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SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	23 RD	10:00	St Bridget	Feast	
SATURDAY	23rd	18:00	Seventeenth Sunday	Solemnity	Chas Holohan RIP
SUNDAY	24тн	08:30	Seventeenth Sunday	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
	24тн	10:00	Seventeenth Sunday	Solemnity	Ann Thomas RIP
	24th	12:00	Seventeenth Sunday	Solemnity	
	24th	18:00	Seventeenth Sunday	Solemnity	
MONDAY	25тн	10:00	St James	Feast	Rev Henry van Doorne
TUESDAY	26тн	10:00	St Joachim & Anne	Memorial	Theresa Bourke RIP
TUESDAY	26тн	19:00	St Joachim & Anne	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY	27th	10.00		Feria	Patricia Bramwell RIP
THURSDAY	28 TH	10.00		Feria	Gabriel Akinduro RIP
FRIDAY	29тн	10:00	St Mary, Martha & Lazarus	Memorial	Rosa Agneroh's Intention
FRIDAY	29тн	19:00	St Mary, Martha & Lazarus	Memorial	
SATURDAY	30тн	10:00	St Peter Chrysologus	Memorial	

Adoration: Mon-Fri: 9AM-10AM TUE, Fri: 6PM-7PM | Confessions: Fri: 6PM-7PM, SAT: 5PM-5:40PM

We pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Bramwell and Josephine Briffa. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially John Anthony Whelan, Anna Sammut, Clara Lofts and Teresa Hourigan. We pray for all our teachers, teaching assistants and support staff as well as all the children who have come to the end of their school year. We pray that they have a wonderful holiday that is restful and revitalising.

It's been a couple of weeks of many firsts for me and last Wednesday was my first Year 6 Leavers' Service in our Church where parents and their children gathered to mark the passage from Primary to Secondary School. It was a moving occasion as it was possible to see how touched parents and teachers have been by the presence and progress of so many children during their early years at the school. One of the elements of the service was the giving to each child of a small wooden crucifix which they took away with them as they left to go to different schools across the capital and beyond. I took the opportunity to remind children, parents and teachers that this is another reminder to them and to us that God's love is with us always: He never stops loving us. But this gift to the children is also a reminder to them that this love invites a response. God's love calls us to friendship - indeed to union - with Him in prayer and the sacraments and this invitation is the greatest calling of all. Academic excellence, sporting prowess and great careers are an outworking of the gifts that God has given us and are wonderful but they are also - when authentically appreciated for what they are an invitation to give thanks to the giver. Let us pray for our children that they may appreciate the various gifts they have received and be grateful to the God who has entrusted these gifts to them. May they flourish in knowledge of God's love.

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PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Our programme for children entering Year 3 in September begins with parental sessions on Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th October at 7:30pm in the Hall. Children of Corpus Christi School will receive instruction after class on Monday afternoons and children from other schools will be catechised on Sunday afternoons. Applications are now open and you can register your child by clicking here. <u>You must have your child's Baptism certificate to begin the</u> <u>application process</u>. There is an administration fee of £10 for copies of Baptismal certificates issued by the Parish Office. The deadline for our receiving applications is <u>Friday 16th September</u>.

CONFIRMATION 2023: Our Confirmation Programme for children entering Year 8 in September begins with sessions for parents on Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th October at 7:30pm in the Hall. To receive the Confirmation Application form in the Autumn you <u>must register here</u>. The application process which involves completion of an online form will only begin in October 2022 and the children's sessions - which will take place on Friday evenings at 6pm - will start in January 2023.

UPDATE: SCHOOL APPLICANTS for 2023 / 2024 entry (Primary - inc. Nursery - and Secondary) need to register via this link for a Priest's Reference Form. You will need a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate before registering: <u>NB. There is a £10 admin fee for copies in this parish</u>.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED: only urgent enquiries will be addressed until the 7th September.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON VISITS THE UK: Inspired by our recent Parish Synodal Process aimed at encouraging reflection on how we become missionaries within our own society, a conference - Sharing the Church's Story - has been planned for Saturday 17th September from 10am to 6pm in London. Bishop Robert Barron - who has inspired faith in millions via YouTube - will speak at the Conference and you can book tickets via this link. There are not very many left ...

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 £18,250 + 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.