

Masses and Intentions
Week 23 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7th September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7th September 17.30
Sunday 8th September 10:00
18:30

Monday 9th September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 10th September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 11th September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 12th September No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Friday 13th September No Mass
Memorial: St John Chrystom

Saturday 14th September No Mass
Feast: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 15th September 17.30
Sunday 16th September 10.00
18.30

Year C

Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Phil Jordan RIP
Private intention

Year C

Vincent Hawkins RIP
Patrick Rowe & Timmie Buckley
Charlie, Val & Mary RIP

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7/8 September 2019

“Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14, 27

HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT

Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out a health and safety audit of the church and surrounding premises.

If you have noticed anything that you would like to draw to our attention, please email or ring the office by 8th September.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, 7-8th September is this year's Education Sunday when Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. The second collection this weekend will be for the Catholic Education Service.

OUR LADY & ST ANNE'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

OLSA BSG will meet again @ 19.30hrs. on Wednesday 2nd October.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

on Fri 13th & Sat 14th Sept at St James church. John and Lindsay Mullaney are planning a special concert by Chorate choir as well as two talks. Talk on Friday and talk & concert on Sat, both at 2pm and free. Details on poster in narthex.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £159.50 Loose £479.60
Standing Orders £459.00

SEASON OF CREATION 2019

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis. The suggested theme for this year is "the web of life." One million species are threatened by our lifestyle. Solving this challenge serves the Creator of all.

<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/denominational-resources/#catholic>

KEEPING THE CHURCH CLEAN

Each weekend the church is beautifully clean which is down to a small team of dedicated cleaners to whom we are very grateful. Would you like to make your own contribution by sparing an hour or two to help with hoovering, polishing etc.? Not necessarily a weekly commitment, if there are enough people we could build up teams to spread the load. Knock on the sacristy door after Mass on Mon/Wed or ring the office to chat about what you can offer. Families more than welcome .

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C - Luke): When we say someone is very wise, what do we mean? Is it that he/she is clever, intelligent, knowledgeable or balanced in their judgement? We often associate wisdom with older people as if life experience, digested and reflected upon, is what contributes most to being wise. Wise people generally do not make mistakes, their assessment of complex human situations - especially if emotions are involved - is usually nuanced and hits the mark. The psychologist Erik H. Erikson, whose great study Young Man Luther created a sensation when it was published in 1958, was of the view that wisdom was a virtue possessed by those who were mature. They were people who knew a lot about life through having lived and observed how others managed. Wisdom involves growth in self-knowledge, often through more error than trial, and knowledge of others. Perhaps wisdom is that capacity to reflect on human experience and feed it into one's own maturing process. The power to achieve this we can ask of God, we can pray for the gift of wisdom. Wisdom is the first in the list of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. And one of the Major Antiphons of the last days of Advent is O Sapientia, O Wisdom.

First Reading (OT): Wisdom 9, 13 - 18: No matter how much we scheme, plan or elaborate projects, no matter how careful we seem to be, once our plans have been realised we often discover they have not turned out anything like we had imagined. Many of the great questions we pose to life remain unanswered. Today's reading has a contemporary ring to it. It focuses on human limitations and on how deficient our knowledge is. We often wish for a good overview of the complete picture, we long for the benefit of hindsight in advance. Insight is bestowed on us as a gift. We need a listening heart, such as King Solomon had. He is the example of the wise king.

Second Reading (NT): Philemon 9 - 10. 12 - 17: The letter to Philemon is the shortest of all the NT writings. Composed by Paul in c. AD 55, it accompanies his former slave Onesimus who, on becoming a Christian became by the same token a free man. The letter is a request that the human dignity of the former slave be respected and that, in the light of his now being a brother in Christ, he now also be treated in a way that befits his new dignity.

Gospel: Luke 14, 25 - 33: Jesus leaves no ambiguity concerning the commitment and the sacrifice that he expects of those who throw in their lot with him and become his disciples. The priority is now given to the kingdom of God and its values. Whether one is up to it or not is entirely a decision the individual takes. In today's world those looking for work are given a job description. They examine what it involves, what it asks of them, what gifts they have which might suit the challenge and then whether they are able for it. Then they decide. The example Jesus puts before candidates for discipleship mixes practical wisdom with generosity of disposition. They must be in touch with their own capacities, their own talents and abilities, and they must have an idea too of what the calling will ask of them.

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