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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1/2 October 2022

Saturday 1 October

4.30-5.15 Confessions
5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Mrs Geraldine Desouza RIP

SUNDAY 2 October

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 3]

Annual Mass attendance count 3

8.00 Mass Mary Williams RIP
10.00 Parish Mass

Thanksgivings of the
Nwawulor Family

Monday 3 October

Feria 27th Week of the Year

9.30 Mass and Rosary
Afia Kwarteng

Tuesday 4 October

St Francis of Assisi, Memorial

9.30 Mass and Rosary
Mary Brightwell RIP (Birthday)

Wednesday 5 October

St Faustina Kowalska, Memorial

9.30 Mass and Rosary
Roque Dias RIP

Thursday 6 October

St Bruno, Memorial

No Mass day

Friday 7 October

Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
Friday abstinence

7.00pm Mass and Rosary of
Our Lady of Sorrows

Private intention (thanksgivings)

Saturday 8 October

Feria 27th Week of the Year

No morning Mass

4.30-5.15 Confessions
5.30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
People of the parish

SUNDAY 9 October

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Year C) [Daily Office Psalter wk 1]

Annual Mass attendance count 4

8.00 Mass Kay & Alec Moody
(Wedding Anniversary)

10.00 Parish Mass
Mrs Rosita Bertha Fernandes RIP

BEFORE MASS – A Prayer of Preparation ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After this prayer, until the start of Mass, please pray in preparation for worship.

AND AFTER THE 10am MASS there are refreshments (often homemade cakes), and chance to connect in fellowship in the Parish Hall – our ‘Upper Room’.

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The **Order of Mass** can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book -- **first from p.7** – then after the Bidding Prayers, **from p.15**, and from the Lord’s Prayer, **p.56**.

The **Readings** for today’s Mass are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on **pp.146–48** The psalm response is: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

When people talk about faith it’s not long before they talk about losing it. We often hear of people who for years were loyal, practising Catholics but who have lost the faith. Covid it seems pushed many people in that direction (probably because they lost a *habit* rather than because God became unbelievable). Many parents in the congregation fear their children have given up on the faith that they learnt while they were at home. We who still claim we believe are not infrequently confronted with doubt; and we pray that our faith may be strengthened or deepened in the face of it.

But how can our faith develop or grow? If we see faith as a *gift*, an inner strength, something we treasure, not something entirely dependent on us, we are off to a good start. If we deepen our *appreciation* of what it means to us and brings to our lives, then we opt for it afresh, day by day. And if we manage to *apply* it in practice each day in the ordinary hum-drum of daily life. If we give ourselves to the faith, and do so with a fuller awareness of God, in Christ leading us, in His Spirit living in us, and in His saints alongside us, then the chances are we will have a greater sense of its having a hold on us.

First Reading (OT): Habakkuk 1.2–3, 2.2–4 We are aware that there is much struggle and violence in the world. Sometimes this is close by, in our place of work, our home, our neighbourhood. Certainly, every evening and every morning the news brings us by every available means images of violence and its consequences in various world trouble spots. All too often children are the victims. We tend to ask the same question posed by the prophet. Where on earth is God in all this mess? We turn to prayer, asking less for an answer to our question than for an intervention by God to resolve and heal what has gone wrong. We don’t expect that we can change things through our own resources, we turn instead to God’s resources. We live in hope that God can be our saviour, though no doubt some live as if our prayer can’t be effective.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 1.6—8, 13—14 We are being continually being told that faith is a private matter: not a matter for public expression; a lifestyle choice. Most often we play along with this imposed secrecy. Do we ever ask a stranger what his/her religion is? Don't we often hide our religious convictions away? Just ask yourself: how often do I say a grace out loud before a meal in a restaurant? In this passage St Paul gives guidelines to Christian disciples as to how to bear public witness to the faith. Søren Kierkegaard (the Danish philosopher, religious writer and social critic) said Christians must witness to the *outside* world the *inner intensity* of the faith they feel. We should pray that the life of our parish community might fan into a flame the gift of faith in each of us, given in baptism.

Gospel: Luke 17.5—10 It is comforting for those of us who long to deepen our faith, and struggle to express it well, to hear that the apostles also asked Jesus to strengthen their faith. Jesus responded by teaching that it was a matter of applying to everyday living (first) their *belief in him* and in the priorities of the *kingdom* that he preached, and also (second) their complete trust in the providence of the God he taught them to call Father. As Pope Benedict XVI often pointed out, anything we construct or build is not thanks to our *own* efforts, but thanks to the strength that we draw from the shared faith of the Catholic community.

FAMILY FAST DAY – CAFOD Food Crisis Appeal Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory, especially across East Africa. As people of faith we must act. What's your favourite meal of the week – make it as simple as you can, and give the money you save to put food in the mouths of those who have no family meal to share. No-one deserves to go hungry. Your donation can help CAFOD's experts to provide emergency food to families in the worst affected places. Either start a monthly gift to CAFOD, or simply use the **CAFOD Family Fast envelopes** for the second collection **next weekend, 9 October**. Check out the video at www.cafod.org.uk/fastday

Next Sunday is also PRISONERS' SUNDAY Two initiatives have been proposed by the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT). The first is the holding of Encounter Film Nights, using short films as an introduction to discussions about pastoral outreach. The second is an invitation to parish groups to make walking pilgrimages. More information can be found at www.prisonadvice.org.uk.

PROTECTING THE UNBORN A recent BBC poll revealed that **15% of British women have experienced pressure to have an abortion that they did not want**. It's a shocking reality that champions of abortion seek to hide. To bring it to light it is key to understand the reasons why women resort to abortion.

This year, the society is sponsoring **three national conferences** – one of which is in London – to highlight the rising issue of abortion coercion. It's on 22 October at Broadway House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NQ. The cost is £35 (£25 concessions). It can be booked online at www.spuc.org.uk/national-conferences-2022. Or you can contact Katherine Hampton on katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk or 01892 542616.

HEALTH QI GONG commences on Thursday 13th October in the Parish Hall between 10.15am and 11.30am. All are welcome (no previous experience required) - the first "taster" session is **FREE**. Health Qi gong is exercise consisting of gentle stretching, breathing technique and relaxation aimed at improving balance, posture and flexibility as well as general wellbeing through toning and strengthening muscles. It is suitable for both men and women of all ages. Loose, comfortable clothing is advised. For further information speak to Mel Goodger after 10.30am Sunday Mass or call - 07904 736004. Why don't **YOU** give it a go on **Thursday 13th**?

PARISH QUIZ ... Saturday 22 October ... Fish & Chips and Raffle Doors open 6.30 for 7pm start. Reserve your Team / Table now! Open to all adults and Year 9+. It's (strictly) limited to 8 persons per table, and we can have a maximum of 16 tables. TICKETS are £15.00. Any questions? then telephone or email John McIntyre on 07758 938340 | johnmcintyre@me.com. If you have no questions, but just want tickets, John will be selling them after all Sunday Masses (Saturday Vigil included) on **8 and 9 October and 15 and 16 October**.

Readers Rota

<u>1 October 5.30</u> Jennifer Bourke	<u>2 October 8.00</u> Audrey Da Costa
<u>2 October 10.00</u> Readings Tim & Mel Goodger, Bidding prayers Carol-Anne Chandler	
<u>8 October 5.30</u> Monica Clifford	<u>9 October 8.00</u> Georgina Martins
<u>9 October 10.00</u> Readings Derrick Pereira & family, Bidding prayers Maureen Ruane	

Counters Rota

2 October Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
9 October Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

Church Cleaning

8 October Team B: Tim Goodger, Monica O'Shea, Laura Willoughby, Vere Massy and Indre Balcaite
15 October Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira