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30th July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday 30th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Diocesan Prayer Link <i>St Patrick, Brockworth</i> <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour,</i> <i>Churchdown</i>	6.00pm (Sat) Mass Con O'Mahony RIP 9.00am Mass Gerry Whelan Anniversary 10.30am Mass Leonie Lawrence Anniversary 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass People of the Parish
Monday 31st July <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass CMBF
Tuesday 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori</i>	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass Sheila O'Brien RIP
Wednesday 2nd August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm Mass Int of Sam & Nancy Wall
Thursday 3rd August <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Ints of Rebecca Northway
Friday 4th August <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	9.10am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass Ints of Br John Bosco of the Franciscan Friars of Renewal 7.00pm Polish Mass
Saturday 5th August <i>Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major</i>	10.00am Mass Ints Andrew & Margaret Ashcroft 10.45am – 11.30am Confessions 3.00pm Filipino Monthly Mass 5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Mass James Cooney Anniversary 7.30pm Polish Mass
Sunday 6th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration</i>	9.00am Mass Ints of Tess Lane 10.30am Mass People of the Parish 12.30pm Polish Mass 5.30pm Mass Ints of Laurence Jones

This Week: Ordinary Time Week 17, weekday readings Year 1. Daily Prayer of the Church: Week 1.

Last Weekend: Attendance – 768 Offertory - £1072.32 (including £251.00 online/contactless) Donations - £119.35 (including £80.00 online/contactless, cash donation) Bishop's Charitable Fund £502.98

Church Cleaning: After mass on Monday morning, thanks to all who help each week.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Beginning this Thursday, August 3rd, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will take place in St Peter's Church at 3.00pm of the first Thursday of each month.

Faith into action with SVP at St Peter's: The next meeting for current and new members will take place after the evening mass this Tuesday, 1st August.

Stella Maris: Wish to thank everyone for our Sea Sunday donation of £437.21 which will help ensure that seafarers and fishers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care & support that they so vitally need.

RIP: We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

Frances Norman. Funeral Service on Tuesday 8th August at 12.00noon followed by burial at Coney Hill Cemetery.

Next Sunday: The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6th) falls on a Sunday this year and takes precedence over the Sunday in Ordinary Time so the prayers and readings at mass next Sunday, will be those from the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

New Lectionary: The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the new Lectionary. The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, taken from the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024. Sunday and Weekday Missals that reflect with new Lectionary readings will be published in due course.

The Communion Procession at Mass: The Church understands the Communion Procession, in fact every procession in liturgy, as a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. All our lives we who believe in Christ are moving in time toward that moment when we will be taken by death from this world and enter into the joy of the Lord in the eternal Kingdom he has prepared for us. The liturgical assembly of the baptised that comes together for the celebration of the Eucharist is a witness to, a manifestation of, the pilgrim Church. When we move in procession, particularly the procession to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion, we are a sign, a symbol of that pilgrim Church "on the way." The Communion Procession is an action of the Body of Christ. At Christ's invitation, extended by the priest acting in Christ's person: "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb," the members of the community move forward to share in the sacred meal, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ which is the sign and the source of their unity. In fact, each time we move forward together to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord, we join the countless ranks of all the baptised who have gone before us, our loved ones, the canonised and uncanonised saints down through the ages, who at their time in history formed a part of this mighty stream of believers. The fact that the Communion Procession is a profoundly religious action tells us something about the way in which we should participate in this procession. We are the Body of Christ, moving forward to receive the Christ who makes us one with himself and with one another. Our procession should move with dignity; our bearing should be that of those who know they have been redeemed by Christ and are coming to receive their God!

St Peter's Social Centre: Many people have rightly been asking about plans there for the future use of St Peter's Social Centre. Various options have, and are being looked at for short, medium, and long term. Over the summer, with the partition closed, the smaller hall, toilets and entrance area from the main car park will be refurbished with the aim of being ready to open for parish use only from September. This will provide a needed space for parish meetings and a place to meet for tea/coffee after some weekend masses. There are no plans currently to bring the social centre lounge back into use. In the medium/long term, plans to demolish the skittle alley (building in lower car park) will be seriously considered to create additional car parking. Demolishing the red bricked part of the building by the rear access to the church will also be considered as will the refurbishment of the coffee bar and meeting room above it.

Prayer Intention for Pope Francis for August: For World Youth Day: We pray World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Publications: August editions of My Day by Day (75p), Bible Alive (£3) and Sacred Heart Messenger (£1.85) available at the back of the church. Also weekly edition of The Universe (£3.50) and the monthly edition of The Catholic Herald (£5)

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Sue Hartnett, Pat O'Ryan, Cheryl Loy, Natalia Price, Sharon Scott, Christopher Browne, Kathy Smith, Joan O'Connell, Sandra Flanagan, Dan Roche, Oliver Cuffe, Michael Casey, Terri Tyreman, Kitty McMahon, Beth Leeder, Tess Lane, David Murphy, Rosemary de Castro Lima, Richard Johnson. In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.