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Our School, St. William of Perth are 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 rjfredericks13@gmail.com

Sacrament of Confession
Saturday after 10 am
Mass, and Adoration.
Sunday 10.30 – 10.45 am
& 5.30 – 5.45 pm.
**The spirit has a song for
those who listen.**

Islington Tuesday 9th July 6.30pm. Enjoy this corner of London, with its history, and links to Charles Dickens, and a forgotten Catholic heroine. Meet at St John the Divine Church, Duncan Terrace, Islington London N1 8AL. Nearest Tube: Angel. **Westminster Wednesday 10th, 6.30pm, and Monday 15th, 3pm,** nearest Tube: Victoria. **Richmond Wednesday 24th, 7pm, and Sunday 28th, 3pm.** See notice in Porch.

Blood Donor Session: Rochester Army Reserves – Fort Clarence on Monday 15th July 2019. Please see notice in Porch on booking an appointment if you are able to give blood at this worthwhile event.

Rosary for the Unborn: Every first Friday in at 5:30pm in English Martrys Strood, Finsbury Road. The next gathering will be on Friday 2nd of August.

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Newsletter –7th July 2019 Fourteenth Sunday (C)

Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6: 14-18; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.*
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1: 15-20; Luke 10:25-37

What do priests do on a retreat? It is a time to rest and recharge, catch up on spiritual reading, prayer and sleep. I went for my retreat at Quarr Abbey in the Isle of Wight, a Benedictine community of 8 monks. The monk's life is a balance of prayer, study and work set around the rule of St Benedict and the Liturgy of the hours (daily prayers). The monks day starts at 5.30am with sung vigils. Though I couldn't rise up at that time I joined them for their *lauds* (morning prayer) at 7.00am. Then after breakfast was *terce* (mid morning Prayer) with the community Mass at 9.00am, where I remembered all of you in my prayers. Then there was *sext* (midday prayer) and lunch at 1.00pm. Followed by *none* (afternoon prayer) at 2.20pm and *vespers* (evening prayer) at 5.00pm and supper at 7.00pm and the day ends with *compline* (night prayers) at 8.00pm. The monks work very hard. They grow produce, have a thriving apiary, keep chickens and pigs, a tea room and book bindery. The liturgy is beautifully sung in Latin and English. It was wonderful to see many young men in their 20's exploring their call to serve the Lord as a Benedictine monk. All the meals are taken in silence with spiritual reading at lunch and supper. The meals are simple and hearty and often include items from the monastery produce. The monks only have one day off in a year. The peace and tranquillity can really work wonders for us, who are so used to so much noise and the busy nature of our lives. The monks are welcoming and I recommend people to go. There are also wonderful places to stay and visit in the island.

In the Gospel reading the Lord sends his disciples in mission. The church is always missionary in its nature. Do we think that the Lord has chosen us and

sends us in mission? What about our families, friends, and people at work? Do I keep my faith as just my business? How prepared am I to share my faith? How can we as people of the parish form groups, to make Christ present in us and also share him with others? How is the Lord God calling me here and now to witness to him? Let us pray for discernment and courage, that the Lord may help us to form ourselves and those he has given us to be his joyful disciples. God bless, Fr Neil.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

| | | 7 th July 2019 | Feast Days |
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| Sunday | 9am 11am 6pm | Lyuben Filipo R.I.P. People of the Parish Malcolm Campbell Carr R.I.P. | Fourteenth Sunday (C) |
| Monday | 10am | Bryan Harget - Well being | Feria |
| Tuesday | 10am | Michael Ferguson R.I.P. | St Augustine Zhao Dong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs |
| Wednesday | 10am | Relatives and Friends of the Joyce Family | Feria |
| Thursday | 12pm | Funeral – Kathleen McMahon | St Benedict, Abbot |
| Friday | 7pm | Holy Mass – No intentions | Feria |
| Saturday | 10am | Holy Mass – No intentions | St Mildred, Abbess |
| Sunday | 9am 11am 6 pm | Emma Driver – Wellbeing Knights of S Columbia – 70 th People of the Parish | Fifteenth Sunday (C) |

Sunday 30th June 2019:

First collection: Loose – £241.08; Gift Aid - £212.30 = £ 453.38

Second collection: Peter's Pence.£113.56

Attendance: 9am -70; 11am –64, 6pm –62 = 196

100 Club: £30 - N^o 42 M Smith,; £20–N^o 121 F McCarthy; £10–N^o 61 S Jago

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and there will be a second collection.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our long serving parishioner Joan Tupper who for many years was a teacher at St William of Perth school and has seen many of our youngsters through their primary education. Please remember her family in your prayers. She will be sadly missed. Her funeral date is yet to be announced.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen (Kitty) McMahon her funeral will take place Thursday, 11th of July at 12:00pm in the church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Davis, her funeral will take place at Medway Crematorium Thursday 11th of July at 3:00pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Swain, her funeral will take place at Medway Crematorium Wednesday 17th July 2019, 2.30pm.

Southwark's annual day of Celebration for the Disabled is being held today, **Sunday 7th July**, at The Friars, Aylesford 12-4pm. A memorial Mass for the recently deceased founder of L'Arche, Jean Vanier, at 12 noon, followed by a picnic in the grounds (please bring packed lunch).

Meditation Garden. We are in urgent need of team-work after a month without maintenance. However, Julie now requests help on weekend afternoons or weekday evenings, apart from Wednesdays. Please could you tick those dates you can manage on the Gardening Form, on Porch notice board. And Julie will be ready to welcome you. Thank you.

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/>

Pro-Life Representative required: for our parish. If you are passionate about pro-life and are prepared to help with resource materials and also a yearly appeal, and to make people aware of campaigns from the charity SPUC(Society for the protection of unborn children), please speak to Fr Neil.

Unfortunately, a mistake was made with the dates for November & December, on the Reader's Rota. Please, can all Readers pick up a revised version, on the pink sheet, from the porch table. Sorry about this and hope it doesn't cause any problems.

Being told you're appreciated, is one of the simplest and most uplifting things you can hear.