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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd/24th July 2022

Year C, Volume 2: (Page 114): Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

Next Week: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 117): Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 89; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11;

Luke 12: 13-21



LORD, TEACH
US TO PRAY
LUKE 11:1-13

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Say this when you pray:' *"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come..."*

The theme of prayer stands out in the readings for this Sunday; the seventh in Ordinary Time of Church's liturgical calendar. Prayer is one of the key principles of our daily Christian faith. St Paul points to this when he commends us to, "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (2 Thess. 5:16-18)

The first reading of this Sunday (Gen. 18:20-32) reminds me of the definition of prayer which I learnt as a child in my First Holy Communion preparation classes. That, "prayer is a constant conversation between God our Father and us, his children..." In this, we hear echoes of a childlike trust relationship with, and the confidence to call God our Father. (cf. Gospel Acclamations for today). Foremost in this understanding is that prayer is an intimate relationship with God, and less a transactional relationship, if at all. We see the confidence, which such intimate relationship begets in the manner in which Abraham converses with God, as he pleads God to show mercy to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, who have sinned grievously against God.

In the hierarchy of the petitions contained in the prayer, which Jesus teaches his disciples in today's Gospel passage (Lk. 11:1-13) he places God our Father and the fulfilment of his will above all else - "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come..." It is our desire and active participation in the Kingdom of God that nourishes our humanity, whether in times of joy or sorrow, in times of need or richness. The daily experience of these two foremost petitions is what transforms us and the world we live in. The Christian Prayer is indeed a way of life that is centred on God the Father, through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus lived this constant communion with God the Father throughout his life on earth; doing his Father's will and glorifying him in all he did and said.

The rich hunger for God expressed in different ways, but particularly in prayer, here in our parish of St Lawrence has truly nourished my ministry in the last eleven months. I found this a truly fulfilling experience. This too, reassures me daily that answering God's call to the priesthood is indeed his will for me and the best thing I have done and will ever do. I hope my time with you has added to the richness of your faith and joy in the Lord. As I move to Sacred Heart Berkhamsted, I trust you will keep me in your prayers as I will do for you. Thank you and may God bless you all.

Fr Joseph

Thank you Fr Joseph for all you have done during your year here at St Lawrence's. We look forward to welcoming you back for a Mass of Farewell and Thanksgiving on Sunday 18th September at 11am followed by refreshments. **Fr John**

SUNDAY 24 JULY

After the 11am Mass please join us for some light refreshments in the Parish Centre to congratulate Rolly and celebrate his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm,

Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday

7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in

Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian

Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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CHANGE TO MASS TIME – FRIDAY 29TH JULY

The Mass on Friday 29th July will be at **9.45am** not 10am.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES AND CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS

For the Confirmation Mass on 9th July

Please see Rolly after Mass to collect the certificates and the photographs which will be in individual packs with payment information on each pack.

SUMMER SUPPLY

A warm welcome to Fr Gregory who arrives later this week. He will be helping out in the parish during the summer holidays.

CELEBRATION BRICKS

'Celebration Bricks' can celebrate a birth, marriage, life of a dear one, an achievement, a blessing or simply YOU or your family leaving a legacy of your connection with this community. There are two options available:

Option 1 – single brick, two lines per brick – 16 characters per line – £50.00 a brick.

Option 2 – double brick, four lines per brick – 16 characters per line – £100.00 a brick.

See samples of the brick tiles in the parish centre. If you are thinking of buying a brick and would like to be in the next batch of orders please see Florie in the Parish Office for an order form, complete and hand in your application by the end of July.

CAFÉ TOGETHER

Offers free supper, good company and the chance to talk through life's problems. If you or someone you know may benefit from a hot meal and a warm welcome you can join them on Thursdays in July from 6.30pm-8.30pm at Hounslow Methodist Church Bell Road, Hounslow TW3 3PB. Book for supper at www.cafetogether.org.uk or call 07597 323808. LAST WEEK.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Admission to Year 7 2023

Open Mornings (no appointments needed)

Thursdays 22nd, 29th September and 6th October from 8.45am to 10.15am

Open Evening

Thursday 22nd September from 5.00pm-7pm.

Headteacher Address at 5.45pm and 6.30pm

Sixth Form Open Evening

Admission to Year 12 in 2023

Wednesday 28th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL – SPONSORSHIP FOR NEW CLASSROOMS

Mr Leo Duggan, Head Teacher and Mrs Evelyn Thompson, Deputy Head Teacher successfully completed the Camino Inglés Pilgrimage to raise funds towards new classrooms, which are now in use. Total cost is £180,000 but Mr Duggan and Mrs Thompson have not quite reached their target of £10,000. please help them achieve this. Please help, it's for the future of your children/grandchildren. If you hadn't already sponsored them and would like to the link is

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leo-duggan>

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S, CONNECT@HOUNSLOW &

FELTHAM - A safe place for adults with learning disabilities who would like to take part in ART, MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA and COOKERY held at St Lawrence's Parish Centre every Tuesday or Friday. For further details, contact Laura Moran 07394 566360 or Karen Palmer 07394 566361. For more information, please see leaflets at the back of Church and notice board.

ASSUMPTION SUMMER RETREAT for Young Adults in Aylesford 20-21 August 2022. In the programme: mass, talks, silence, time for prayer and sharing. Cost includes accommodation, meals at the retreat centre and travel to and from London to Aylesford: £95 regular price and £75 for students/conc. **Limited spaces available – register NOW** by filling in this form: bit.ly/retr20Aug (closing date: 27th July!). Also Volunteering Roles – see poster on notice board.

JOB VACANCIES – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE,

1. Non Resident Caretaker (full time)

36 hours per week, Monday to Friday on a rotating shift pattern 5.45am-2.45pm and 9.30am-6.30pm, including occasional weekend. A clean, full driving licence is essential. Duties include general premises duties i.e. security, maintenance, moving furniture, etc. Please go to www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk for application packs. See flyer on porch noticeboard. Closing date 9am 27th July 2022. Immediate start.

2. Teaching Assistant

Required as soon as possible. Monday-Friday term time only 8.30am-3pm. Duties will include supporting students with Special Educational Needs or a disability in their learning, both in the classroom and one to one. For further information regarding the role please contact mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk. Closing date 9am 27th July 2022. Please see flyer on porch notice board.

A Day in Lourdes: UK tour of the Relics of St Bernadette - Date: Tuesday 6th September 2022

Venue: The Chapel, St Mary's University, Twickenham

Booking: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/09/a-day-in-lourdes-uk-tour-of-the-relics-of-st-bernadette>

Booking is essential for each of the following:

Mass at 1.05pm inside the Chapel; Mass at 6pm inside the Chapel
General admission on Campus

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Jude Ryan RIP, Thomas James Nye RIP, Margaret Edbrooke RIP and Michael Selby RIP** who passed away recently.

- **Thomas James Nye RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 27th July at 12noon.**

- **Michael Selby RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Friday 29th July at 10.45am. The Parish Mass that day will be at 9.45am**

- **Margaret Edbrooke** – Her Requiem will take place here on **Monday 1st August at 11am**

- **Mary Jude Ryan RIP** - Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Friday 5th August at 12.30pm.**

We also keep in our prayers their families and all who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23	11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	John Hanrahan RIP (UCM) Mass in Tagalog Luis Silveira in Birthday Thanksgiving Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 24	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm	Irene Holleyman RIP John Hourihan RIP Terry & Mary McGeachie RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy
Mon 25	10.00am	Paul McNicholas RIP
Tues 26	10.00am	Bridget McDonagh RIP
Wed 27	10.00am 12noon	Maria Filomena Fernandes RIP (A) REQUIEM MASS – THOMAS JAMES NYE RIP
Thurs 28	10.00am	Thanksgiving to St Anthony
Fri 29	9.45am 10.45am	Canha Family – Private Intentions REQUIEM MASS – MICHAEL SELBY RIP
Sat 30	11.00am 5.00pm	Gertrude Warner RIP Ann Preston in Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 31	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Adolf Pereira RIP Arthur & Margaret Levins RIP Lawrence Murray RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw)
Sanctuary Lamp: Bragança Family (Intentions)		

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