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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 7TH JULY – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 6th
9.30am Mr & Mrs Raymond Solomon
6.30pm David Hehir RIP
Sunday 7th **Fourteenth Sunday**
9.00am Louis Briffa RIP
10.30am People of the Parish
6.30pm Millicent Mary Laing RIP
Monday 8th
9.30am Wellbeing of Teresa Dooley
Tuesday 9th
9.30am Holy Souls
Wednesday 10th
9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Thursday 11th **St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe, Feast**
9.30am No Intentions
Friday 12th
9.30am Alfred Knight RIP
Saturday 13th
9.30am No Intentions
6.30pm Mary Crehan RIP
Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Confessions: Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call.
Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (6th July) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Purser, Gladys Webley, Henry McFarland, Elizabeth Pask, Richard Duckett, James McDonnell, Vincent Bruce McCall, Jane Readon, Jessica Lilian Morgan, Sidney George Charles White, Frederick Norman, Irene Coll, Ian McIntyre, Hannah Coughlan, Stephen Robin John, Bela Szollosi, Frederick Joseph Wilkie, Daniel O'Dwyer, Margaret Mary Lane, Margaret Hopwood, Mario Cattaneo, Julia Martin, Agnes O'Connor, Patrick MacNamara, Thomas Francis Pryce, Jane Agnes Dillon, Elisabeth Coveney, Rose Pereira, Rosanna Healy, Louisa Crosbie, Sarah Birch, Kathleen Godfrey, George Staunton, James Reed.
+++ May they rest in Peace +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£604.61	Loose	£363.33
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£20.90	Loose	£78.26

TOTAL £1067.10

The collection last week was for Peter's Pence. The retiring collection next week is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. This year's Sea Sunday supporting video can be viewed at: <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/about-sea-sunday>

Never hesitate to hold out your hand; never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another.

~ Pope Saint John XXIII

PERSONAL WITNESS

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 65:1-7, 16, 20

The Lord sent out seventy-two disciples in pairs to prepare towns and villages for his coming. Seventy-two probably represents the number of different nations recognised at that time. May we not also see a global symbolism in the thirty-six pairs covering the three hundred and sixty degrees of the compass? The instruction of the Lord is more about the witness of their lifestyle than the content of their words. Going in pairs would witness to fraternal co-operation. They were to trust in others to support the. Their approach and greetings should exude peace.

Isaiah, in the first reading, is sensuously lyrical in singing of the return to Jerusalem after the humiliation of exile. The psalm calls us to *cry out with joy to God, sing to the glory of his name, render him glorious praise*. Initially the psalmist recalls the deeds of the past, particularly in crossing the waters dry-shod. Then he invites people to *come and hear what God means personally to him*.

Some critics say that Christianity is guilt-ridden and kill-joy. Christian mission is counter-productive unless it shows the face of love, joy and peace, the first three fruits of the Spirit. The poet, E.E. Cummings wrote that he would rather learn from one bird how to sing than teach a thousand stars how not to dance. The witness of personal peace and joy in the Lord is more attractive than a month of moral denunciations.

Come and see the works of God.

Come and hear what he did for my soul.

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

Bake Sale

Sunday 7th July

After 9am and 10.30am Masses

In aid of Father Ray Foundation



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FATHER RAY FOUNDATION

Students from Holy Cross School will be hosting a bake sale after the morning Masses on Sunday 7th July, to support those at the Father Ray Foundation, an orphanage in Pattaya, Thailand.

The Holy Cross School has a strong relationship with the Father Ray Foundation and sends a group of students each year to offer their help to those in the orphanage. Those in the orphanage treasure the support that The Holy Cross School offers every year.

The money raised will be used to buy equipment for the orphanage, and will be invested in activities that those in the orphanage will enjoy with Holy Cross students, who will visit the orphanage in July.



HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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Fourteenth Sunday (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-12,17-20,

Jesus sends out 72 people to announce the coming kingdom.

Reflection

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

Family Reflection

Families teach a sense of togetherness and community. It is in the family that we learn that we are dependent on one another and where we learn to work together and live together. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in pairs, a sign that we are to work together to serve the mission of the Kingdom of God.

Talk about all the ways that your family works together. Talk about the various chores and tasks that family members work on together to accomplish in order to keep the household running smoothly.

Read aloud Luke 10:1-12,17-20. Talk about why it was important that Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Discuss ways that your family can work more closely together to support one another and to make the household run more smoothly. Pray for the strength to overcome the temptation to be too individualistic and to recognize the need for working together as a family.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:

- Request for Student Exchange placements
- 'The Gift' at St Joseph's Parish, New Malden.
- Knock Pilgrimage 2019
- The Mustard Seed
- St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal
- A Day With Mary
- Job Vacancies at Holy Cross Schools and St Georges Cathedral
- London SW Catholic Social Group

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 7 th July	Bake Sale
Friday 12 th July	Youth Club

St Agatha's Church Youth Club



We are excited to announce the launch of the brand-new St Agatha's Church Youth Club! The Youth Club will run every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and will initially be open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! Once established the young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to being able to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.

We would like to thank our very own parishioner Paul Keane for offering to lead this new group and parishioners who have already come forward to help, however, we still need more volunteers, of all ages, to help behind the scenes with the various tasks involved with running the club. Could you spare just a few hours a month? Please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius or contact the parish office for further details.

We would also greatly appreciate any donations of any equipment to enable us to provide activities; please speak with the Parish Secretary to discuss this further.

Please do encourage any young people you know to come along and join in!

Parish Website

Work is currently being undertaken to establish a new parish website. Please bear with us as this is a work in progress. All the events of the parish and any news will be included on this site and, hopefully, will be accessible in due course. If you are unable to find what you are looking for please contact the Parish Secretary.

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be held on **Sunday 22nd September 2019**. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form, available from the back of the church and return to the Parish Office and register for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish meet together once a month at the Wych Elm. The group will meet on the following dates in 2019, please note changes to some previously announced dates: 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Gift Aid scheme

As the 2018/19 tax year has now ended, please let us know if, in the last year, you have changed your address or if you no longer pay tax so that we may update your details. The new gift aid envelopes are now available; if you are part of the scheme, please do ensure you come and collect your envelopes from the old sacristy after any mass or call or pop in to the parish office during office hours. Gift Aid is an important source of income for the Parish and we can claim a considerable sum from the government on all donations by UK taxpayers. If you would like to join the scheme, please speak with our Parish Secretary on 020 8546 4633. A big thank you to all involved as the tax we can reclaim is a great help to the parish.

Music at Masses

As we now have hymns at all Masses, we are still making an appeal for more musicians to lead the music. If you can play piano or organ and would like to take a turn at playing at one of the Masses, please contact one of the priests. Thank you!