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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th/26th June 2022

Year C, Volume 2: (Page 102): 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21; Psalm 15; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62

Wednesday 29th June – SS PETER AND PAUL (Page 180): Acts 12:1-11, Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

Next Week: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 105): Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65; Galatians 6:14-18;

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



"If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence..."

This Sunday, the thirteenth in ordinary time of the Church's liturgical calendar, call to followership and service in the kingdom of God stands out in the first and Gospel readings. However, in all three readings, we see that there can be genuine human challenges to a faithful followership, and even to our desire to give of ourselves in service to God through our brothers and sister in God's Kingdom.

In the first reading, Elisha is faced with the challenge of leaving his mother and father behind to follow Elijah, the prophet of God. In the Gospel passage also, we see how those whom Jesus called to follow him wanted to attend to the real needs of their families, first. On the face of it, Jesus' response to their concerns for their families seems inconsiderate. He says: 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' and; 'once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' That said, Jesus in fact appreciates the cost of putting God's calling first before one's biological family. We can read this in his own family's experience when he went missing at age twelve and was later found in the Temple. (Lk. 2:41-52) Moreover, he acknowledges that our responsibility to our biological families is in fact divinely mandated. (Mk. 7:9-13)

Besides the obligation to serve God in the lives and needs of our family – the domestic Church, Jesus' response reminds us that we also belong to the universal family of the Church, - the visible manifestation of God's kingdom here on earth. The sacred seal of our belonging to and union in the one family of God, we received through our baptism. St Paul puts it more succinctly. "For by one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13; cf. Eph. 4:6)

It is not only our worries for the welfare and needs of our individual families that we struggle with. We also have sinful allurements, as well as the present-day threats to our Christian faith getting in the way of living to the full the freedom Jesus Christ won for us through his Passion and death on the cross. As St Paul writes in the second reading, it is only by yielding our lives to and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us that we can be victorious over these challenges. With his power, we are able to respond faithfully to God who calls us to take part in building up his kingdom in our families, in our parish of St Lawrence and the world at large.

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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

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Fr Joseph

CONFIRMATION – SATURDAY 9TH JULY

A reminder to all parents and candidates:

Confirmation Retreat Day and confessions - Saturday 2nd July 2022 10.00am to 5.00pm in the Parish Hall. Candidates must attend the Mass at 5.00pm in Church

Confirmation Rehearsal - Thursday 7th July 2022 at 6.00pm in the Church.

Please ensure that an email has been sent to theresafernandes@aol.com confirming the following:

Child's Name

Confirmation Name

Sponsor's Name

Email address of the church of baptism (if not at St.

Lawrence's Feltham)

FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

On **Wednesday 29th June** we celebrate the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 10am (with the school), 12.00noon and 6.00pm.

RELICS OF ST EDMUND CAMPION

The Knights of St Columba 2022 Pilgrimage in honour of St Edmund Campion and the Martyrs of England and Wales takes place from May 29th to 11th September. They will be visiting local churches and will be at St Lawrence's with the relic of St Edmund Campion on **Saturday 2nd July** at the 5pm Mass. The intention of this year's pilgrimage is Christian Unity and World Peace. All welcome.

JOB VACANCY

The parish is seeking to appoint a Parish Catechetical Co-ordinator. You will work with the parish priests, pastoral team and catechists with particular responsibility for supporting, maintaining, enhancing and co-ordinating the catechetical programmes in the parish, specifically First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Sunday School and Liturgy of the Word with Children. We need someone who is a great communicator, thrives on juggling various competing demands, is self-motivated and can multitask to meet deadlines. **Hours:** 10 hours per week. **Salary:** £13/hr. If you are interested please go to jobs.rcdow.org.uk for more details and to complete an online application form. **The closing date is Tuesday 28th June 2022 (12noon).**

AID FOR AFRICA

Cathy Early's aunt is involved in collecting items of faith for Africa including, but not exclusive to: - Bibles, missals, prayer books, vestments, candles (incl. old Paschal), rosaries, statues, prayer books, pictures, etc. These are then shipped to Africa for those in need.

If people can bring the donations of goods over the next 2 Sundays (26th June and 3rd July), that would be great and Cathy will pick up after 11:00 mass.

For anyone who would like to contribute but are unable to bring to church Cathy can arrange for collection. Contact: 07713 983485

SAVE THE DATE: 16-17TH JULY 2022.

Marriage Encounter are hosting a non-residential marriage enrichment weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to spend time reflecting on, refreshing and rejoicing in their wonderful vocation. For details go to:

<https://wwme.org.uk/weekend/me-weekendhend-on-16th-to-17th-july-2022/>

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA – JULY TO SEPTEMBER

Please collect a copy of the Rota from the sacristy.

COACH TRIP TO AYLESFORD FROM OSTERLEY PARISH,

16/7/22: Celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sat. 16/7/22, led by Fr. Robin Burgess. A coach will leave St. Vincent de Paul Parish between 0915-0930 and return at 1900. Details of the programme are on the poster. Cost £19 per adult, children £15 per child. If you are interested, please telephone St. Vincent's on 020 8560 4737 (leaving a message if necessary) or email osterley@rcdow.org All are welcome.

'CATECHISTS' SUMMER GATHERING

After two years of online Summer Gatherings for Catechists, we are once again able to meet in person. This year, the Summer Gathering will take place on **Saturday 2nd July**, 9.45am-3.30pm at Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith. If any catechist would like to attend please register at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/>

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL – CAMINO PILGRIMAGE

Well done to Mr Leo Duggan, Head Teacher and Mrs Evelyn Thompson, Deputy Head Teacher for successfully completing the Camino Inglés Pilgrimage to raise funds towards new Yr 3 and Yr 4 classrooms. Total cost is £180,000 but Mr Duggan and Mrs Thompson's target is £10,000. Please help its 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>

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Joan McGrath, Timothy Hurley, Rebecca Offiajiaku, Justin Lopez and Jerzy Jan Jakubik** who passed away recently.

- **Joan McGrath RIP** – Her funeral will take place on **Monday 4th July at 2pm** at Hanworth Crematorium.

- **Timothy Hurley RIP** – His Requiem will take place here on **Friday 8th July at 11am.**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 25 | 11.00am | In Thanksgiving Pham Family |
| | 5.00pm | Kyan Jayden D'Costa – Good Health |
| Sun 26 | 8.00am | Clodomiro Victor Rodrigues RIP (First Anniversary) |
| | 9.30am | Nelly Fernandes RIP |
| | 11.00am | Gregorio Fernandes RIP (Third Anniversary) |
| | 1.00pm | Mass in Polish (Msza sw) |
| Mon 27 | 10.00am | Ivy Rodrigues (Good Health) |
| Tues 28 | 10.00am | Eamonn Mulreany RIP |
| Wed 29 | 10.00am | SCHOOL MASS (Mylic Rodrigues in Birthday Thanksgiving) |
| | 12.00noon | John Murphy (Intention) |
| | 6.00pm | In Thanksgiving Macken Family |
| Thurs 30 | 10.00am | Agnetha Wilson in Thanksgiving |
| Fri 1 July | 10.00am | Agnes Breslin RIP |
| Sat 2 | 11.00am | Gerry Burke from Donegal (Get Well) |
| | 5.00pm | Mary Fernandes in Birthday Thanksgiving |
| Sun 3 | 8.00am | John Hanrahan RIP |
| | 9.30am | Starina D'Souza RIP (Birthday Remembrance) |
| | 11.00am | Maria Arnold RIP |
| | 1.00pm | Mass in Polish (Msza sw) |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of the Barreto Family | | |

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