Pope Francis' Prayer Intention in July 2021: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Grandparents and the Elderly: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, echoes the Pope's words to young people encouraging them to talk to their grandparents if they want to be a sign of hope for the world. Promoting the important connection between generations, Cardinal Nichols said: "Elderly people get isolated, grandparents often get forgotten. But a day of prayer will help us to remember that we are gifts to each other because we are gifts of God. And if we give thanks for those gifts, we'll appreciate them." Please watch the link of this message via https://youtu.be/93_M2hFsTCc , British Sign Language (BSL) version of Cardinal Vincent Nichols' message via https://youtu.be/QI3jcizZSr8

The Becket School's Good News: We are pleased to inform you of newsletter which celebrates some of the ways the pupils and staff have shared and put their faith into action this academic year in their school, Hub and Trust communities.

Please follow the link to see some of what they have been getting up to: <u>https://</u><u>drive.google.com/file/d/1BxD0e8_y4m00c98gxW29mWqMdTajGbE5/view?</u>

<u>usp=sharing</u> If you wish to share any messages with students, staff, parents and carers for future events to feature in the school newsletter please do send them their way.

The Nationality and Borders Bill: Thousands of people who come to the UK seeking safety could be imprisoned for up to four years under new legislation debated in Parliament this week. The Bill which received its second reading in Parliament this week on 19th July, includes provisions for people who have fled war, terror and oppression to seek asylum in the UK to be arrested and prosecuted under a new offence for arriving in the UK without a valid entry clearance. If you are concerned about this, please contact your local MP. And please pray for those refugees fleeing terrible situations in their home countries. For more information please see the link to the Refugee Council website. https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

Beda College Discernment Weekend: The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3 rd September to Sunday 5th September 2021. It takes place at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales. Information and registration forms are at: https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-1

Hospitals: If you have a relative or friend who goes into QMC or City please inform the Chaplaincy Department, the ward or your priest and request a visit. Do not assume that your priest or the chaplaincy team know that you are in hospital. QMC 0115 924 9924 ext 63799, City 0115 969 1169



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In May this year, Pope Francis announced the institution of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July. Recalling the upcoming feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – when the elderly Simeon and Anna encountered the child Jesus and recognized Him as the



Messiah. Pope Francis said, "The Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly." The voice of the elderly "is precious," he said, "because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples. "The elderly, he continued, "remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life." The Holy Father said he instituted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because "grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on what the elderly have received". He emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because "as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy.

God Bless.... Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ

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25th July 2021 - 1st August 2021	Holy Mass & Services Intention of Mass	Church	Other Events
Saturday 24th July 17th Sunday of the Year - World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly 2 Kings 4:42-44; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6:1-15	5.30 pm - 5.50 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Private Intention (Live-streamed) Day 5: Novena to Our Lady of Betharram	CC CC	
Sunday 25th July 17th Sunday of the Year World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly 2 Kings 4:42-44; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6:1-15	9.00 am Mass: People of the Parish 10.30 am Mass: Wedding Anniversary (One Mass Live-Streamed) Day 6: Novena to Our Lady of Betharram	OLSP CC	OLSP 10 am FHC Session 7
Monday 26th July	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Maura Durkin RIP (Church Open to the Faithful) Day 7: Novena to Our Lady of Betharram	CC CC	St Pat's 1.30 pm Leavers' Mass CC 4.00 pm FHC Rehearsal
Tuesday 27th July Feria	9.00 am Mass: Margaret Bosworth RIP Day 8: Novena to Our Lady of Betharram	СС	OLSP 4 pm FHC Rehearsal
Wednesday 28th July Our Lady of Betharram (Feast)	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Successful outcome of operation (Church Open to the Faithful) Day 9: Novena to Our Lady of Betharram	OLSP OLSP	
Thursday 29th July Saint Martha (Memorial)	9. 00Mass: Benjamin Gaten & Family (Birthday) (Church Open to the Faithful)	СС	
Friday 30th July Saint Peter Chrysologos, bishop & doctor (memorial)	9.00 am Mass: For the 1st Holy Communion Children of both Parishes & their Families (Church Open to the Faithful)	СС	
Saturday 31st July Saint Ignatius Loyola, priest (memorial) 18th Sunday of the Year Ex 16:2-4.12-15; Eph 4:17.20 -24; Jn 6:24-35	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish (Live-streamed)	OLSP CC CC	CC 11 am 1st Holy Communion Celebration OLSP 2 pm 1st Holy Communion Celebration
Sunday 1st August 18th Sunday of the Year Ex 16:2-4.12-15; Eph 4:17.20 -24; Jn 6:24-35	9.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving 10.30 am Mass: (One Mass Live-Streamed)	OLSP CC	

Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Please remember in your prayers: James Grieg of Clifton Manor Care Home (formerly of Lark Hill), Maura Durkin of Clifton View Care Home and Margaret Bosworth (formerly of Corpus Christi, latterly of Long Eaton) who all died this week. Pray for them & their families. May they rest in peace. Details of their funerals will be announced shortly.

We end our Novena to Our Lady of Betharram on Wednesday, 28th July 2021 which is the Feast of Our Lady of Betharram. A booklet setting out the Novena is available at the back of both Churches.

This Sunday has been announced by Pope Francis as a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – 25th July 2021: We remember our Grandparents and the older members of our Parish, both living and dead and thank them for their love and experience, for their wisdom and their example.

Stage 4 Relaxing of Covid Restrictions: The Parish Pastoral Council met last week to discuss the Government's relaxation of the restrictions and the new advice received from the Catholic Bishops Conference. The PPC recommended that we should con-tinue with social distancing of 2 metres within our Churches and NOT increase our Churches' capacity at the moment (OLSP - 51 & CC - 141 people). They will look again at this in September. In considering whether to change the capacity, the PPC looked at the vaccination and infection rates for the local areas. Vaccination rates are very low in the Meadows and infection rates remain high in both Parishes. It will be possible for us to increase the capacity for the 1st Holy Communion Celebrations as most of the attendees will be in family groups. In order to do this, a new risk assessment must be done to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

So, the Diocese have strongly advised that face coverings are worn in Church and you will still be required to book a place for weekend Masses through the Diocesan online booking system. https://massbooking.uk/ You are able to attend public weekday Masses without booking a place. However, we kindly ask you use the NHS App and scan your phone on the QR code in church or confirm your attendance by giving your name and contact number on the list provided in the narthex. We encourage everyone to sanitize their hands before entering church and wear a mask, unless exempt. Please always refer to the Newsletter to confirm the times of the Masses which might change due to funerals or other events. Stewards will still be required for weekend Masses.

The First Holy Communion children are making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, 24th July 2021 at both Churches. They will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 31st July 2021 at 11 am at CC and at 2 pm at OLSP. Please pray for the FHC children and their families at this important time.

Corpus Christi Piety Stall for First Holy Communions is available at the back of Church from this weekend. Everything is priced so if the stall is unmanned, please leave your money in the box available.