

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Stella Maris collection:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please one of us, Christopher Howe will be speaking at all Masses this weekend, please give generously. Thank you.

**Request For Volunteers:** We need volunteers in a few of our groups. If you feel you can commit to these groups, kindly speak to the priest(s) or let the parish office be aware. The following groups with immediate needs for training are **Outreach daily breakfast and Pret Moorgate branch collection.** We will add on the other groups on the notice board in the subsequent weeks.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Aylesford:** Proposed date will be 23rd September and the cost will be £20 a seat, again we will need committed numbers to be able to book any coach. Book on in the parish office.

**Meeting with all the Catechists** on the 23rd of July at 10am

## July Diary

Sunday 23rd @ 10am: **Meeting with all the Catechists**

Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**

Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**  
7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room (non in August)**

**Fr Mark James Leenane (RIP):** His mortal remains will be received at **St Vincent de Paul church, Osterley at 3pm** on Monday **31st July**. The church will remain open until 10pm. The Funeral Mass will be on **Tuesday 1st August at 12noon**. May the soul of Fr Mark, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Fr. Martin & Raphael's Farewell:** We shall have the opportunity to thank them from now till we celebrate the Mass in their honour the weekend of 26th/27th August. We will continue to keep them in our prayers.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** It is time to start registering candidates for this sacrament. The catechism classes will start in September. To be eligible for First Communion, the child must be 7 years by the 31st of August. **Please parents/guardians before making this decision, kindly prepare to be at least 90% committed to see our young ones through this journey.** Our Catechists are all selfless volunteers. We emphasise on respecting them and committing to this spiritual journey for our children. Registration forms can be picked from the Parish Office.

**Christian Stewardship:** 16th July 2023 **Envelopes:** £177.00 **Loose:** £456.87 **Contactless:** £81.00 **Parish Project-** (Help At Home - £3,966.42 so far. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

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**+ 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A**

*23rd July 2023*

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

## REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

### Why is there so much evil in our world?

Our media is awash with atrocities being committed against innocent people. We hear of religious fundamentalists who have vowed to kill anyone who does not worship their 'God'. We hear of refugees driven from their homelands by conflicts and rumours of war, in their thousands with women, nursing mothers and little children. People continue to die to in hundreds as they try to make it across the Mediterranean in 'death traps' called boats, for which they pay so much to human traffickers, only to drown in the sea. Here, in London, on our streets, we are bombarded with the horrifying images of attacks by the moped gangs, knife crimes, and acid attacks. The list is long and seemingly endless. The law enforcement agents work round the clock to stem the evil tide. But why? Why would anyone opt for a life of bringing pain to others? And, all this in the same world that God created and declared it 'very good'? The luminous beams of light streaming from the collections of parables in today's gospel text offer us solace. About the wave of evil amid peace-loving and God-focused people, Jesus says, "an enemy has done this." God made all things good but the devil rebelled and some people have chosen to tow that perilous road. The time of reckoning is surely come! To the good people is given the hard task of spreading the awareness of God like yeast spread to leaven the flour. The Church, like the mustard seed, began as a tiny unit of persons but has become a big tree. Our task, as Christians, is to make the final harvest a rich one for God even though we may have to live with the good seed and the weed scenario until the last day.

### Mass Times & Intentions 23rd - 29th July 2023

**Sat 22nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Marian Sullivan, Deceased McNulty (RIP), John Kennedy (ANN), Joe Carr, Robert Olsen (INT)

**Sun 23rd 9:00am:** Tony MacGregor (RIP), Ann Waldron, Kiki Abetianbe, Olga Haile, (INT)

**11:30am:** John & Kathleen Heavin, Tom D'Arcy (ANN), Etukudoh family, Godwin Ogwuche (Personal Int), Christie De Cruz (Thanksgiving), James Gallagher, Robert Olsen (INT)

**6:30pm:** Maureen Hannaghan, Mary Barrite (RIP), Janet Coelho (ANN)

**Mon 24th St Sharbel Makhluf 12 noon:** Leo Simpson (RIP)

**Tue 25th St James 12 noon:** Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Getty Turner, Emma, Mary Kelly (RIP), Sr. Roisin (INT)

**Wed 26th Sts Joachim & Anne 12 noon:** Quinn's family, Ann Waldron, Philemona Clerkin (INT)

**Thur 27th 12 noon:** Essien Eneobong (RIP), Essien-Oku family's intentions (INT)

**Fri 28th 12 noon:** Peter Aldis (RIP), Larry Colquhoun (ANN), Kathleen Aldis (INT)

**Sat 29th Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus 12 noon:** Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Neil Da Costa (RIP)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeane, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Rosario De Cruz

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Martin Goba CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Seminarian Raphael Muendo

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**Pastorals/Devotions:** Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed.

**6.30pm Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

**Mission Statement:** To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

*Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...*

We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

## Food For Thought

**Psalm 91: 9-10**

"Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling."



# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## OPENING PRAYER

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING Wisdom 12.13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty overall makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 85)

**R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

**R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

**R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

**R.**

## SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the

pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**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 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before them, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." He put another parable before them, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches." He told them another parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through." In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, "Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us." He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mass

Sat. 6.30pm  
Sun. 9.00am  
Sun. 11.30am  
Sun. 6.30pm

### Readers

Bridget O'Dea  
Rachel McGonigal.  
John Obligar  
Maureen Tayler

### Eucharist Minister

June Gray  
Olga Monpeke  
Joyce McD & Mary A  
Roxanne

### Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers  
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku  
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe  
Joseph Ogbonna

## The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

### THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,  
We bless You,  
We adore you,  
We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

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• Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.

• There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.

• Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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