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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 JULY 2024

He began to send them out

Mass Times

- Sat 13 The Blessed Virgin Mary**
09:30 Harvey Tomes & Sabrina
Allhusen, Wedding Day
12:30 **Baptism Luna Olivia Huybrechts**
17:30 **Vigil Mass of Sunday**
People of the Parish
- Sun 14 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sea Sunday
10:00 James & Kathleen O'Neill RIP
- Mon 15 St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Memorial**
09:30 George Warden, Wellbeing
- Tues 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Memorial**
09:30 Thanksgiving to God for Sean Rooney's Life
- Weds 17 Feria**
St Joseph's Primary School end of year Mass
09:30 All Souls
- Thurs 18 Feria**
09:30 Veronica Elizabeth Birney RIP
- Fri 19 Feria**
09:30 Recently baptised children of the parish
Followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat 20 The Blessed Virgin Mary**
09:30 People of the Parish
13:30 **Wedding Daniel Kellard & Ruth Neligan**
17:30 **Vigil Mass of Sunday**
Alice Bryce Birthday
Thanksgiving
- Sun 21 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 Patients and Staff of Royal Hospital for Neurodisability



Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles by Constantinople master (early 14th c., Pushkin museum)

There is a message for every Christian in the simplicity underlying Jesus' commissioning of the Apostles in today's gospel. That message is that faith in Christ is essentially simple. It is all too easy for us to clutter up the gospel with our own baggage. When we do that we eclipse the simplicity that is at the heart of the gospel: love of God and love of neighbour.

In telling the apostles that when they experience rejection they are to 'shake the dust off their feet' he is telling the Twelve not to get bogged down by rejection and apparent failure. Jesus is effectively saying 'just get on with it'. That is as true today as it ever was: if we allow ourselves to get too caught up in negativity we will not live the gospel in its joy and its simplicity. We will not, in fact, draw others to Christ.

St Francis of Assisi said, 'God has made us simple. We have made ourselves complicated.' Listening to today's gospel calls us back to the simplicity and joy at the heart of Christian faith. If our minds are cluttered up with too many haversacks, too many tunics, we can put them aside at least for today. We can rediscover the joy and simplicity at the heart of the gospel.

Mgr Matthew

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please contact the Parish Priest

Sunday Readings: Year B

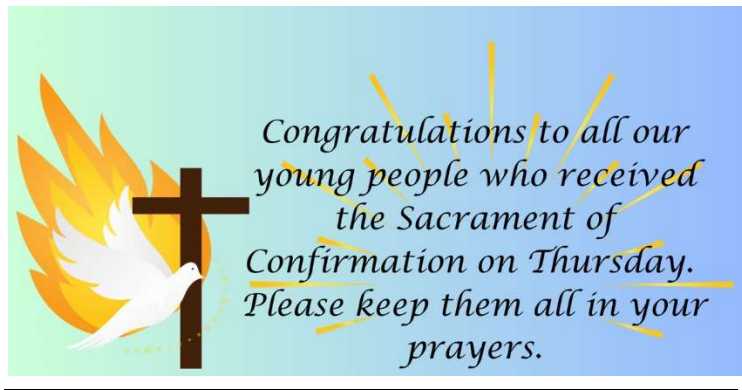
Weekday Readings: Year 2

**SECOND COLLECTION
STELLA MARIS**

13 - 14 July – Formerly the Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers with practical and pastoral care worldwide. Working as a network of 250 ports internationally, port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. 90% of the worlds trade is transported by ship but the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions and donations, particularly the one today. Stella Maris Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of the church.

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION
ORGAN FUND**

21 - 22 July – For the previous restoration and maintenance of our Willis Pipe Organ.



MASS INTENTIONS

Anyone may ask to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, should you wish a Mass to be offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), for the repose of the soul of a person who has died, or the welfare of someone who is ill, or any other intention please complete a Mass intention envelope which you will find at the back of the church. If you wish the intention to remain private simply record 'private intention' on the envelope. Please return the completed envelope to the parish office.

SAFETY MATTERS

Reminder: In the event of a fire, please meet at the fire assembly point in Santos Road (outside the Bright Horizons Day Nursery).



LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY Our group for parents and toddlers (0-4 years) **meets every Monday during school term time** (except bank holidays) 10:00-11:30 in the parish hall.

An opportunity for mums and dads with toddlers to share parenting experience, to pray together and for children to play. Mums and dads expecting a baby are also very welcome. Parents and children welcome to attend the 09:30 Mass before the group meets.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE Walsingham, Saturday 3

August 2024. Marks the 40th Anniversary of this pilgrimage to Walsingham. This year, it will be led by Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton. For more information, or to join the pilgrimage, please see the poster at the back of the church.

A PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON TO CATHOLICS FROM NIGERIA, OR WITH NIGERIAN HERITAGE, IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK.

Archbishop John Wilson has recently returned from Nigeria where he was invited to ordain ten priests for the Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria. "It was a remarkable trip on many levels." A pastoral message about the visit written particularly for Nigerian Catholics, and Catholics with Nigerian heritage, here in our Archdiocese, that may also be of interest to other people in our parish can be found at the back of the church as well as on our parish website for you to read.

**TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE 2025
ATTENTION 16-25 YEAR OLDS!**

We are considering organising a pilgrimage to the Taizé community in Burgundy, France, 16-23 February 2025. Aimed especially at young people 16-25 years who wish to live out the Christian gospel in a spirit of joy, simplicity and reconciliation. You will experience the unique Taizé meditative music as part of candlelit worship; participate in Bible workshops; and share your faith in English-speaking groups with other young Christians of different denominations from all over the world. You do not need to be able to speak French! A presentation and film will be held in the parish hall **on Saturday 28 September at 16:00**. Young people to be accompanied by Mgr Matthew and several adult parishioners. For more information and to register your interest please contact the parish office.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Parish Collection	£428
Parish Dona	£254
Standing Orders	£593
Organ Fund Collection	£149
Organ Fund Dona	£49



- R** Welcome & Coffee: L. Northeast, M. Ascensao
O N/W F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo
T Readers: **SAT:** S. Doney, S. Palmer
A N/W R. & S. Jackson Cousin
S **SUN:** T. & L. Brown, R. Brine
 N/W A. Burnett, T. Greetham
Flowers: L. Northeast N/W A. Robbins



THE CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet on the 2nd Saturday of the Month. **NEXT MEETING 11am-1pm Saturday, 10th August. JOIN US!**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

- 29 Jul - 1 Aug** "Summertime" Altar Servers Summer Break
3 Aug Pilgrimage to Walsingham
23-30 Aug CA Pilgrimage to Lourdes



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