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THE XIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9th July 2023

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Peter Kilroy RIP Anniv.
11:00am Solemn Mass	Like Minded Ladies

Weekday Masses

Monday 10th	
9:30am Holy Mass	Danny Sommers RIP

Tuesday 11th Saint Benedict, Patron of Europe

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School	
5:30pm Rosary & Novena	
6:00pm Holy Mass	Brendan McCartney RIP
6:45pm Reception	Patrick O'Sullivan

Wednesday 12th

11:30am Requiem Mass	Patrick O'Sullivan
5:00pm Reception	George Northey

Thursday 13th

11:00am Requiem Mass	George Northey
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	
6:00pm Holy Mass	Kathleen Forde RIP
6:30pm Archdiocese Vision – Parish Meeting	

Friday 14th

9:30am Holy Mass	Bernadette & John McGrory RIP
10:00am – 11:00am	
Eucharistic Adoration	

Saturday 15th Saint Bonaventure

10:00am Holy Mass	Fr Michael Wight
12noon Holy Baptism	

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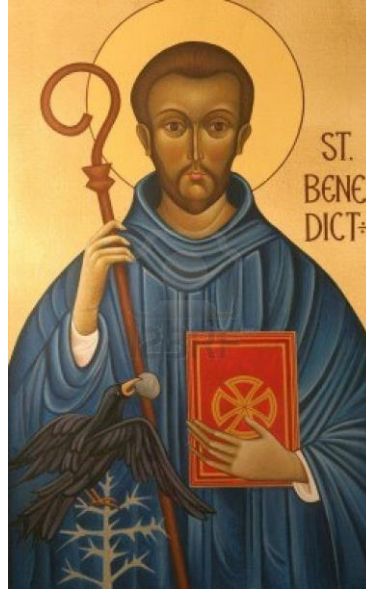
5:30pm Vigil Mass	John Madden RIP
SUNDAY 16th	
9:00am Holy Mass	Steve Simon Ints
11:00am Solemn Mass	Daniel O'Donnell RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 10:50am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass
Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



SAINT BENEDICT

The thought of St. Benedict is the lifeblood of Europe

Born in the central Italian mountain town of Norcia (Nursia) around AD 480, St. Benedict became one of the most important catalysts for the creation of a new European culture after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West (traditionally dated to AD 476). The system of monastic life he developed and nourished spread centres of prayer and hospitality throughout the continent. Benedictine monasteries were not only spiritual and cultural centres, but also a source of sustenance and relief for pilgrims.

Bright Star in a Dark Century

St. Gregory the Great – who wrote the only ancient biography of St. Benedict that we have – called St. Benedict “a bright light” in an age marked by the most serious crisis. From his youth, Benedict’s life was marked by prayer. His wealthy parents send him to Rome to provide him with adequate training. There, however, Benedict found young people shaken, ruined by the ways of vice. So, he left Rome for a place called Enfide (modern-day Affile in central Italy), and then lived as a hermit for three years in a cave at Subiaco, which would become the heart of the Benedictine monastery Sacro Speco. This period of solitude preceded another crucial milestone on Benedict’s journey: his arrival at Monte Cassino. There, among the ruins of an ancient pagan acropolis, St. Benedict and some of his disciples built their first abbey.

FR MICHAEL WHITE

Fr Michael is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. Please pray for Fr Michael.

STELA MARIS SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 5:00pm

Friday 10:00am

THE DAILY MASS

As a good rule you can see how spiritually healthy a parish is by the number of the faithful attending the daily Mass. It is or should be at least 10% - 15% of the Sunday attendance. So on our present numbers we should get between 30 – 45, we don't it's between 15 and 25. So not very healthy! Please consider coming to Mass more often. In a culture when keeping the Ten Commandments has become optional this is difficult. But we are called to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Douglas Woodford, Patrick Flynn, Jozef Lisowski
Julia Barron, Ogiesoba Richard Eweka, Daniel O'Donnell,
Anthony Mahon, Michael Slattery, Lorraine Roe
Patrick O'Sullivan Reception 11th July 6:45pm
Requiem 12th July 11:30am
George Northey Reception 12th July 5:00pm
Requiem 13th July 11:00am
Lorrain Roe Reception 17th July 5:00pm
Requiem 18th July 11:30am
Martin Meehan Reception 19th July 5:00pm
Requiem 20th July 12noon
Katie Comerford Reception 3rd August 5:00pm
Requiem 4th August 11:00am

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in memory of Peter Kilroy

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

02.07.23 - Gift Aid: £147.00 Non-Gift Aid: £401.19
Total: £548.19

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Peter's Pence.- £223.83

This Weekend – Apostleship of the Sea

Next Weekend – Retiring collection for priests training fund.

ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE - JACKPOT £600

Result for 5th July 2023

Winning Numbers 04-20-05-18

No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers

Next Draw Monday 10th July after Mass

1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO

Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+

Match 3 numbers = share £75+

PARISH DIARY

JULY

Thursday 13th Archdiocese Vision – Parish Meeting 6:30pm in Church

AUGUST

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holyday of Obligation

Monday 14th

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Tuesday 15th

Masses 9:30am & 7:00pm



London UK March for Life Saturday 2nd Sept 2023. Day return coach trip. Pick-up 7.30am at Birmingham Oratory, St Dunstan's Kings Heath 7.45am, St Augustine's Solihull 8.00am, leaving London 5pm. £25 pp (reduced rates for children) payable on booking for confirmed seat, with mobile number/email address for acknowledgement.

Contact Alice for Oratory pick-up on 07845 706362 and Brian for St Augustine's/St Dunstan's pick-up on 07726 311261.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SUMMER FAYRE

Dear friends we invite you to our exciting Summer Fayre in aid of our Building Project - on **Sunday 16th July 11.30 - 2.30pm.**

All the usual fun – Bottle, Gift & Children's Tombolas, ordinary Raffle & Music by our favourite DJ Roger,

Plus - Grand Raffle (£5 per ticket) with amazing prizes: £100 cash prize, a signed England Shirt from footballing star Jack Grealish, £50 cash prize and much more!

BBQ, Cake Sale, Samosas and Auction. You just don't want to miss the fun... Looking forward to seeing you!

ANNE & JOE PERKINS Would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers and mass cards in their recent loss. Mass will be said for you all at Knock Shrine.