

NEWS AND VIEWS

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.

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 **Out-reach daily breakfast and Pret Moorgate branch collection**. We have added the other groups on the notice board for those who would like to enrich our parish.

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.

100 Club August draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 4th August. Subscriptions can be handed in at church by this weekend. New members welcome!

Presbytery/Parish Office Doorbell: We have had some theft of our Ring doorbell batteries and eventually the Ring itself. This now means that the presbytery door will be attended to with a **knock** or a **call the office** to make sure there is someone to attend to you. Please bear with us as we find a solution to the security situation at hand.

First Holy Communion/Reception into the Church 2024: Registration is now open for children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year. They need to be 7 years old by the 31st of August. Adults who are yet to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should also register for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). **Please it important that you register at the Parish Office. 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: 23rd July 2023 **Envelopes:** £204.00 **Loose:** £456.87 **Contactless:** £ 145.00 **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.

August: Parish Office will open for half day during the month of August from 9am – 1pm. Thank you..

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)**

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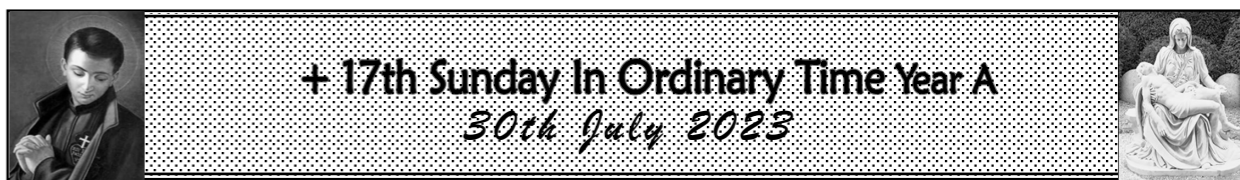
We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

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."



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+ 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A
30th 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

BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

An Indian fable has it that an old Cherokee taught his grandson about good and evil by an illustration of a battle going on inside him. He says, "The battle is between two wolves. One is evil: Anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego... The other is good: joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith..." The grandson thought for awhile and asked: "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied: "The one I feed." The exercise of making a choice between good and evil lies at the very foundations we lay for our happiness or sadness, salvation or damnation. The fable of the old Cherokee gives the impression that one can attain it by simply opting to feed one and starve the other. That decision is a hard nut! Perhaps, the undoing of our consumeristic generation is the erroneous conclusion that what is popular is good. That logic is gravely faulty! It holds that if you have a large followership on your twitter, Tiktok, Snapchat, Flickr, LinkedIn, Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, etc, then you are good. That which is truly good endures. That which is good is a treasure and those who find it, do not only preserve what they find, they are also preserved by their find. A classic example is the kingdom of heaven. The person who finds it gives up everything to possess it because it fulfils all our innermost yearnings. Indeed, myriad of seemingly beautiful options in the world can be likened to the haul of a dragnet. It requires more than the capacity of our stained will to pick the good and reject the evil. The prayer of Solomon (1st Reading.) will always come handy, "Lord, give your servant a heart to discern between good and evil..."

Mass Times & Intentions 30th July – 5th August 2023

- Sat 29th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Sr. Stella Flynn, Marian Sullivan (RIP), Joe Flynn, Raymond Flynn, Gertie Grehan, Denis Cronin (1st) (ANN)
- Sun 30th 9:00am:** Bridget McDonnell (RIP), Bernie Shevlin, Ann Waldron (birthday) Hatty Borland, Sam Haslam, Ted Noble and family (INT)
- 11:30am:** Joice Ellis, Fergus Walsh, Bridget McDonnell, Fr Mark (RIP), Hugh McDaid (9th) (ANN), Etukudoh family, James Curran, Bernie Shevlin (INT)
- 6:30pm:** Essien Eneobong (RIP), Essien-Oku family's intentions (INT)
- Mon 31st St Ignatius of Loyola 12 noon:** Fr Mark (RIP), Tom & Alice Allen, Tom & Gilbert, J.J McGrath, Sean Conheeny (ANN)
- Tue 1st St Alphonsus Ligouri 12 noon:** *Funeral Mass for Esther Mary Thompson*
- Wed 2nd St Eusebius of Vercelli 12 noon:** Pat Cooney (RIP), Kitty Waldron (ANN)
- Thur 3rd 12 noon:** Tom & Kitty Waldron (ANN), Maureen Doogan (INT)
- Fri 4th St John Vianney 12 noon:** *First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction*
- Sat 5th The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major 12 noon:** Maureen Doogan, Stephen Hallissey, Ann & Paul Hill (INT)



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 ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us, and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 1Kings 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, "Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great? It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you have had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 118)

R Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
By your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts that, through the powerful working of your grace, these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with his love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O bless the Lord, my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemmingway	Jackie O'Shea	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Tayler	Innocent Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June G & Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Michelle Carr	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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