

<b>Saturday 17th September</b>	10am Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II RIP 6pm Evelyn Swan RIP
<b>Sunday 18th September</b> 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Mary Doyle 5.30pm Philip Mc Cormack RIP
<b>Monday 19th September</b>	10am No Mass
<b>Tuesday 20th September</b> Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions	10am Angela Rundle and Lucy Blades Birthday Ints
<b>Wednesday 21st September</b> St Matthew	10am John Mc Corkell RIP
<b>Thursday 22nd September</b>	10am Michael Etuka Ints
<b>Friday 23rd September</b> St Pio of Pietrelcina	10am Soo-Hu Fouye Ints 10:30 to 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 (Latin Mass) St Mary's Primary School
<b>Saturday 24th September</b> Our Lady of Walsingham	10am Pauline Holmes RIP 6pm People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 25th September</b> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Zita Chamberlain RIP 5.30pm Chris Breslin Ints

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:**  
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Anthony Lydekker, Jason Moreno and Josephine Moreno.  
  
Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week  
Sunday's offering was £.632.12  
Standing Orders £400  
Contactless Donations £88  
**Total £1120.12**  
Second Collection Catholic Education £267.19  
**Thank you for your generosity**

**This is a School Voucher Sunday**

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD  
Tel: 020 8788 7420  
Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE  
[www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk)

**PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM**  
Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

<b>Contacts</b>
<b>Parish Priest : Fr. Philip de Freitas</b>
Retired Priest: Fr. David Peck
Parish Secretary: Anne Bzowska Office Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays 9am-2pm
Organist: Angela Rundle
<b>15 Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD</b> <b>Tel 020 8788 9603</b> <b>Email <a href="mailto:wimbledoncommon@rcaos.org.uk">wimbledoncommon@rcaos.org.uk</a></b>

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# Our Lady and Saint Peter

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**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The parable in this Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 16:1-13) has as its protagonist a sly and dishonest steward who, charged with wasting his master's goods, is about to be dismissed. In this difficult situation, he does not complain; he does not seek justifications nor does he allow himself to become discouraged, but thinks of a way out in order to ensure himself a calm future. He initially reacts with clarity of mind, recognizing his own limitations: "I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg" (v. 3); then he acts shrewdly, robbing his master for the last time. In fact, he calls the debtors and reduces the debts they owe to the master, in order to make them friends and to be repaid by them later. This is to make friends through corruption and obtaining gratitude through corruption, as sadly is common practice today.

Jesus presents this example certainly not to encourage dishonesty, but prudence. Indeed he emphasizes: "The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence" (v. 8), that is, for that combination of intelligence and cunning, which enables one to overcome difficult situations. The key to reading this narrative lies in Jesus' invitation at the end of the parable: "*make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon*, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations" (v. 9).

This seems somewhat confusing, but it is not so: the "unrighteous mammon" is money — also called "devil's dung" — and in general material goods.

Wealth can propel one to build walls, create division and discrimination. Jesus, on the contrary, encourages his disciples to reverse course: "Make friends for yourselves by means of mammon". It is an invitation to know how to change goods and wealth into relationships, because people are worth more than things, and count more than the wealth they possess. Indeed, in life, it is not those who have many riches who bear fruit, but those who create and keep alive many bonds, many relationships, many friendships through a variety of "mammon", that is, the different gifts that God has given them. But Jesus also points to the ultimate aim of his exhortation: "Make friends for yourselves by means of mammon so that they may receive you into the eternal habitations". If we are able to transform wealth into tools of fraternity and solidarity, not only will God be there to welcome us into heaven, but also those with whom we have shared, properly stewarded what the Lord has placed in our hands.

Brothers and sisters, this Gospel passage makes the question of the dishonest steward dismissed by his master, resonate in us: "What shall I do now?" (cf. v. 3). In facing our shortcomings and our failures, Jesus assures us that we are always in time to put right with good the harm done. Those who have caused tears, make someone happy; those who have wrongfully taken, give to those who are in need. By doing so, we will be commended by the Lord "because we have acted with prudence", that is, with the wisdom of those who recognize themselves as children of God and challenge themselves for the Kingdom of Heaven.

May the Blessed Virgin help us to be prudent by assuring ourselves not worldly success but eternal life, so that at the moment of the final judgement, the needy people whom we have helped can testify that in them we saw and served the Lord. - By Pope Francis

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## PARISH NEWS

### What is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday? - Sunday, 18 September 2022

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*. There will be a Second Collection this weekend.

Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ.

#### THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 18th September 200 CLUB

1	52	Eileen Duggan
2	104	Mr P McAdam

#### The Rosary Crusade - Saturday 8th October 2022

37th Annual Rosary Crusade of Reparation. Assemble outside Westminster Cathedral at 1:45pm. Procession to Brompton Oratory.

#### WALSINGHAM WEEKEND- SAT 29TH/SUN 30TH OCTOBER

A coach will leave the church at 7:30am on Saturday and return at approximately 5:30 on Sunday. The cost will be £120 per person which includes overnight accommodation, evening meal, breakfast and return travel.

If you would like to come please fill in your details on the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Payment will be collected asap by Fr Philip or Jackie O'Dwyer (after 10am Mass).

Further information can be obtained by contacting Jackie on 0795 277 3395.

#### The 200 Club

For anyone new to the Parish or anyone that has previously been in the 200 Club and would like to join or re-join then please see Helene, Jackie or Andrew who are available in the Sacristy after all the Masses.

The 200 Club supports the Parish and by paying 50p for 1 Number each week, you could possibly win £30 or £10 in the Prizes every week.

There are some unclaimed Prizes. If anyone has been away, then please do check to see if you have won a Prize. Hopefully everyone in the 200 Club will continue paying their Subscriptions. For someone new joining this weekend, the total for 1 Number until the end of the year will be £7.00 and hopefully you will all join up again next year. Hope that you can all join up.

Thank you all very much for your great support for the 200 Club.

#### GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.

Please speak to:

John O' Reilly 07977 538671.

#### Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing

[bookingsolsp@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsolsp@gmail.com) or phoning **07708632289**

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#### RCIA COURSE

If you would like to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith, please come along to the Rite of Christian Initiation course at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

#### Monseigneur John sends Best Wishes from Belarus



## NOTICE BOARD

#### SOUTHWARK MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE EVENT - RESTORED LIVES

Struggling after the breakdown of a significant relationship either now or in the past? This eight-session online course is for you. It runs for consecutive Monday evenings from 7-9.30pm starting October 3. More details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/restored-lives-32666416387>

#### Message from Wimbledon College

We welcome prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2023 to our OPEN EVENING on Thursday 29th September from 5.30pm to 8.30pm No booking required The headteacher will give a number of talks during the evening. Tours will take place throughout the evening. Last tours at 7.30pm

Open mornings: For current year 6 pupils only – by appointment only. Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 9am Deadline for applications for entry in September 2023 is 31st October 2022. Please see our website for further information [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk)

#### Volunteers required by SPUC

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children needs volunteers to help with labelling and packing letters and other office duties at their HQ office in Kennington. All ages welcome. Lunch is provided and fares will be refunded. Please contact Elizabeth Foody on 0207 091 7091 or email [lizfoody@spuc.org.uk](mailto:lizfoody@spuc.org.uk)

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