



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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Mass Times

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am

(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasions)

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st & last Friday of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

25 AUGUST 2024

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

TODAY'S READINGS - Joshua 24:1-2,15-18, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -Today's gospel reading is about the disciple's reaction to the teachings of Jesus. Sometimes when we hear Jesus' words they are just what we want to hear and sometimes we find them challenging. In this week's gospel, Jesus talks to his followers about those occasions.

Jesus sees the number of his followers dwindling. At the beginning of this section of his teaching he had fed a group of 5,000 and now he's talking to just 12. And he starts a conversation with them as they turn away.

His followers' responses vary - some stop following him, but for Peter it prompts a beautiful affirmation of his faith, echoing his recognition of Jesus as the Christ at Caesarea Philippi: 'we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Belief in Jesus and his teachings challenge all of us at some point. When we find the gospel too hard, when daily life is more attractive than our life of faith, or when Jesus just gets crowded out and we're too busy to come to church, Jesus doesn't just let us go, he maintains his conversation with us. He continues to speak to us through the goodness

of friends and family, or through the beauty of creation and an infinite variety of other things that touch our hearts. Always he is inviting us back, to renew our relationship with him. And when we accept his invitation, then Peter's words become our own: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life?" JD

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8, James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -In today's Gospel Jesus makes it quite clear that the traditions and beliefs expressed by the Scribes and Pharisees meant nothing and were only human regulations and not a response to the commandments of God. Just carrying out laws and traditions are not what the commandments were about. We all need to ask ourselves how this could apply to us. As human beings we sometimes get things wrong, sometimes seriously: this is human nature. What we have, however is the love of Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection on our behalf enables us to receive his forgiveness for whatever wrongs we do. We only have to ask. PMcD

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2024 - Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 -For the cry of the Earth
We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

SEASON OF CREATION - 1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2024

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. [READ MORE](#)

EDUCATION SUNDAY - SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

Education Sunday is marked this year on 8 September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2024 is, "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak", taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37).

Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. [READ MORE](#)

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION 8 SEPTEMBER

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Many thanks in advance for your support.

SERVICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, REFLECTION & PRAYER The Archdiocese of Southwark & LoudFence warmly invite you to a Service of Acknowledgement, Reflection & Prayer for those that have been harmed by Abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed. 25th September 2024 at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY

ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTEERS The Cathedral is currently seeking volunteers who have administrative and Microsoft suite experience and would be able to give their time for 1-2 days in the Cathedral Office assisting with general administration, answering doors, phones, etc. Training provided. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Javier Elderfield: cathedraladministrator@rcaos.org.uk

VOLUNTEER CATHEDRAL TOUR GUIDES REQUIRED The Cathedral are looking for persons interested in forming a team of tour guides for visiting groups to the Cathedral. Training and resources will be provided. Time commitment would depend on individual availability, not more than a tour a month, on a rota basis. For more information and any questions, please email Deacon Javier at: cathedraladministrator@rcaos.org.uk or call 07540 25404

MASS ATTENDEES

3/4 August - 191 10/11 August - 221 17/18 August -207

Our next newsletter will be issued on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) on Sunday 8th September 2024



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 24 August 2024

18:00 John Costello RIP

Sunday 25 August 2024

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 John & Elizabeth Constable (FM)

Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 - Feria

10:30 Fr Norman Gillett (FM)

Tuesday 27 August 2024 - St. Monica

09:30 The Judge Family (FM)

Wednesday 28 August 2024 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

09:30 May O'Brien RIP

Thursday 29 August 2024 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 30 August 2024 - Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs

09:30 Lucy & Thomas Stanton (FM)

Saturday 31 August 2024 - Feria

10:30 Holy Souls

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

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Monday 2 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 Edmund & Christine Murphy (FM)

Tuesday 3 September 2024 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

09:30 Personal Intentions

Wednesday 4 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 Mary Storey (FM)

Thursday 5 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 6 September 2024 - Feria

09:30 In Honor of the Sacred Heart (FM)

Saturday 7 September 2024 - Feria

10:30 Holy Souls

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Education Day

Saturday 7 September 2024

18:00 Giovanni & Lucia Del Guercio RIO

Sunday 8 September 2024

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Annual service for those harmed by abuse



Service of hope & healing

25 SEP
6.30PM

St George's Cathedral, London, SE1 7HY

Annual service of hope & healing for those who have been harmed by abuse and for those who work with or support the people who have been harmed.

After the service, people will be invited to tie a ribbon to our "LoudFence", as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for survivors and as a memorial for those lost to abuse.



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