

<b>Saturday 2nd September</b>	10am	Evelyn Maguire RIP
	6pm	Josephine (Mercia) Moreno RIP
<b>Sunday 3rd September</b> 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am	People of the Parish
	4pm	Rosary and Benediction
	5.30pm	Mila Sofia
<b>Monday 4th September</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 5th September</b> Mother Teresa of Calcutta	10am	Catherine Ferrari Ints
<b>Wednesday 6th September</b>	10am	Graham Hill RIP
<b>Thursday 7th September</b>	10am	Julia Nugent Birthday
<b>Friday 8th September</b> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	Abina Dale RIP and Michael Dale
	6:30pm (Latin Mass)	Padre Pio Group Ints
<b>Saturday 9th September</b> St Peter Claver	10am	Peter Lee RIP
	6pm	Teresa Strolla and Michael Magar
<b>Sunday 10th September</b> 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am	Elsie Cornally 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, 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   £415.11  
 Standing Orders       £400  
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 Total                      £906.11  
  
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**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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**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**  
**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Poor Peter! In last Sunday's gospel reading we saw Jesus declaring him blessed and naming him the rock on which he intends to build his church. Today's gospel reading presents us with a very different portrait of Peter. Instead of being the 'rock' upon which he will build his Church, Jesus now calls him a tempter, an obstacle in the path he must take to fulfil his mission. What a 'put down' for Peter! He must have been 'on a high' after the extraordinary accolade he had received from his Master. How could this passionate and outspoken disciple now suddenly become a stumbling block for Jesus?  
 While Peter had recognised and openly acknowledged that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah, the One sent by God to establish his Kingdom on earth, he did not understand, any more than his companions, what this would mean for Jesus. He expected Jesus to defeat the enemies of Israel and become King of a free and sovereign people. So, when Jesus tells his disciples that he 'must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised' (Mt 16:21), Peter is shocked. His very human and understandable response is to try and persuade his Master from risking his life. Peter's words almost sound like a prayer: 'Heaven preserve you, Lord, this must not happen to you!' (Mt 16:22). But Jesus emphatically rejects Peter's natural concern for his Master's safety: 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way, but man's' (Mt:16:23).  
 If we are honest with ourselves, it is the vehemence of Jesus' reply rather than the Peter's words that we find shocking. Would we not, like Peter, be similarly concerned for the safety of those we love? We wouldn't want them to become hapless victims of their enemies' evil designs. Why, then, does Jesus react so strongly to Peter and call him Satan? To understand his reaction we

need to recall an earlier scene at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry where he retreats into the wilderness to prepare for the mission entrusted to him by his Father. There he rejects the temptations of Satan who promises him victory over the world through wealth and power. From that moment, Jesus knew and accepted that his mission would involve suffering and death. Now, Peter unwittingly becomes an ally of Satan in seeking to deflect him from his chosen path, the path that would lead to the Cross. Hence his vehement rejection of Peter's plea. Jesus' knew that to establish God's Kingdom from on earth would entail the defeat of the powers of evil in the world. But those powers would not be overcome by military might but by enduring their destructive force with love, thus exposing them for what they were. Peter and his companions wanted a kingdom without suffering, glory without the Cross. Jesus wants his disciples to be under no illusion about what following him will mean. It will be no 'primrose path of dalliance' (Hamlet), but a costly discipleship involving self-sacrifice and the cross: 'If anyone want to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me'. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it' (Mt 16:26)  
 These words are as challenging for us today as they were for Peter and his companions. They shake us out of our tendency to settle for a comfortable and conforming religion. They unmask our evasions, our double standards, our desire for 'cheap grace' (Dietrich Bonhoeffer), our reluctance to involve ourselves in sacrifice. The renunciation Jesus is calling for goes much further than our annual Lenten observance of denying ourselves our favourite foods or taking on a few penitential practices. It involves, as St Paul reminds us in our second reading, developing a new way of seeing

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life, and changing our behaviour accordingly. The instruction of Paul is clear: *'Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind'* (Rom 12:2).

Becoming disciples of Jesus means learning to think the way God thinks, rather than the way we usually think. And that will be for us, as it was for Peter and his disciples, a life-long process of ups and downs, successes and failures. There may be times when we will feel a bit like Jeremiah in our first reading to-day. Chosen by God to be his *'prophet to the nations'* (Jer 1:5), fidelity to his calling *'made him a daily laughing-stock, everybody's but'* and brought him

*'insult and derision, all day long'* (Jer 20:7-8). Though tempted to stop being a spokesman for the Lord, he could not give up because, as he states, *'there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones'* (Jer 20:9). Jeremiah had been, as he states, *'seduced'* by God, and he had let himself *'be seduced'* (cf. Jer 20: 7). In other words, he had fallen in love with God so that nothing could stop him from doing God's will, no matter where this might lead him. The example of Jeremiah prompts us to ask ourselves the question: Have we let ourselves be seduced by Christ so that we persevere in following and serving him, regardless of the consequences?

### Education Sunday - 10th September

Next Sunday is Education Sunday when we have a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service

### RCIA Classes

Classes start at 7pm on Tuesday 12th September for anyone wishing to become a Catholic.

### THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 3rd September 200

1	102	Mr L McAdam
2	170	Elizabeth Osinloye

### Junior Legion of Mary

The Junior Legion of Lady meetings resume this Tuesday 5th September at 3.40pm.

### Room Required

Middle aged Lady seeking room to rent. Please call 07906 227 113.

### Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

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

### 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**

### GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.  
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John O' Reilly 07977 538671.

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### Diocesan Day for catechists - St George's Cathedral 30th September 2023

Places to be booked online at [aec.rcaos.org.uk](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk)

### From The Catechism of the Catholic Church

#### How does one keep Sunday holy?

Christians keep Sunday and other days of obligation holy by participating in the Eucharist of the Lord and by refraining from those activities which impede the worship of God and disturb the proper worship of God and disturb the joy proper to the day of the Lord or to the necessary relaxation of mind and body. Activities are allowed on the Sabbath which are bound up with family needs or with important social service, provided that they do not lead to habits prejudicial to the holiness of Sunday, to family life and to health.



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### Ursuline High School - Main School and Sixth Form Events

Join one of these events to hear from the Headteacher, take a tour of the school and meet many staff and existing students. In addition you will hear about enrichment, wellbeing and personal development programmes, the application process and other important information.

#### Main school Open Evening: Wednesday 27th September 2023 6:30 -8:30pm

For Year 5 and 6 students and parents/carers (year4 and 5 in the academic year 2022-2023)

#### Main school Open Mornings: Monday 2nd - Friday 6th October 2023 9:00am or 11am

For Year 6 students and parents/carers (Year 7 entry September 2024)

Sign up at [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2)

Bookings open until 18th September. Limited availability, ticketed entry only

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