

THE PASSAGE HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE

There will be a Garden Party in aid of The Passage in the historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on **Friday 21 July** from 6.00 p.m. Visit the oldest cultivated garden in England with a backdrop of Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Tickets £40, which includes buffet supper, wine, soft drinks, live music and a prize raffle, from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL tel. 020 7592 1856, email tickets@passage.org.uk or visit www.passage-garden-party.eventbrite.co.uk

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FACILITATORS URGENTLY NEEDED

Are you looking to volunteer in a friendly and supportive environment and to make a difference in one of the most foundational areas of society – marriage? Then Marriage Care has the opportunity you are looking for.

Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad, providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services for couples across England and Wales.

Our Wimbledon centre which covers South West London is in urgent need of: a **Head of Centre** to lead and support the team; **Marriage Preparation Facilitators** to present and facilitate marriage preparation days (training is provided); **Qualified Relationship Counsellors** with a recognised couples-counselling qualification and a **Parish Liaison Officer** to help promote services and volunteering. For more information or to apply, please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Forthcoming walks which may be of interest to parishioners are:

For King and Country Wednesday 19 July, 6pm. Catholics and politics: St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

The King's Good Servant Tuesday 25 July, 6pm. The story of the heroic St Thomas More. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Chelsea. Nearest Tube: Sloane Square or South Kensington.

SUMMER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON - ALLEN HALL

Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (inc breakfast). Website: www.allenhall.org.uk Email: allenhall@rcdow.org.uk Telephone: 020 7349 5600 (option 0)

FREE PIANO, SUTTON

Upright piano free to collector. Contact Marcus on 07887 868867.

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NEWSLETTER

16 July 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| This Sunday | 10.00am Mass: The Choir and the Children's Liturgy Group will be taking a summer break after this Sunday |
| Mon 17 Jul | Installation of the new hall kitchen starts today
The kitchen will be out of use for the next few weeks |
| Mon 31 Jul—
Tue 15 Aug inc | Parish Office Closed |
| Fri 4 Aug | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
for one hour after 9.00am Mass |
| Mon 7 Aug—
Fri 11 Aug inc | No Weekday Mass
(Fr Bernard is taking a short break) |

16 July 2017 **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Sat	15	1800	Susan Maher RIP (Pat Le-Boeuf & Family)
Sun	16	0830	Poppy Squires RIP (Knight Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Sally McGuigan RIP (Gielty Family)
Mon	17	1000	Margaret & Lyonel Bell—Wedding Anniversary
Tue	18	0900	Niall Murnane RIP (Murnane Family)
Wed	19		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	20	0900	France Bheemul RIP Anniversary (Jeanne Bheemul)
Fri	21	0900	Oliver Murray RIP (Margaret McGinley)
Sat	22	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

23 July 2017 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Sat	22	1800	Nora McDonagh RIP (Sarah Ball)
Sun	23	0830	Teresa & Michael Lyons RIP Anniversary (Lyons Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Joseph & Kathleen Clare RIP Anniversary (Mike Clare)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	544	Apostleship of the Sea	
	Plate	£ 519.45	Plate	£ 257.05
	Gift Aid	£ 570.35	Gift Aid	£ 199.70
		£ 1,089.80		£ 456.75

Thank you for your offerings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Patrick Allen, Michael Burke, Daisy Bushnell, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Pat Hanoman, Sean Healy, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Pauli Koskimies, Peter Mann, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Betty Steward, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS are kindly reminded, if they have not done so already, to collect a copy of the new rota, which starts next weekend, from the church.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Parents of children of two years of age and older are reminded to collect a certificate after Sunday Mass, which will provide evidence of the record of attendance when they apply for a place at a Catholic school.

CONFIRMATION—9 NOVEMBER 2017

An invitation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is extended to adults and young people of the parish who will be in Year 8, or above, in September. Young people should consider carefully the advice offered by their parents; however, the decision to be Confirmed must be made by the person concerned. If you wish to be Confirmed, please take one of the Confirmation leaflets from the back of the church and complete and return the application form to the parish office by **Sunday 30 July 2017**.

ALTAR SERVERS

The current rota finishes this weekend but altar servers are welcome to serve at any Mass during the summer holidays.

If you do not wish to be on the new rota or would like to serve at a different Mass in September, please inform Vivienne in the parish office.

If you would like to be an altar server and have received your First Communion, please ask Fr Bernard for an application form.

LONDON TO PARIS CYCLE RIDE IN AID OF ST RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE

St Raphael's costs £5m pa to run, or £13.7k per day, of which only 20% (£1m) is government funded. A team of 10 for St Raphael's is amongst a group of 170 tackling the circa 307 miles from London to Paris between 19—22 July. Peter Mann is cycling in memory of his late sister in law, Mae Rogan, who was cared for and died in the Hospice. Peter meets the cost of the trip himself so every pound raised benefits the hospice. If you would like to sponsor him, you can do so at: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/petermann4>

DOMINIC O'DEA would like to say a big thank you to everyone in the parish for all the help he has received with his fundraising for his charity trip to Borneo next year. Your generous response to his breakfast sales and the sponsorships have helped him raise approximately £500.

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (phone 0208 397 2683) on **Friday 28 July**. Dancing from 8.30pm—11.30pm featuring Mary & New Counties with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door. All profits go to charity.

CHURCH CLEANING

Once again we are short of helpers to clean the church. If you would be willing to join a small team for an hour or so after the 9.00am Mass on a Thursday or Friday morning once every six weeks, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office, who can tell you more about what is involved.