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14th July 2019 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C), Sea Sunday

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 13th July 2019

13th Sat	St Henry
9.30am	Private Intention (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	People of the Parish
14th Sun	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sea Sunday
8.30am	Salvatrice Guagliardo RIP
10.00am	Ann Burke RIP
11.30am	Mike Deely RIP
15th Mon	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor Joe O'Byrne RIP
16th Tue	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Kevin Sexton
17th Wed	Feria - <i>No Mass</i>
18th Thu	Feria Felix Silva 1 st RIP Anniv
19th Fri	Feria 9.30am Barry Doe RIP 10.30am End of Term School Mass 12.30pm Requiem Mass for Katherine Moore RIP
20th Sat	St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
9.30am	Anna Carey - 90 th Birthday (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Geraldine, Phyllis & Christy Conlon RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm *and by appointment*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am - 9.15am

First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 18:1-10, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

Having led the people of Israel through the desert for forty years, there on the borders of the Promised Land, Moses preaches one final sermon, a long sermon that takes up almost the whole Book of Deuteronomy, from which we read today. In the sermon, he invites them to do four things before they enter the land, to spend the rest of their lives doing four things that will give structure and substance to how they live, four things that will give meaning and value to their days: Look back in thanksgiving, look up in obedience, look around in compassion, look ahead in confidence. But whichever way you look, he says, don't ever forget the source of your strength. Whichever way you look, remember where your strength comes from. Don't forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your hearts.

For forty years they had staggered through the desert to the land God promised, the land called Canaan, modern-day Israel, Palestinian territories, Lebanon and West Jordan. They had fought off enemy armies, dwindling water supplies, hunger, withering heat. But there, in that Promised Land, they would face a different danger. For forty years God had taken care of all their needs. But now they would build their own houses and raise their own food. Before, they depended on God for guidance, for daily survival: now they would have military leaders, fortresses, and storage cities. Once they had looked to God for help and deliverance: now, settled comfortably in the land, they would worry more about their crops growing and their livestock producing and who their daughters would marry. When they fled Egypt, God fought for them because they couldn't fight for themselves. But as they settled in Canaan they had less and less need for God to fight battles for them.

The further in time people get from harsh realities, the less they think they need God. The more self-sufficient they become, the more they forget any role God might have. Later Joshua would remind them: *remember where you came from. Whatever good there is in you now, remember who did that for you. God gave you a land on which you hadn't worked, cities which you hadn't built: you're eating food you didn't grow.* It was into this collective amnesia that Moses preaches his long sermon: *Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, by not keeping his commandments, the things God asks of you. Be careful that when you have eaten and are full, and are living in the great houses you have built, and when your possessions and finances are multiplied, you don't forget your God, who brought you out of Egypt.*

"Love your neighbour as yourself"

Luke 10:27

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Christopher Clohessy

REGULAR NOTICES

Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

SVP If you or your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society, please ring Tony on 020 8868 3205. If you would like to be visited by a priest and/or regularly with Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Recently deceased: Patsy O'Sullivan, Kathleen Towey, Lusita Cardoz, Siobhan Gallen.

Pray also for Felix Silva, Mary McKenna, Nancy Martin, John Hughes, Bruno Zanelli, Dorothy Payne, Josephine, Matthew & John Doody, Maureen Duran, Ted Green, Fr Bernard McKenna, Walter Walsh, John Rainsford, Peggy McKenna, Sr Aileen Vear, Kevin O'Riordan, Horst Nekut, Kevin Flynn, Arkadiusz Bowcariwski, Paddy O'Brien, Blanche Contaminard, Beatrice Pereira, Thomas Morris whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Please remember in your prayers **Katherine Moore** who has died. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 19th July 2019 at 12.30pm at St John Fisher followed by committal at Northwood Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas for 20th July to 16th September 2019 are now available at www.stjohnfisheronline.org.uk. Please contact the presbytery if you require a paper copy.

Ordination to Sacred Priesthood of Rev. Johnpromise Umeozuru will take place on **Saturday, 20th July 2019** at 11am at St John's Catholic Cathedral Portsmouth, Bishop Crispian Way, PO1 3HQ. The cost for the coach is £20 and **booking forms are available from the porch – there are still spaces available so the deadline has been extended to Tuesday, 16th July.** Please note the departure time from St John Fisher has changed to 8am and from Portsmouth to 4.30pm.

Confirmation 2020 Application for Confirmation is now available for anyone currently in School year 8 or above. If you would like to be considered for Confirmation you will need to download the Initial Application form from our website and return the completed form to Kay by Sunday, 21st July 2019.

'Across the Years 1939 - 2019: St John Fisher Parish Remembers' event on 12th October 2019 Do you have any early photos of St. John Fisher Parish building or events? John and Barbara Towell would appreciate a loan of these for possible inclusion in a presentation. If you can help, please phone John & Barbara (020 8866 6665) or leave your photos in the Parish Office.

Fairtrade food stall will be open after all masses **this weekend** and reopen again in Autumn after the Summer break. If you are still well-stocked with chocolate come and browse the range of dried fruit, nuts etc on sale.

Friday Coffee Morning On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays of the month, there is a chance for parishioners to meet after Mass over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit in the Fisher Room. All welcome.

Sick List If, in the past, you have asked for someone to be put on the sick list it would be very much appreciated if you could let Claudia know whether that person should be taken off – hopefully because they are now better.

In case you are admitted to hospital In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also, state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

Mass Intentions Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards in the Church porch: for the living and for the dead. The cards are 50p each (please put money in 'papers' box at the back of the Church) and the offering suggested by the Diocese for a Mass is £10. If, however, you cannot afford this, £5 will suffice. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk.

Getting Married Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.

New to the Parish? Please make yourself known after Mass to either Fr Graham or Kay O'Connor so you may be registered and provided with all the relevant information. A welcome pack is available from the wall rack in the Church porch.

Leaving the Parish or Change of Address? Please advise Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham On **Saturday 21st September** we will be joining the Cardinal on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Lady. The cost of the day incl. return coach travel from St John Fisher is £20. **More details & booking forms are available from the Church porch.** Deadline for returning the form & payment is **7th September, 2019.**

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayer. Thank you. There are gift aid envelopes and prayer cards available from the Church porch or you can donate online at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

Diocesan Vacancies If you or your friends and family are looking for a new opportunity with the Diocese of Westminster, please visit our website <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>.

The Passage Annual Garden Party Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending our annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 19th July, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available online through <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196> or from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 020 7592 1856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage. See poster on porch noticeboard.