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**Our School, St. William of Perth** is looking for 2 new Foundation Governors. Foundation governors are appointed by the Parish Priest and are required to be Practising Catholics. For one of the appointments the School is looking for someone with an accountancy background. For more details please contact either Fr. Neil or Ron Fredericks (Co-Chair of Governors). Ron's mobile no. 07774 401517 or email [rjfedericks13@gmail.com](mailto:rjfedericks13@gmail.com).

**Sacrament of Confession** Saturday after 10 am Mass, and Adoration.  
Sunday 10.30 – 10.45 am  
& 5.30 – 5.45 pm.  
**Don't rush anything. When the time is right it will happen.**

**Ecumenical Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: 3rd -10th March 2020.** A special opportunity to join an ecumenical pilgrimage to the Holy Land will arise in early March 2020, led jointly by Bishop Paul Hendricks and Bishop Christopher Chessun. The Deans of Southwark

Anglican Cathedral and St George's Cathedral will also be taking an active part. This is expected to be a popular journey, so early booking is advised where possible. Cost: £1,745. For enquiries: The Pilgrimage Administrator on 0207939 942 Email: [pilgrimage20@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:pilgrimage20@southwark.anglican.org)

**Justice and Peace in Creation: Autumn Assembly:** The Southwark Justice and Peace Autumn Assembly will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019** at The Hermitage, West Malling, Kent. The guest speaker will be Fr Mark Odion of the Santa Marta Group Further details to follow: please save the date!

**Catholic Mental Health Project Annual Conference, with St Mary's University Twickenham. 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.** This year's conference will be based around the theme of addiction, and will cover topics including alcohol, the internet, sex, and drugs. Promotional materials are being prepared and will be circulated shortly.

**Take nothing but pictures. Leave nothing but footprints. Kill nothing but time.**

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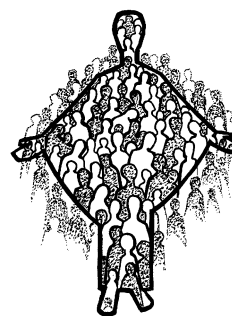
## Newsletter –11<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Nineteenth Sunday (C)

Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

Responsorial Psalm, *Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

Next week's Readings: Jeremiah 38: 4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53



An advice given to me as a young man, by an old priest was, “Never take a day off from praying, don't forget God in your holidays”. As Christians we become really who we are, and fulfil our true potential, when we put God first. The Lord Jesus in the Gospel is assuring us that we are already heirs to his kingdom. So, as people set part as the chosen people of God, we need to live as such, to build our homes in heaven, through loving and living in a way that shows that we are the people of God. This is only possible if we really begin to love the Lord as a real person and have a relationship with him. It is through our perseverance and by nourishing our spiritual life that we can do this. If we are struggling then let us ask God for help, let us not be ashamed of asking his help to really encounter him as a real person, the one who has given us life and opened the gates of heaven for us. Let us ask the saints to intercede for us. Let us read the lives of the saints so that they may inspire us to put God first like our patron St John Fisher did. Even in the last moments of his life at his execution, he never ceased praying. Even though it was the king who sentenced him to death, he asked God to bless the king and this country before he died. So, let us today ask the Lord God to help us to choose him before all things. And if we think that we are struggling, let us make use of the healing sacrament of confession. Let us remember the saints never stopped struggling to live a good life despite their many failings. Let us have every confidence in God who has

created us for his splendour and will fulfil his grand purpose in us. God bless.  
Fr Neil.

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

	11 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	Feast Days
11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Joan Tupper – R.I.P. Jacques Paillier – R.I.P.	Nineteenth Sunday (C)
12 <sup>th</sup> Monday 10am	Maria Mauchan - R.I.P.	St Jane Frances de Chantal
13 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10am	Holy Mass – No intentions	Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
14 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10am	Holy Mass – No intentions	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
15 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 10am 7pm	Eddie Slater – R.I.P. People of the Parish	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> Friday 7pm	Holy Mass – No intentions	St Stephen of Hungary
17 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 10am	Holy Mass – No intentions followed by Adoration	Our Lady
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Nancy Neville -R.I.P. Holy Mass – No intentions	Twentieth Sunday (C)

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019:

First collection: Loose – £264.76; Gift Aid - £157.50 = £422.26

Attendance: 9am -77 ; 11am -68 , 6pm – 44 = 189

100 Club: £20– Peter Jago N<sup>o</sup> 12: £10– John Endicott N<sup>o</sup> 118

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> is a Solemnity and Holyday of Obligation. It is a wonderful feast where we celebrate that Mary after her death was assumed into heaven, body and soul. The dogma was pronounced by Pope Pius the XII in 1950, which the whole church held as a belief for a very long time. It only makes sense that our Lady, the God bearer and the first tabernacle, be taken by her Son to the heights of heaven in an instant after her death. This day is like a Sunday where we as Catholics are obliged to go to Mass. So I encourage people to make every effort to come to Mass. There will be Holy Mass in our church at 10:00am and 7pm.

**Congratulations to:** Odera Asomba who was baptised yesterday and to Charlie Edward Copeland who will be baptised today. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Congratulations to:** Vincent and Kamilla who will be married in our church tomorrow. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Faith in Older People:** Here is some information about a Scottish project called Faith in Older People and their new resource One Step at a Time. It's free to access and can be downloaded by clicking on this link: <http://faithinolderpeople.org.uk/project/one-step-at-a-time/>

**Calling Catholic Young People aged 18-35, The Evangelium Conference 2019** is a very enjoyable gathering of young people with talks, Holy Mass and leisure/sports in the beautiful surroundings of the Oratory school in Reading. From the **16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of August**. Please see <http://www.evangelium.co.uk>. Please book as soon possible as places are limited.

**Medway Young Catholic Adults** aims to provide Catholics in their 20s and 30s with the opportunity to meet new people, pray, and make a difference to the Church in our area. Please join us at English Martyrs Catholic Church, Strood, **on the 6<sup>th</sup> Sept for Holy Mass at 7pm** followed by dinner and drinks.

**Building a better Marriage Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019:** Married couples! You can give each other a wonderful gift by spending a day exploring your relationship more deeply to gain valuable insights into your communication. Couples who have attended the course noted the positive changes it made to their marriage. There is no group sharing and this is not marriage counselling or guidance but a chance to make your marriage even better. Contact: Carole - Tel: 07983524727 – email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

#### **Weekend Retreat for bereaved parishioners:**

Booking forms are available for the “Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ” weekend for bereaved parishioners which will be held on the **11-13<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.