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SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	16TH	10:00	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Memorial	T A Fashola RIP
SATURDAY	16TH	18:00	Sixteenth Sunday	SOLEMNITY	
SUNDAY	17TH	08:30	Sixteenth Sunday	SOLEMNITY	PRO POPULO
	17TH	10:00	Sixteenth Sunday	SOLEMNITY	For Divine mercy
	17TH	12:00	Sixteenth Sunday	SOLEMNITY	Tess & Geoffrey Parry RIP
	17TH	18:00	Sixteenth Sunday	SOLEMNITY	
MONDAY	18TH	10:00		Feria	Ghebreyesus Ghebres RIP
TUESDAY	19TH	10:00		Feria	Dehab Ogbagabre RIP
TUESDAY	19th	19:00		Feria	
WEDNESDAY	20TH	10:00	St Apollinaris	Memorial	
THURSDAY	21ST	10:00	St Lawrence of Brindisi	Memorial	
FRIDAY	22ND	10:00	St Mary Magdalene	Feast	Rigat Araya RIP
FRIDAY	22ND	19:00	St Mary Magdalene	Feast	
SATURDAY	23RD	10:00	St Bridget	Feast	

ADORATION: MON-FRI: 9AM-10AM TUE, FRI: 6PM-7PM | **CONFESSIONS: FRI: 6PM-7PM, SAT: 5PM-5:40PM**



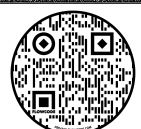
We pray for the response of the soul of Patricia Bramwell and Josephine Briffa. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially T A Fashola, Cyril Nicholas, Sonny Drinknall, Pierre Paul, Ivy Washington, Charles Nelson, Lawrence Brady, Anne Connolly, Teresa King and Virginia Mitchell. May they all rest in peace. We pray for our school children and teachers as they begin the last week of their Summer term.

I was walking back to my car from a burial in Lambeth Cemetery recently and bumped into a man who struck up a conversation with me by saying "we're all gonna end up here Father and it shows we're all the same in the end." I asked him what brought him to the cemetery and he told me about his friend Neville. Neville died a year ago on that day and he'd come to remember him because he missed him. Neville's death had evidently had a real impact upon him and - in his sadness - he said "you never miss the water until the well runs dry." How true a statement that is! I'm conscious in writing this reflection of how so many of you know this to be true because of personal experience; the shock of losing a loved-one who was here not too long ago but is now gone. I wondered - as I listened to this man in the graveyard - how we can avoid this sadness in our lives and the truth is... we can't. No matter how much time we spend with our loved ones we want to see them again because we believe that love cannot be measured: it's not a material thing but a spiritual and therefore unlimited thing. Our desire for love is not for something that can be weighed, bought and sold but for something immaterial and eternal: an experience that is unending. We taste this experience each time we come to Church but we don't appreciate it enough: the truth that Jesus is always with us. He is with those whom we've lost too.

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PARISH NEWS

***IMPORTANT* RE MASS INTENTIONS:** NEXT WEEK is the LAST WEEK the Parish Office will be open before September. Please let Melanie have any Mass intention requests for this period as soon as possible. If you have any administrative requests please contact her **before the 22nd July**.

PARISH SUMMER FAIR - THANK YOU!: I was absolutely astonished by your generosity at last Saturday's Summer Fair. It was my first experience of the event and the coming together of so many different people giving themselves wholeheartedly for our parish was inspiring. Thank you in particular to Yogi and Thibault who masterminded the operation, to all who helped set-up and oversee stalls throughout the day, clear-up, prepare food, collect bottles, erect Gazebos, make cocktails etc. It was a simply superb event and **we raised £7K!!!** I am so grateful to all of you - whether you bought a raffle ticket, donated a toy or simply came to support us. You can read more about the day and see pictures of it on our Facebook page by clicking [here](#). God bless you all!

PARISH FABRIC COMMITTEE: At our last AGM in the Autumn I indicated my desire to increase the number of personnel advising me on finance and property matters. Hitherto we have had a joint Finance and Buildings Committee, however, I have decided to separate the committees. Both will meet on a quarterly basis. Our Fabric Committee includes myself, Yogi Sutton and parishioners Steve Dennett (who runs a property management company) and Sophia Martelli (Buildings Surveyor). The Fabric committee will assess all property related issues and forward proposals for the Finance Committee to consider. I am grateful to members for giving of their time and expertise.

THE BOILER: Our Fabric and Finance Committees met recently to consider and advise on four tenders: three from traditional gas boiler companies and one from a geothermal contractor to replace our Church heating system. The latter solution involved the use of air-source pumps - avoiding the use (and cost of) electricity and gas. The cost of this new technology would be £180,000 excluding VAT and - although eco-friendly - it would be ten times the cost of a more traditional solution and unaffordable. In considering three similarly priced tenders from commercial heating companies to supply two boilers sufficient to heat our Church and Hall a local company - LHPS Ltd - has been chosen to supply, install and service the new boilers. The cost will be £17,800 + VAT. We require approvals from the relevant Diocesan committees but are hopeful that we will be warm for the coming winter which is essential so we can welcome people back to Sunday Mass.

CALLING US HOME: In light of the return of the Sunday obligation, Archbishop John has [written a letter to all of us](#) inviting us to invite others to return to Mass. We have now received copies - on card - of his letter with a chosen image. These can be taken away to give to people you know of who are still yet to return to Mass. They are available in the porch with postcards too.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: Thanks to all those who have submitted nominations for Parish Councillors. Councillors will be appointed and a meeting arranged to plan for our AGM and forthcoming events before the end of the Summer holidays.

PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: All parents who will be applying to Catholic schools for 2023 / 2024 entry (both primary and secondary) will - on certain Sundays during the year - be asked to register their presence with Fr Matthew after Mass. More to follow...