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26 June 2022

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Masses & Intentions

Sat 25 6pm	The Immaculate Heart of Mary People of the Parish
Sun 26 9.30am 11am 4.30pm	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) for Family Life FHC Children, Parents & Families Acutis Club
Mon 27 8.30am 9.30am Tues 28	St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor Exposition & Adoration Frances Griffin RIP St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
(St John Southworth, martyred Tyburn 1654) 9.30am Wed 29	Mr & Mrs Bisgood (FM) Sts Peter and Paul, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation Vocations to the Priesthood Mass at St Elizabeth's School Pat Marklew RIP
9.15am 11am 7pm	
Thurs 30 9.30am	First Martyrs of the Church of Rome Sally Daly
Fri 1 9.30am	St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr Private Intention (EO)
Sat 2 6pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary People of the Parish
Sun 3 9.30am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) For the elderly and all who care for them
11am 4.30pm	Int. of Deacon Con Diver & Family Acutis Club

Readings: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Resp. Psalm 15: *O Lord, it is you who are my portion.*

2nd reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-18

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

Readings: Sts Peter and Paul (Wed. 29 June)

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Resp. Psalm 33: *From all my terrors the Lord set me free.*

2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

Our prayers are requested for Clare Bertolotti, Mary Birch, Tony Harlow, Fiona Hopwood, Angelo Lopez, John Napier, Elizabeth Neave, Brian Stannard & Yvonne Webb.



First Holy Communion Mass today, Sunday 26 June at 11am.

Please pray for our children as they receive the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. This is a very special day in their lives as it was a special day in all our lives as we celebrated our First Holy Communion.

Lucia Alfonso Dumas
Gonzalo Bejerano Vidal
Sebastian Bick
Anna Bradley
Beatrice Farquhar
Niamh Higgins
Emilia Lasalvia Temperley
Angie Mendilaharzu
Eveleigh May Sutton

Thank you to Marie and Pria who so conscientiously and expertly coordinated the course and to all parents who assisted so generously when asked. And to Julia for all her administrative support.

Please see the prayer at the end of the newsletter – let us pray this prayer that we may all continue to have a deep reverence for the Holy Eucharist and joy in our lives as we receive the Bread of Life, heavenly food for the journey through life.

Second Collection for Peter's Pence Today This collection helps Pope Francis, as Pastor of the Universal Church, to give material and financial support to those areas of the Church in grave need, especially where individuals and communities are suffering: the poor, children, the elderly, those on the margins and the victims of war and natural disasters. Please be as generous as you can. As

Pope Francis says: *A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness.*

The Church Shop is open today after the 9.30 and 11am Masses.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Keaney, who lived in Thompson Avenue for 70 years. Martin, her husband, died in 2007. Maureen's Funeral Mass is here on Friday 22 July at 10.15am. Maureen and Martin had seven children. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Masses This Week Please note the times of Masses on Wednesday 29th June, the Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul: **9.15am and 7pm**. There is also Mass in St Elizabeth's School at 11am. Wednesday is a Holyday of Obligation.

Celebrating The Family Wednesday 22 June saw the start of the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMOF), held every three years, with events celebrating the family taking place globally. It runs until today, Sunday 26 June. Pope Francis will celebrate a special family Mass in Rome (which you can watch online) and issue a papal message on the importance of the family to the world. Do make use of the WMOF prayer card. Visit the website [World Meeting of Families June 22-26: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://WorldMeetingofFamiliesJune22-26:ArchdioceseofSouthwark(rcsouthwark.co.uk)) for more information.

Fr Tom Scannell celebrates his 80th birthday and the anniversary of his priestly ordination on 6 July 2022. Please do remember him in your prayers. Fr Tom would be delighted to receive a card from you. His address is: St Peter's Residence, 2a Meadow Road, London SW8 1QH. **If you would like to sign the Parish Card, please do so in St Winefride's Chapel after Mass.**

Sabbatical - fr Brian As mentioned last week, I shall be away for up to three months, probably starting in late August. The diocese has arranged for Fr George Ajani, from Nigeria, to be here during that time and living full-time in the presbytery. Julia will be here as usual and will ensure the smooth running of the parish office. The exact date of Fr George's arrival in Kew depends on the successful grant of a visa. Fr George has started the application process.

Getting Married? The normal rule is that the Catholic Church asks for at least six months' notice in order for marriage preparation to take place - this includes looking at the nature of marriage and its sacramentality. There is also paperwork to be completed. The usual starting point is to contact the parish in which you live. **Please contact fr Brian without delay if you are planning to marry in 2022 or early 2023.**

School Forms 2023 Entry Parents with Secondary School Catholic Practice Forms for 2023 entry should contact the parish office ASAP to ensure that these forms are signed before the end of August. Primary school forms do not need to be signed until mid-January 2023. Fr George Ajani will not be able to sign school forms.

Mass Intentions in the coming months If you have a request for a Mass on a particular date for the rest of the year please let fr Brian know now so that it can be entered in the Mass intentions book.

Parish Coffee Morning Thank you to those who organised the coffee morning after the 9.30am Mass last weekend. Our next coffee morning will be after the 11am Mass on Sunday 31 July. Please do try to come along - all are very welcome.

Concert in the Parish Hall, Monday 4 July, 7.30pm Michael Bevan and Nicholas Armour will present an evening of song and piano music followed by wine and nibbles. Free entry. Donations towards Aid to the Church in Need.

SVP Mass for The Sick The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be arranging its annual Mass for the Sick at **3pm on Sunday 10 July** at St Winefride's. All are welcome, especially those with any kind of ailment and those who would like to pray for sick relatives or friends. There will be refreshments afterwards in the church hall. If you need transport to or from the church for the Mass please contact Jojo Alexander on 07459 177194.

Refugee Week 20-26 June As Refugee Week comes to a close the following letter from Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Migration Issues and Auxiliary in Westminster is food for thought and prayer: *The UK's plans to forcibly deport to Rwanda some of those seeking refuge in our country is shamefully illustrative of what Pope Francis has called the 'loss of that sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters on which every civil society is based'.*

The plan is presented as a humanitarian response to combat people trafficking and smuggling yet the result will compound the suffering of those who are already victims. Crime is defeated by confronting the perpetrators not by punishing victims. This scheme will increase the difficulties of those hoping for a new beginning, and it does nothing to address the problems which cause people to flee their homes. Migration is a complex issue, but it is not resolved by delegating our roles and responsibilities to other countries. Our starting point should be the innate dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God. Our Christian faith demands that we respond generously to asylum seekers whose dignity must be protected and upheld. (Whether or not the flight to Rwanda takes off today we are now in a new situation.) With greater force we insist that asylum seekers are not commodities

for profit, nor are they problems to be rejected and deported by government. Instead we should be guided by the four verbs provided by Pope Francis in our approach to migrants and refugees, 'Welcome, protect, promote and integrate'. (Letter dated 14 June 2022)

Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2022 We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look forward to the future with hope and responsibility.

Catechesis on Old Age In Early 2022, over a number of weeks, Pope Francis used his weekly Wednesday audience to offer an in-depth catechesis on old age. Here is just one glimpse of the Pope's wisdom: *The little ones learn the power of tenderness and respect for frailty: irreplaceable lessons that are easier to impart and receive with grandparents. For their part, grandparents learn that tenderness and frailty are not solely signs of decline: for young people, they are conditions that humanise the future.*

(Pope Francis, Catechesis on Old Age - <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2022/index.html#audiences>)

Second World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly Sunday 24 July, will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "*In old age they will still bear fruit*" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for church communities.

Masses During July Fr Tom Ryan will celebrate the 6pm Mass on 2 July as I will be at an Ordination. I will also be at an Ordination on 9 July. I have not been able to find a supply priest for that day. **There will be NO 6PM MASS on Saturday 9 July.** However, there are 3 Masses on Sunday 10 July: 9.30am and 11am and Mass at 3pm organised by the SVP for the Anointing of the Sick - all are welcome. I am away at my niece's wedding on 16 July. Masses that weekend will be covered by the annual Mission Appeal priest.

Masses During August Many parishioners are away in August and the choirs, too, will be resting. We will have two weekend Masses during August: Saturday 6pm and **Sunday 10.30am**. Please note the Sunday morning time. Weekday Masses as usual.

Covid Protocols The BA.4 and BA.5 strains of BA.1 (Omicron) are still very prevalent. It is important that we continue to be careful about the basics: hands - face - space. It is surprising to hear of the number of parishioners who are testing positive for Covid.

A Prayer for Peace & Justice O God of peace, who are peace itself, and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen.

Junior Church We really do need at least three more helpers to assist with Children's Liturgy at the 9.30am Mass. Please contact Fr Brian via the parish email or Marie Dargelos Lepage on marie.dargelos@gmail.com. We would welcome having some men on the team. All team helpers have to be DBS checked and this takes a little time. We want to be up and running for September. This will not happen unless more helpers come forward. We have already seen the great benefits of Junior Church in the last few weeks after the long pandemic break.

Acutis Club Next meeting is Sunday 26 June at 4.30pm-6pm. The final meeting for this term is next Sunday 3 July. We also need more helpers for the youth club. Please do consider helping in this vital area of parish life. Helpers need to be DBS checked. Contact details as for Junior Church.

Journeying Together The report to the parish will now be ready at some point in July. It is taking a little longer to prepare than originally anticipated as a result of pressure of work in other areas.

Temporary Ramp to Improve Access to the Church If anyone has any experience to share - either as a user or as a provider - please do get in touch with Fr Brian or Juliet Thompson - Chair of the Parish Finance Committee: julietlgt@gmail.com - 020 8940 2931. As part of the longer-term refurbishment of the Parish Estate all aspects of accessibility will be considered and properly designed in the overall plan. But we need to do something now for all who come to our church and are finding access very difficult.

Clearing the Garages behind Church and House The time has come for another decluttering of the garages. If you are aware of items in the garages which need to be kept, please contact the parish office - either in person during office hours or by email: kewgardens@rcaos.org.uk We are aware of some things which need to be kept.

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association. Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk and Bishop Paul Hendricks paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk.

Richmond Foodbank are always very grateful for donations. Boxes can be found under the tables in the narthex.

The Passage invites you to attend the Secret Garden Party on Thursday 7 July, 6pm-9pm, at College Garden, Westminster Abbey. Tickets start at £55 per person and include a barbecue, alcoholic & soft drinks, live entertainment and a raffle & auction. Tickets can be purchased online here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/garden-party/> All tickets help to continue the charity's vital work supporting London's most vulnerable people. Also see poster in the narthex.

Relic Tour in September & October 2022 The relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be at St Mary's University Chapel, Strawberry Hill on 6 September, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, 19-21 October and The Friars, Aylesford 24-28 October.

St Bernadette's Story St Bernadette was born in 1844 in a small town in France. Bernadette Soubirous was one of eight children born into a very poor family. Although initially unremarkable, Bernadette's life was to inspire generations of people to journey in faith on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Between 11 February and 16 July 1858, Bernadette saw the Virgin Mary eighteen times in a series of Apparitions that took place in cave on the outskirts of Lourdes, a place now known as the Grotto of Massabielle. In the course of these miraculous encounters, Bernadette, then aged just 14, became the friend and confidante of Our Lady, the mother of Jesus. The Apparitions of Lourdes were authenticated in 1866 by the Bishop of Tarbes. In that same year, Bernadette left Lourdes to live out her religious vocation within the community of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers. She died in 1879, was proclaimed blessed in 1925, and became a saint in 1933. Visit the St Bernadette Relic Tour website for more information: stbernadette.org.uk

'Understanding Islam the Basics' Dr Chris Hewer will be giving a three day course on Wednesday 29 June to Friday 1 July 10am - 4pm. Tea & coffee will be provided but you are asked to bring your own lunch. The course is free but optional donations to cover costs and thank Chris are welcome. The location has not yet been decided, at the moment it is at a private home in Ham, easy to get to on the 65 bus. There are currently 5 places available. To register please email dianamills31@gmail.com or text or phone on 07804 866 349.

Peace in Our Lives and in Our World Since the end of February we have been praying for peace in Ukraine. We have widened this out to pray for peace there and in all areas of the world where there is war, violence and a disregard for people's rights. Bruce Kent died recently. We could do well to look to him as a Catholic who spent his life living and working for peace. Between 1958 and 1987, Bruce Kent served the Diocese of Westminster as a priest in a wide range of roles including as secretary to Cardinal Heenan. He was also the Catholic Chaplain to the University of London (where some of our parishioners met the then Mgr Bruce Kent during their undergraduate days). At the time of his death, Bruce Kent was a Vice-President of CND, a Vice-President of [Pax Christi](#), and Emeritus President of the Movement for the Abolition of War. President of [Pax Christi](#) and Vice President of the Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool said: *Peacemakers across the world will be saddened to hear of the death of Bruce Kent who made a lasting contribution to the peace movement within the Christian churches and much farther afield. Bruce became well known and influential in his national role in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and with Pax Christi, the international Catholic Peace Movement. His clarity of thought and deep Christian faith brought light and direction to many people wrestling with the complex arguments around war and peace. Personally, I'll miss him for being a wonderfully warm human being. May he now rest in the Peace of Christ to which he dedicated his life.*

**A prayer for our First Holy Communicants
and for Us**

*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and
Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen*

Last Friday we celebrated the solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Here is a thought-provoking passage from a French Nun who died in 1915:

The Sacred Heart, the Blessed Eucharist, and Love are one and the same thing. In the tabernacle we find the Host; in the Host, Jesus; in Jesus, his Heart; in his Heart, Love – infinite Love, divine charity, God, the principle of life, living and life-giving. Let us reflect during the week on these words on the Love of God in the Sacraments of the Church. Many blessings for the week ahead and all good wishes to those who have just finished their examinations. fr Brian.