SUNDAY 25TH JULY

The First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday 25 July. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration is "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). It expresses the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. The theme, "I am with you always" is also "a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share". Not only are grandchildren and youths invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith. Pope Francis' message and a prayer are available on the parish website. A Mass will be offered for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 25th July at 6.00 pm.

MARYVALE INSTITUTE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Maryvale Institute is excited to be able to launch its first 'summer school' programme, which will run during the last two weeks of July! Please see the poster distributed with this newsletter and on the parish website for full details or visit <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/summer-school-21.html> or contact feadmin@maryvale.ac.uk or catecheticalcentre@maryvale.ac.uk.

ROOT AND BRANCH INCLUSIVE SYNOD

Inspired by Pope Francis's synodal vision, lay Catholics from across the UK invite you to an opportunity to embrace renewal in the Catholic Church. Please see the flier distributed with this newsletter and on the parish website for details of the Root and Branch Inclusive Synod from Sunday 5th September until Sunday 12th September 2021 (Zoom/Live).

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself completely to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

SAVE THE DATES

Picnic/Afternoon Tea:

Saturday 21st August on the lawn at the back of the Parish Hall or in the hall if necessary. Time TBC. Further details to follow

Centenary Celebration Mass: Saturday 9th October at 3.00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF BETHARRAM

In preparation for the Solemnity of Our Lady of Betharram, which we celebrate on Wednesday 28th July at 9.15 am, the Novena to our Lady of Betharram will take place after morning Mass from Tuesday 20th July until Tuesday 27th July .

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Main Collection
(Sunday 4th July):
£269.67

Gift Aid (Sunday 11th
July): £128.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday (church
capacity with social
distancing 1m + = 80)

8.30 am: 63

10.30 am: 80

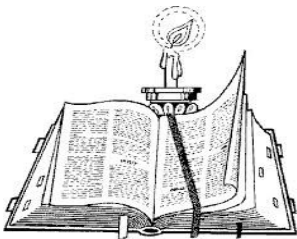
6.00 pm: 48

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for Sunday 18th July that is on the website and has been emailed with this newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

2 Kings 4: 42-44;

Psalm 144;

Ephesians 4: 1-6;

John 6: 1-15

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.

Stop for a Moment!

We often hear people say, "If there were an extra hour in each day, I could have accomplished my task better". We often think that we do not have enough time. In the bargain some of us will not even take a break for a rest. Rest and refreshment give new energy and vitality. Therefore, we need to have enough rest and relaxation to be an effective person and keep a balanced rhythm of life.

This is true to our Christian life too. Just as no one can work without rest, similarly none of us can live a Christian life unless he/she gives time with God in prayer. One may think that why should we need to spend time with God in prayer? It is because our life originates from God and we are created in His image and likeness. Therefore, to maintain this image and likeness in its original beauty and dignity we need to have a constant contact with our author and creator. Once I happened to read an article in the Letter to Editor column of a certain magazine which began with a question from a reader: "Why should I go to the church and spend time in prayer? Over the years I spent several hours in praying and attending church services. Yet, neither do I see any change in me, nor did I remember the reflections and prayers I heard in the church. Should I spend those precious times for something else, I could have helped so many in need". In answer to this question another reader wrote, "In my thirty years of life, my mother and my wife cooked several meals for me. But not even one of those meals I can cook or know the recipe for. But one thing I am pretty sure; those meals I had were the ones which kept me physically nourished and alive all through these years and I became a successful person; or else I would have physically dead. Therefore, just as the food we eat nourishes our body, the time I spend in prayer and spiritual things was nourishing my soul and if it were not, my soul would have been dead already". This teaches us a great truth, that we need to find time to spend with God in prayer.

As we go through the Gospel reading today, we are aware that Our Lord Jesus took his breaks for prayer and rest. He was spiritually recharged for his mission and this also gave him a chance to be attuned to the needs of the people. So, as we see in today's Gospel, even though he wanted to set aside time for a break, the presence of the people made him change his mind. It was because of the spiritual rhythm that he maintained that he was able to recognize their needs and rework his priorities. Any human person would have reacted, would have pushed people off because of this infringement of one's time. The priests and the leaders of that time were not maintaining the rhythm of spiritual life. Therefore, they were never attuned to the needs of the people. The people sensed this such that they kept flocking to Jesus who showed them compassion, spoke kindly and who gave them hope.

Sometimes the trouble in our lives is that we give God no opportunity to speak to us because we do not know how to be still and to listen. Sometimes we give God no time to recharge us with spiritual energy and strength. Just like Jesus did, in Christian living, time spent with God must result in our human action. Prayer that does not issue in action is not real prayer. We must never seek the fellowship of God to avoid the fellowship of people, but to fit ourselves better for it. The rhythm of Christian life is the alternate meeting with God in Prayer and serving his people in the world. Let us find some break time to spend with our Lord.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ