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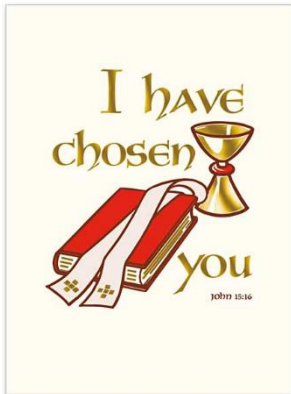
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24 th July 2022 Psalter Week 1	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	Genesis 18:20-32 <i>I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.	
Second Reading	St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14 <i>He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Luke 11:1-13 <i>Ask, and it will be given to you.</i>	
Saturday 23 rd July +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday 24 th July +	10.30am	Mass – (Simon Snow RIP)
Monday 25 th July ST JAMES, Apostle - Feast	10.00am	Mass – (Bernie Wogan RIP)
Tuesday 26 th July Ss Joachim & Anne – Parents of the BVM - mem	10.00am	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 27 th July Feria		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 28 th July Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Thanksgiving; BVM; St Theresa & St Brigid)
Friday – 29 th July St Martha - memoria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Fr David's Intentions)
Saturday – 30 th July St Peter Chrysologus – Op. Memoria	10.00am 10.30am 1.00pm	Mass – (Dorothy Cooper RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wedding – Samantha Jess & Bernard Gallyot
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
Saturday – 30 th July +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday – 31 st July +	10.30am	Mass – (Sydney Bryant RIP)



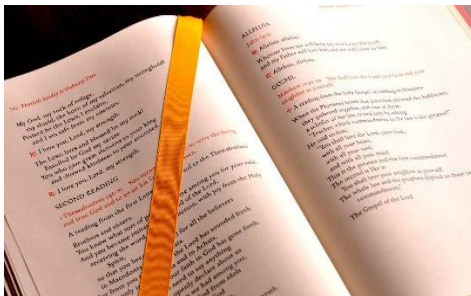
Sacrament of Confession every Saturday between 10.30am & 11.30am and between 5.45pm & 6.15pm - Or by arrangement with Fr David



Ad Multos Annos

This coming Saturday, 30th July, Fr David will be celebrating the 29th year of his priestly ordination. We are very fortunate to have been blessed with such a caring and loving Parish Priest. We thank God for Fr David's priestly ministry and pray for him, his family and friends and for our parish under his ever-watchful gaze.

God bless you Fr David



Ministry of the Word

One of the principal rites of the Mass is the 'Liturgy of the Word' – we are very grateful to those parishioners who exercise the Ministry of the Word (Readers) here at Our Lady's. We find ourselves in need of more Readers, particularly for the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. If you are interested or would like to know more then please contact Denise



CHURCH CLEANING – We have a beautiful church. Would you be willing to give a little bit of your time to cleaning it? If enough people are willing to sign up, we could easily make sure that it is cleaned regularly without the task being too much of a burden – and also a time to socialise. Please do think about it. There is a list at the back of church for you to sign up to volunteer. We will get in touch to organise a simple rota. Many thanks – Fr David



Sacrament of Matrimony

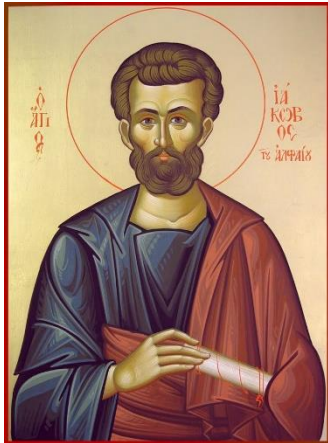
This coming Saturday, 30th July 2022 at 1.00pm here at Our Lady's, Sam Jess and Bernard Gallyot will be joined together in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony – please keep them both very much in your thoughts and prayers during this coming week and especially on the day itself. We pray that God will bless them and draw them ever closer to Himself.



G. K. Chesterton – Annual Pilgrimage

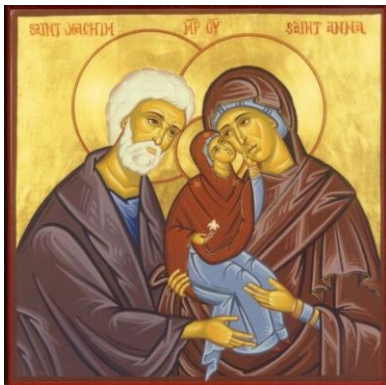
When G.K. Chesterton was received into the Catholic Church one hundred years ago, on Sunday, July 30, 1922, it was big news. Except it wasn't. It didn't quite qualify as "news" because nobody knew about it. The two priests who received him into the Church – Fr. John O'Connor, his long-time friend who was also the inspiration for Chesterton's immortal fictional detective Father Brown, and Dom Ignatius Rice, a Benedictine monk from

Douai Abbey – vowed to say nothing about the ceremony, not for any religious reasons they just wanted to see how long it would take the press to find out. It took three weeks. The 12th Annual G K Chesterton Pilgrimage is being held this coming **Saturday 30th July 2022**. There are a few leaflets giving details of the pilgrimage available in the porch or you can go to the website: <https://catholicgkchestersonsociety.co.uk/>



St James, Apostle

Born at Bethsaida, the son of Zebedee and the brother of the apostle John. He was present when Christ performed the more important miracles. He was killed by King Herod about the year 4 and is venerated especially at Compostella in Spain where there is a magnificent church dedicated in his honour



Ss Joachim & Anne – Parents of the BVM

An old tradition going back to the second century gives these names to the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The veneration of St Anne dates from the sixth century in the East and spread throughout the West in the tenth century; that of St Joachim is more recent.



St Martha

St Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. She received the Lord into her house and provided for his needs with great care. At her request the Lord raised her brother from the dead.

“Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha,

Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Readings for Sunday

Genesis 18:20-32

This delightful story continues the episode of last Sunday's first reading. It is reminiscent of a scene of bargaining in an oriental bazaar, a scene of deadly earnest, yet playful negotiation. Abraham goes on pushing his luck, using laughably inadequate logic, until he has gone well beyond the point of any sort of reason. His partner in this game continues to show good-humoured tolerance, and above all an unbelievable willingness to forgive. Some might find this haggling process lacking in reverence for the almighty power of God, but it is an expression of Israel's intimate affection for the LORD. This attitude towards God is expressed in the special Hebrew name for God, which is never pronounced. The LORD himself will later reveal to Moses the meaning of this intimate name of Israel's own God as 'God of mercy and forgiveness'. This sacred personal name of the LORD is never pronounced, partly out of respect (for the glory of the LORD is too awesome for that name to be on human lips), but partly also out of fondness, just as we do not noise around in public the intimate terms of affection which are used only within our close family circle.

Colossians 2:12-14

In this striking passage from Colossians, we are presented with the compelling force of Paul's powerful image about our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection. Our life is hidden with Christ in God; since we were baptised into Christ's death we are raised in his resurrection; we emerge with Christ from the tomb, sharing his life, co-heirs with him and calling God our Father. Paul sees the sin of Adam not as something which happened long, long ago, but as a metaphor for our own sin, because 'Adam' means 'man' or 'humanity'. This sin, every sin, is a sin of disobedience to God. Christ is, in Pauline thought, the Second Adam. By his obedience to his Father on the Cross he wiped away, dissolved or overrode the sin of disobedience of the first Adam, the sin of humanity. The sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is the complete expression of obedience to the Father, which restores our loving relationship with him. This is strongly expressed when Paul says that Christ nailed to the Cross the record of our debt to the Law. Circumcision was of no avail; it was only by being baptised into Christ's death and raised in his resurrection that we could be restored.

St Luke 11:1-13

Luke is the evangelist of prayer. Again and again he shows us Jesus praying. At all the important moments of his life Jesus needs this intimacy with his Father. So, he is praying at the baptism; before the choice of the disciples, he prays through the night; at the Transfiguration he is praying. Now the prayer which is so often used by Christians is one he gives us himself. Luke's rendering of the prayer he taught the disciples is slightly shorter than the version in Matthew. It begins with the simple call 'Father' (rather than 'Our Father in heaven') - a noble and affectionate way of speaking to God. 'Thy will be done' is omitted, for it is Matthew who often insists on doing the will of the Father. Instead of 'give us this day our daily bread' Luke presents the insistent 'give us each day', which stresses the continuity of our dependence on God. After this prayer follows a series of parables and images which underline the importance of persistence in prayer and continual prayer after the model of Jesus himself. Elsewhere Luke will give us other parables about prayer: the Unjust Judge (again teaching perseverance in prayer) and the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector (teaching the importance of humility in prayer).

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Edmund, St James, Ss Joachim & Anne, St Martha pray for us all.

With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter