

MASS INTENTIONS
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 29 th July – Seventeenth Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Richard Mahoney (R.I.P)
Sunday 30 th July – Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Anne O’Flaherty Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 31 st July – St Ignatius	9.00am	Richard Mahoney (R.I.P)
Tuesday 1 st August – St Alphonsus	9.00am	Cathridna Bennet & Family
Wednesday 2 nd August – Feria	9.00am	John McDermott (R.I.P)
Thursday 3 rd August – Feria	9:00am	Sally McInerney (R.I.P)
Friday 4 th August – St John Vianney	9.00am	For the sick, Michel & Lourdes
Saturday 5 th August – Feria	9.00am	People of the Parish

Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Saturday 5 th August – Transfiguration of the Lord	6.30pm	Josefina Roman (R.I.P)
Sunday 6 th August – Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00am 11.00am	Steve Harrison Turner (Ints)

Thoughts for the week:

Happy the soul to whom it is given to attain life with Christ, to cleave with all one’s heart to him whose beauty all the heavenly hosts behold forever, whose love inflames our love, the contemplation of whom is our refreshment, whose graciousness is our delight, whose gentleness fills us to overflowing, whose remembrance makes us glow with happiness, whose fragrance revives the dead, the glorious vision of whom will be the happiness of all the citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem. For he is the brightness of eternal glory, the splendour of eternal life, the mirror without spot. – **St Clare of Assisi Feast Day 11th of August**

Next weekend will be the last newsletter for the Month of August. Mass intentions will be advertised at the back of the Church. We continue to have our daily Masses at this time.



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29th and 30th July 2023

Dear Friends

Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven as a pearl of great price, a treasure so valuable that a person would give up everything they had to obtain it. This is the great treasure that we share and own through our faith and our fellowship with Him and with one another.

When Solomon inherited the kingdom of Israel on the death of his father King David, he was young and inexperienced. He also had the good judgement to realise that his need was not for riches, or power over his enemies (and he had many of those), but for wisdom. The gift of wisdom is something that is offered to all. It is not the same as intelligence or skill. At its heart, wisdom is the ability to discern good from evil, and to have the courage to act on that discernment and follow the good. Perhaps the greatest test of wisdom is to be able to know the difference between the fleeting fancies of this life and those things that are of true and lasting value. To see, if you like, the Kingdom of God in which we live and move, and which surrounds us in this life but also draws us on to its fullest realisation in Heaven. Prayer can open our eyes to this vision and draw us on to a deeper and closer relationship with God our loving Father.

The Collect of the Mass this weekend speaks of using the good things of this passing world in such a way as to hold fast to the things that endure. This is the wisdom that Solomon prayed for, and that is offered to each one of us who seek to draw closer each day to the heart of Jesus.

God Bless and Keep Safe,
Deacon Ken

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrill John Finan, James Francis, Anna Gawlik, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, Francesca Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES:

23rd & 24th July

Loose

£416.54

Envelopes

£305.00

Donations and Gift Aid Form:

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows:

Bank HSBC

Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 31019848

We can still collect the gift aid for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

Toddlers Group:

Mothers and Toddlers Group A toddler group takes place every Thursday and Friday in the Hall between 10- 11:30am - all parents are welcome. Please call Maria on 07751 236262.

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. This is for children in year 4 and above. Applications must be returned by 17th September, in an envelope addressed to Tracey Knight or handed in to Canon Maurice or Deacon Ken. The first meeting for parents, to provide general information regarding the programme, will be held at the Parish Centre on Sunday 24th September at 4.30pm.

Welcome

We welcome Father Henry who will be covering for Father Maurice while he is away on his holiday in August.

Help Your Marriage

Retrouvaille is a program to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully save their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 6-9 July or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023., call 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

World Youth Day (2nd of August – 6th of August 2023):

Please pray for all of those attending this year's World Youth Day including a number of young people from our own Diocese. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join WYD in London run by the Religious of the Assumption - a day celebration on Saturday 5th August 2023 from 11am-5pm in the church by Leicester Square. Venue : Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. To register a group or individually, fill in the form: [//bit.ly/wydlondon](http://bit.ly/wydlondon)

Holy Relics of St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew the Apostle

The Holy Relics are being toured throughout Great Britain by the Knights of St Columba and will visit the parish of St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, from Sunday 30th July, mid-afternoon, until Wednesday 2nd August, leaving late morning. The relics will be available for veneration before Mass on Monday and Tuesday and for ninety minutes after Mass on both days. On Wednesday morning the church will be open from 9am until 11am for veneration, the Holy Relics will then travel to St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. We sincerely hope you are able to visit the Relics to venerate and enjoy the amazing peace and serenity that surrounds them. May St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew intercede on your behalf and may your prayers be answered.

Part-Time Cleaner (S) Required as soon as possible. APTC Scale 1 Points 2 – 3

52 weeks per annum 20 hours per week 6 am – 8 am & 3.30 p.m – 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. £12.87 to £13.08 per hour . Completed support staff application form (available on the school website www.sacredheartofmary.net , letters of application and the names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Business Manager at the School. Please contact Kerry Jones (Business Manager) kjones@mary.havering.sch.uk for further details Closing date: Friday, 14th August 2023.

Drivers

We have a number of Parishioners who would like to attend Mass but are unable to. If you are able to offer a lift to one of our Parishioners, please speak to Canon Maurice or Deacon Ken.

Right to Life:

Each human being, made in the image and likeness of God, is a pearl of great price. Let us pray for the grace to appreciate the intrinsic value in every person, born and unborn.