

Saturday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene	10am Holy Souls 6pm Kojo Ntim Gyakari
Sunday 23rd July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am People of the Parish 5.30pm Paul Clem RIP
Monday 24th July St Sharbel Makhluf	No Mass
Tuesday 25th July St James	10am Michael Leydon
Wednesday 26th July Sts Joachim and Anne	10am Johen, Alix and Andre Ribewijs
Thursday 27th July St Titus Brandsma	10am Mbatkam Jullienne RIP
Friday 28th July	10am Mrs Beatrice Muthoni Mueithi RIP 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Michael Fernandes RIP 7:30pm Our Lady's Prayer Group
Saturday 29th July Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus	10am Fr James B Hurley RIP 6pm Liana Lloyd RIP
Sunday 30th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Edward Blades RIP 5:30pm People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Josephine Moreno, Margot Rubela Soto Perez, Anna Roache and Shirley Monaco.

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 £574.55
 Standing Orders £400
 Contactless £214
 Total £1188.55

Thank you for your generosity

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

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.

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

On this 16th Sunday of ordinary time, the church turns our attention to the Lord, the Just Judge, who, through his mercy, calls us to his kingdom. She also reminds us that Christ and the Holy Spirit help us in our journey toward God's kingdom of justice.

In today's first reading, Wisdom extolled God for being a just judge: "You never judge unjustly; your justice has its source in strength." This is the nature of our God. In his mercy, he pardons us and gives us new opportunities. Hence, Wisdom says: "...and you have given your sons the just hope that after sin you grant repentance." What must we learn from this? Quite simple! Since God, in his justice, shows us mercy (grace), we must do the same to others. Just as the Lord is kind in judgment to us, "...the virtuous man must be kind to his fellow men!" In order words, this is a call to take advantage of God's mercy and to emulate his sense of judgment towards others. In the second reading, Paul highlights one vital ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He comes to help us with all our weaknesses. Indeed, we are weak in many ways, especially in prayer. Hence, "we do not know how to pray." This is where the Holy Spirit comes to help us. He strengthens us in prayer and advocates for us before God. He alone can succeed where we fail by presenting our needs in a way that God perfectly understands them.

In the gospel, Jesus used three parables to teach us about "the nature of the kingdom, and God's judgment. However, of these three parables, the parable of the weed and the darnel tells the whole story in one piece. Again, like in the parable of the Sower, one could ask: What good farmer would allow weeds to grow together with his crops? In this parable, he took what seems to us a great risk. However, he allowed them to grow together so that the difference would become apparent.

God knew this before time began. So, He did not create two worlds, one for the "righteous" and another for "sinners." Instead, he allows all of us to co-habit together in this same world. Though risky, this might be of some benefit. The righteous learn from the sinners' misery and continue to struggle to remain virtuous. While the sinner, seeing the triumph of the righteous, equally struggles to live a better life. However, Paul reminds us that: "Though we live in this world, we do not wage war as the world does" (2 Cor 10:3). Also, he warns us: "Do not be conformed to this world" (Rom 12:2).

Hence, by allowing this "dangerous and risky cohabitation," God, in his mercy, allows us to repent and prepare for the great day of harvest. The darnel survived the competition for nutrients and space with the weeds through the strength of its viability. So too, the righteous will survive in their struggle through Christ and the Holy Spirit, who sustains, prepares, and marks us for the great harvest for God's kingdom.

So, the parable of the weed and the darnel show how God, the just judge, acts kindly with us. "Salvation and glory and power belong to our God...His judgment is true and just" (Rev 19:1;12).

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PARISH NEWS

Year 6 Leavers Mass - Thursday 20th July

We wish them well at their new schools



THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 23rd July 200 CLUB

1	37	Mrs M Doyle
2	102	Mrs L McAdam

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffees in the hall after the Sunday 10am Mass

From The Catechism of the Catholic Church

What is prayer?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will. It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

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 or phoning **07708632289**

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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.



If you would like to donate towards the running of the Parish you can do so by scanning this QR Code into your mobile phone

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NOTICE BOARD

World Day for Grandparents - 23 July 2023

The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 23 July 2023. Pope Francis has given it the theme "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50)

As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

LAST CHANCE: CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on September 23. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John email your details to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk The details needed are full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is **July 31**.

Wandsworth Prison Welfare Trust

Wandsworth Prison Welfare Trust are seeking modern novels in Eastern European languages. Please see their website at <https://wpwt.org.uk>. This will give you more information about all their activities if you wish to donate.

GK Chesterton Pilgrimage

The 13th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 29th July. Bishop David Oakley of Northampton will preach at the Mass at 2.30pm at The Bridgettine Convent, Fulmer Common Road, Iver, SL0 0NR.

Please send any prayer requests to CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

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