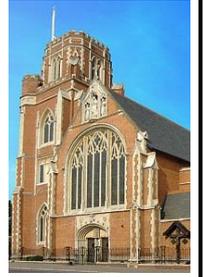




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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd July 2018

They were like sheep without a shepherd

Mass Times

- 21st Sat Feria**
 9.30
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Tess Keaney +
- 22nd Sun Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Cathy Desmond +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 23rd Mon St Bridget**
 9.30 Ruhaan DuPlessis & Christopher Lamb +
- 24th Tue St Charbel Makhluf**
 9.30 Ruhaan DuPlessis & Christopher Lamb +
- 25th Wed St James**
 9.30 Ruhaan DuPlessis & Christopher Lamb +
- 26th Thu SS Joachim & Anne**
 9.30 Ruhaan DuPlessis & Christopher Lamb +
- 27th Fri Feria**
 9.30 Ruhaan DuPlessis & Christopher Lamb +
- 28th Sat Feria**
 9.30
 10.00 Confessions
 17.30 Edelie Mullaney +
- 29th Sun Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 10.00 Audrey & John Charlton +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*



IF

- If a child lives with criticism,
 he learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility,
 he learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule,
 he learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame,
 he learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance,
 he learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement,
 he learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise,
 he learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness,
 he learns justice.
- If a child lives with security,
 he learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval,
 he learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
 he learns to find love in the world.

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

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

Cycle of Prayer, Summer:

Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews,
 Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of
 Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Going to University this Autumn?

Each University and Higher Education Institute in the country has a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in the parish.



The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

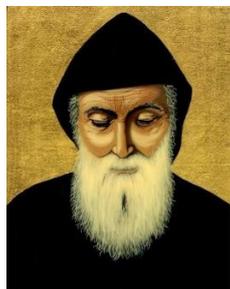
If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. For addresses see the special website www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

Man is great only when he is on his knees before God

Cardinal Sarah

St Charbel MakhluF

Joseph MakhluF was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Maronite Monastery at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Charbel. He lived as a hermit from 1875 until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek his blessing and ask to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament.



St Charbel died a holy death in the late afternoon of Christmas Eve 1898. Christians and non-Christians alike soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified Charbel in 1965 and canonized him twelve years later. His feast occurs this week on 24th July.

I visited St Charbel's tomb, during a recent trip to Lebanon, in order to pray for one of our parishioners who is in the Royal Hospital. This young patient, Joseph, who comes from Bethlehem, has a very special devotion to this wonderful saint with a powerful reputation for healing and he wanted me to ask the monks at St Maron's monastery for their prayers. May Joseph and all the other patients at the Royal Hospital experience a profound outpouring of God's healing love through St Charbel's intercession.

Father Alex

If God were not willing to forgive sin, heaven would be empty

German Proverb

Forthcoming Dates

Seniors Club 1st August
Father Alex's Jubilee 7th September
Eucharistic Congress..... 7th-9th September

Apostleship of the Sea – Woolly Hat Appeal

Two weeks ago we marked Sea Sunday. For twelve years I was parish priest in my own home parish of Thornbury in South Gloucestershire. Within the boundaries of the parish was a small port on the River Severn called Sharpness. About ten ships a week called in there to offload and load up supplies. Shortly after I arrived in the parish we established a group of Apostleship of the Sea volunteers who visited the ships two or three times a week. They brought the seafarers a few necessities as well as human warmth and spiritual comfort. About ten years ago they were able to set up a portacabin on the dock where seafarers could access the internet and make phone calls to their families. You can imagine that this has been greatly appreciated.

However, one of the needs in our northern climate is for woollen hats. Many of the seafarers come from southern countries like the Philippines or Vietnam and they are often unprepared for the cold weather in the North Atlantic. If anyone would like to knit woolly hats the parish office will ensure they get sent on to Sharpness for distribution to seafarers who really need them.

Father Alex

Father Lazarus Msimbe SDS

We welcome Father Lazarus Msimbe who will be with us for the next month. Father Lazarus is the Vicar Provincial of the Salvatorian Province in Tanzania and after his visit with us will be going on to the General Chapter of our Order which will be taking place in Munich beginning 13th August.

Father Alex Jubilee

Father Alex will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of Religious Profession on Friday 7th September. There will be a special mass in the Church at 19.00 followed by a Buffet in the Corry Hall. All welcome.

Seniors Club Picnic

1st August in Bishop's Park at 12.30pm.

Please all and you will please none

Aesop

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £349.81, Bankers Orders £ 384

Upcoming Second Collections

29th July Congo Mission, 9th September Catholic Education, 16th September Home Missions

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: F Azevedo, M Figueiredo. Resumes in September

Readers: Sat: C Wilkins, E De Souza, H Pall Sun: G Fayers, C McCarthy, n/w Sat: R & S Jackson Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A Kane Blanes

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: D McGavin, K Dolan Sun: G Donaldson, Steve Palmer, R Kuleke, D Lyons n/w Sat: M & S Lee Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan

Royal Hospital: Sr Pauline n/w C Kawesi

Maintenance team: 8th September, 13th October