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*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th July 2020

In the gospel reading today, we hear that the Faith is a priceless treasure. God turns everything to our good. He gives us a wisdom that discerns true values in the world around us. Our greatest gift is faith, which gives us a deeper wisdom even than that of Solomon.



Sunday Mass at 11am with a congregation continues. If you would like to come, you are asked to sign-up on the website. It will also continue to be live-streamed.

The Obligation for Catholics to attend Mass each Sunday is still suspended. If you are thinking about coming to Mass on Sunday, please be considerate, especially towards others who are still vulnerable.

Registration is required for *Track and Trace*. If you register and then cannot come, please go back on-line and un-register.

When you arrive for Mass:

- ✘ Check-in
- ✘ Sanitise your hands
- ✘ Follow the one-way system
- ✘ Give your *Collection* on arrival
- ✘ Use the marked seats
- ✘ Keep 2m distance at all times
- ✘ Do not touch anyone or anything
- ✘ Keep a low voice, nothing will be sung
- ✘ Follow instructions
- ✘ Leave by side door
- ✘ Sanitise hands on exit
- ✘ Do not gather after Mass
- ✘ Toilets will not be available

Take full part in the Mass if you watch on-line. If you attend, the doors open at 10.40am

The Holidays are soon upon us, and for some they have already begun. With modern technology you can still 'attend' MPB.

Stewards needed. We are getting into a routine now, so we might not need so many stewards. We are required to have at least two whenever the Church is open. Will you volunteer? You can see it's not too onerous.

Weekday Stewards also needed. We will try to resume weekday Mass with a congregation in the new term. More info and sign-up on the website. Oh and Sundays at 8.30am too.

Confessions are possible as are Baptisms and Marriages, all by appointment.

August begins this week. The live-streamed Mass will take a break, but Mass on Sunday will remain the same.

Check on friends and neighbours, if they need help: some shopping, some errands, or just a chat.

Evensongs this week will be the last until the new term. Have you been to EnB on Sunday?

Summer reading. There's a chance to catch up, or maybe start an easy read just to relax with. There's lots of audiobooks or PodCasts too. Try something to inform or help with your Catholic Faith

Do you like cats? Would you be willing to pop-by and feed and water the kitty. *See FrC*



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance, Lent, but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, which is the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time, always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Green vestments cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of

the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday, when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday in Advent, when the liturgical year begins again.

In most years, the Sunday after January 6 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord however, where the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to Sunday if that Sunday is January 7 or 8, Epiphany is celebrated instead. As feasts of our Lord, both the Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Thus the first Sunday in the period of Ordinary Time is the Sunday that falls after the first week of Ordinary Time, which makes it the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time is a feature of the current liturgical calendar. In the Catholic calendar used before 1970 and still used in the celebration of the Ordinate Calendar these are *Sundays after Trinity* (Sunday), as well as in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Sundays of Ordinary Time are referred to as the *Sundays after Epiphany* and the *Sundays after Pentecost*.

In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.

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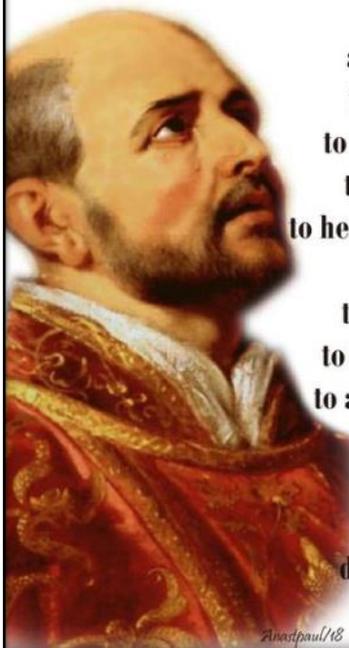
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Teach us, Good Lord

By St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve You
as You deserve;
to give and not
to count the cost,
to fight and not
to heed the wounds,
to toil and not
to seek for rest,
to labour and not
to ask for reward,
except that of
knowing
that we are
doing Your will.
Amen



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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners
Mon 27th <i>feria</i>		
Tues 28th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Peter Solis ✕ <i>recently</i>
Wed 29th <i>St Martha</i>	1.05pm	Herman Spencer <i>foundation</i>
Thur 30th (<i>St Peter Chrysologus</i>)	1.05pm	Ann Harrington ✕ <i>foundation</i>
Fri 31st <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	1.05pm	Daniel & Roisin <i>to be married tomorrow</i>
Sat 1st <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>		
Next Sunday <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 55: 1-3 Romans 8:35.37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

Sacrament of Confession. By appointment and only in emergency

Evensong 4.00pm, Sunday & Benediction, *live-stream*
6.30pm, Thursday *live-stream*

Last week: £1,025.00 Standing Orders and On-line payments

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for August: *The Maritime World.* We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

The Ordinariate weekly intercessions: The Bournemouth Group & Fr Darryl Jordan.

For your prayers:

In formation: for Ministry, Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes)

Those who are Sick: Dora, Mary, Mark, David, Rebecca, George, David
And for all those with Coronavirus

Coronavirus: The medical profession, doctors, nurses, first responders, support-staff, research scientists, those who make big-impact decision,

Recently Departed: Christopher Tuckwell *priest*, Bill Scott

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