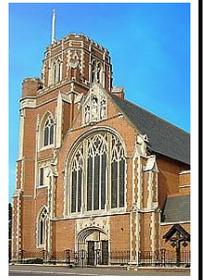




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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st July 2018

Little girl, I tell you to get up

Mass Times

- 30th Sat Feria**
 9.30
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Pierpaolo Vanotti +
- 1st Sun Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Dorrington and Cullianan families+
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 2nd Mon Feria**
 9.30 Peace for Joanne's Family
- 3rd Tue St Thomas the Apostle**
 9.30
 12.00 Funeral of Richard Nathanson
- 4th Wed Feria**
 9.30
- 5th Thu St Anthony Zaccariah**
 9.30
- 6th Fri St Maria Goretti**
 9.30 Richard Lamb Wellbeing
- 7th Sat Feria**
 9.30
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Billie Maher +
- 8th Sun Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 The Freyne Family +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



The Raising of Jairus' Daughter, Henry Thompson 1820

Healing

We read in today's Gospel about two important healings by Jesus: the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage and then the raising of the twelve-year-old girl.

We believe that Jesus still exercises his ministry of healing in the Church. Through the power of prayer miracles can and do happen each day. We should not hesitate to storm heaven and ask God to intervene in the case of a sick person or in other circumstances that are apparently unsolvable.

Jesus himself encouraged us to do so when he said: '*ask and it will be given to you.*' But we must remember the purpose of a miracle; it is to bring honour and glory to God. What we are praying for is that God's glory may be made manifest and that his will be done.

We only see part of the picture and God may have much greater plans we know nothing about; in fact he usually has. Our lives will inevitably come to an end and those with faith know that in death we are raised to new life with God —and that this is the most glorious thing that could ever happen to us.

Our present lives are but a preparation for that infinitely more wonderful life that is to come. Yes, it is good to ask for, and even to expect miracles, because they are the tangible results of faith. But it is more important for us to concentrate our energies in preparing ourselves for heaven, getting ourselves spiritually ready to meet God when in due time he calls us to himself.

Father Alex

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, Easter:

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work,
Right Use of Media, the Church

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Luke

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Prayer for Good Humour

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I." Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.

Saint Thomas More

**God loves each of us
as if there were only one of us**

St Augustine

Gift Aid

All Parishioners who are in the Gift Aid Scheme need to collect their Gift Aid boxes and letter. Please do so from the back of the church after Sunday mass. Thank you for your donations and support. Forms available at the back of the Church for those who would like to sign up for Gift Aid.

Bereavement Course

Mourning, anger, resentment, depression, these are some of the feelings often experienced in grief. When will they end? How to cope? Such questions are common among those who have been bereaved. On October 12-14 there is a residential workshop for those suffering loss at Aylesford. Details on 01303 670880 or email earpartridge@gmail.com.

Rotas

The new rotas are ready and available at the back of the church. Thank you very much for your service to the parish. If you are unable to help on any particular day please swap with someone else.

If you would like to be included in future rotas please contact the Parish Office.

**Unless we're humble,
we're sure to stumble**

Cake Sale

There will be a Cake Sale in the Atrium after 10.00 mass next Sunday 8th July.

APF Missio Red Boxes

Thank you for your donations and generous support. We are looking for someone to take over as parish promoter to replace Bill Gallagher who is now living with the Little Sisters of the Poor at Vauxhall.

Forthcoming Dates

Seniors Club 4th July
Cake Sale..... 8th July
Eucharistic Congress..... 7th-9th September

Sea Sunday

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries where wages are lower. They work in difficult and often dangerous conditions suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day. The average contract results in them spending ten months at sea at one time. Interestingly, there is an unusually high percentage of Catholics among seafarers.



The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care.

AoS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, receiving no official funding from either the Church or the government; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need. Sea Sunday is our chance to help AoS make a difference to the lives of seafarers. The parish will take up a second collection next Sunday – please give generously. www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Funeral

The multi-faith funeral for Richard Nathanson (70 years) of Oakhill Road will take place on Tuesday 3rd July at 12.00. Private Cremation will follow at Putney Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

**Never give advice;
The wise don't need it
And fools won't heed it**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £466.68, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

8th July Apostleship of the Sea, 15th July St John's Seminary Refurbishment.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: E Chavez, R Martella n/w M Harrison, L Northeast

Readers: Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A. Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, H Pall Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato

Little Church: A Kilcawley, M Harrison, A Stacey n/w J & N Neligan, A Mann

Tiny Church: E Lueth, n/w T Brine

Flowers: A Robbins n/w V Barkho

Royal Hospital: C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

Maintenance team: 11.00 9th June, 14th July