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16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

18th/19th July 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Readings Next Week: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52



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MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732



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My dear friends

It was good to see so many people at the 2 open-air Masses on Sunday; 9.00am and 11.00am. Thanks to all the stewards who are so committed to helping at the weekday Masses and on Sundays. Without them we would be unable to have Mass.

Today's parable of the wheat and the weeds is a story about good seed and bad seed. Jesus wants us to strive to do our best and to look for the best in other people and situations.

On Thursday I said an open-air leavers Mass in the school for Year 6 pupils and their families. Parents looking for the best in their children, teachers looking for the best in their pupils as they embark on another chapter in their lives, when they go to secondary school.

Today's message of looking for the positive amongst the negative is particularly apt for us in these present times, e.g:

We can now have:

- **Baptisms, Weddings and Requiem Masses in Church**
- **Each will have limited numbers and strict guidelines.**
- **For the time being, when we have Requiems they will be celebrated at the 11.00am Mass in church.**

In this coming week may we strive for the best in ourselves and others and look for the best in our families and community. Remember the wheat has to be given every chance. God gives us every chance. So, we should try to be less negative and more positive in what we think, say and do.

Today's parable is about acknowledging our sinfulness and protecting the goodness in us. The Kingdom of Heaven is not a far-off place or time. It is here and now.

FR. JOHN

PARISH MASSES

Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the grounds of St. Lawrence School. Open-air Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am, with social distancing.

Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers (maximum 64 people with 2 metre distancing). This is a gradual re-opening of our parish for Masses with some changes of Mass times.

It is important to remember that the Coronavirus is still out there, and lives are still at risk. We cannot afford to get complacent. We must all continue to play our part, follow the rules, protect our vulnerable people and control the spread. We are still living with a pandemic.

If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours.

Certain groups of people may be at risk from COVID19 including those who are aged 70 and above, regardless of medical conditions. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from coming to Mass.

- The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.
- People who are shielding are currently advised not to attend places of worship
- Masses are still available on websites.
- Confessions by appointments.
- On Sundays we will be celebrating Open Air Masses for the time being.

People want to feel safe and confident when coming back to Mass.

FR. JOHN

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Frances Murray, Stefania Wolanska, Agnes Brown, Michael Nsiah, Lina Edwards and all who have died with the Pandemic.

The Requiem Mass for **Frances Murray** will take place here on **Thursday 30th July at 11am.**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Please keep in your prayers all their families who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18	11am	Lina & David Edwards RIP
Sun 19	9am 11am	Anne Bagnall's Intentions People of the Parish
Mon 20	11am	James Teatum RIP
Tues 21	11am	Sheila Harvey RIP
Wed 22	11am	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady
Thurs 23	11am	Deceased members of the Nguyen Family RIP
Fri 24	11am	Mario Simoes RIP (First Anniversary)
Sat 25	11am	Teresa Keaveney RIP
Sun 26	9am 11am	David Leonard Dowling RIP Maria Filomena Fernandes RIP (4 th Anniversary)
Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of the Adeji Family		

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS

Guidance from the Bishop's Conference

- **No offertory procession of the gifts of bread and wine to the altar**
- **Singing is not permitted**
- **The Prayer of the Faithful should be omitted from Mass**

Here are some Bidding Prayers for the week:

With complete faith and trust we pray to the Father for all our needs:

In a world full of the weeds of greed, lies and corruption, may we find in the word of Jesus the grace to be generous, truthful and to act with integrity.

We pray for children and young people who are changing or leaving school, college or university, that their journey will be one of happiness, peace and growth in self-confidence and concern for others.

For those whose businesses are failing, those who face financial hardship and for those who have lost their jobs because of the virus. May they not lose hope and may people work together to support one another and find ways for others in this time of need.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

Loving Father, guide us in the right paths and give us courage to face the challenges of life, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2021 – **Thursday 24th September 2020**

For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form in 2021 – **Wednesday 30th September 2020**

Further information to follow.

Resources from the Agency for Evangelisation Marriage Care Counselling Services

<https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/news/marriage-care-at-75--we-are-here-for-you/>
'Retrouvaille' a lifeline for married couples
www.retrouvaille.org.uk

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION Meditate

In all these agricultural parables the farmer appears as the main character. He has confidence that the fruit will come. We are called to learn patience from the farmer, who waits for the produce to come up. Our task is to sow the seed. God will give it growth in due season.

Act

Darnel produces a fruit which can be poisonous. Take a moment to see what are the actions you are doing and words you are using and if the time has come try to stop those which are not healthy.