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Sunday 13th September 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 12th September 2020)
Margaret Towey RIP.
8.30am People of the parish
11.30am Jack Chapman RIP (birthday)
5pm Intentions of Bridie Dillon.

Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 14th September 2020

The Exaltation of the

Holy Cross (Feast)

10am. Evelyn Hyland RIP.
Pvt Mass: Private intention.

Tuesday 15th September 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

10am. Celia McCready RIP.
Pvt Mass: Intentions of Monalisa Desa.

Wednesday 16th September 2020

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial).

10am Evelyn Hyland RIP.
Pvt Mass: Audrey Wright RIP.

Thursday 17th September 2020

10am Gail Wilson RIP.
Pvt Mass: In reparation and for healing of the Maduka family (Novena).

Friday 18th September 2020

10am Thanksgiving – Rita Bethune.
Pvt Mass: Intentions of Mathias Menezes (birthday)

Saturday 19th September 2020

Our Lady

10am The Holy Souls.

Next Sunday 20th September 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ord Time

6.15pm (Saturday 19th September 2020)
The Holy Souls.
8.30am David Chapman RIP.
11.30am Michael McCready RIP.
5pm People of the parish.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays after 10am Mass, until approximately 11am. in the working sacristy. Please await your turn in the Retro Chapel. Please exit the church straight afterwards and make your penance and thanksgiving at home.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME.

PUBLIC MASSES

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Daily public Mass is at 10am from Monday to Saturday. A private Mass is said each weekday.

We are not open for private prayer. Please come forward to be volunteer stewards, if you are aged 18 or over.

The hall remains closed to parish groups. Please follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines as well as any instructions and directions given to you by clergy and stewards.

There will be no singing, no sign of peace, and no bidding prayers. Kindly do not gather outside or in the porch, either before or after attending Mass or Confession.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office now opens on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays between 11am & 3pm. Please only visit if essential. Please follow any COVID directions given, and always wear a mask or other face covering.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please ask stewards for Mass Intentions Envelopes. Remember that you may Gift Aid Mass offerings. Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office.

FR AUGUSTINE GHADO

We expect Fr Augustine to arrive at some time before the end of November. As soon as we have any news, we shall let you know.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Audrey Wright**, a former member of our Polyphony Choir, previously of Windermere Road and late of Banstead. Audrey died on Thursday 3rd September 2020. Our condolences and prayers go out to the family.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

This year, due to COVID 19, school reference interviews will be conducted by phone.

Please download and print out the Reference Form, which is on the Home Page of our parish web site: <https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/index.html>

Please complete the form in ink.

Please do not complete it on line. You will find very clear instructions on the form. Please spread the word to anybody you know who may not have internet access, or where they may not be able to read or understand English. The closing date for forms to reach the Parish Office is **Sunday 11th October.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Please follow directions given by priests, ministers and stewards. Masks should be lowered and hands outstretched to accept the Host. Kindly leave immediately afterwards.

PARISH FINANCES & GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDERS

Standing orders assure us of just **£750.00** per week. (NB: approximate figure).

If you signed a Standing Order during our Planned Giving Programme, please check to see if it has taken effect. Please contact the Parish Office for advice.

Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme via the Parish Office.

We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order.

In these times when many cannot come to Mass, and are concerned about making offerings, having a Standing Order would ensure that their planned giving continues without interruption, with the satisfaction that the financial element of their stewardship, dependent upon their personal financial circumstances, is fulfilled. Standing Orders make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE
ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:**

Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,
Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,
Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,
Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,
Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte, Giovanni Franco,
Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,
Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp; Baby Scarlett Kurowski,
Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,
Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Michael Madigan,
Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern,
Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,
Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,
Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Charmaine Shali,
Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,
Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,
Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White,
Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,
John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,
Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading – (Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7)

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12 response v 8)

**R: The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R**

Second Reading – (Romans 14:7-9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that, alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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Gospel Acclamation – (1 Samuel 3:9, John 6:68)

**Alleluia! alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel – (Matthew 18:21-35)

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants.'

When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed him ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt.

At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet.

"Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum."

And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time, and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him.

"You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then,

to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?"

And in his anger, the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.

And this is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
AND CONFIRMATION**

Once dates have been finalised for these two Sacraments, we shall advise you of them. However, attendance will be limited to close family and sponsors. We regret that none of the special Masses to be organised will be open to parishioners. Our sincere thanks to all our Catechists, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that candidates completed their studies, making them ready to receive these two vital Sacraments.