



**The Parishes of
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and
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Responsorial Psalm 22 (23)

R: *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 17/07/21	12:30 CTK	16th Sunday in OT	Mary Cassidy (RIP)	
	18:00 OLAM		Kathleen Furlong (RIP)	
Sun 18/07/21	10:00 CTK		Gerry Gorman (RIP)(Wedding Anni.)	
	11:30 OLAM		Jack Carron (RIP)	
Mon 19/07/21	09:30 Mon		Feria in OT – Wk 16	Peter Van Nhu Nguyen (RIP)
	12:00 CTK			Margaret Day (Anni.)
Tue 20/07/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 16	Grace Deane (RIP)	
	12:00 CTK		Leo McCarty (RIP)	
Wed 21/07/21	09:30 Mon.	Feria in OT – Wk 16	Sr Marie Ingles	
	12:00 CTK		Aidan Crossan (RIP)	
Thu 22/07/21	09:30 Mon	St Mary Magdalene - Feast	Michael Quinn (RIP)	
	12:00 CTK		Mary Cassidy (RIP)	
Fri 23/07/21	09:30 Mon	St Bridget - Feast	Tony and Mary Brougham (RIP)	
	12:00 CTK		Vincent Courtney's Intention	
Sat 24/07/21	10:00 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 16	Marie Murphy (RIP)	
	12:30 CTK		Fr Michael White	
	18:00 OLAM		Jossie Deasy (Birthday)	
Sun 25/07/21	10:00 CTK	17th Sunday in OT	John McKenna (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		William, Margaret Paddy & John Roche (RIP)	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, John Butler, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Victorio Baudo, Vanda Strlkovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro.

RIP: Please pray for Jason Murphy and Stuart Moss who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

DO NOT come if you are infected with the virus or are sick.
You must **SOCIALLY DISTANCE** (1m+) whilst in Church and wear a mask.
STEWARDS will welcome you, and give instructions.
The **TOILETS** will **NOT** be open for use.

Gospel Reflection

This is the second time in Mark's gospel that the disciples are too busy even to eat (the other reference is 3:20). It was time to get away and rest, but when they reached the place a crowd was waiting for them. The speed of Mark's gospel is unrelenting. Mark's source was Peter, who had always been at the centre of the action himself; so this is a special glimpse into the Twelve's first hectic experience of pastoral work.

It is interesting that Jesus did not insist on the day-off they had planned. Instead "He set himself to teach them (the crowd) at some length." The needs of the crowd came first; he was not forming the Twelve into an élite whose needs took precedence over everything. They were running the risk of burn-out, but it must be a risk worth running. It was a sad development when "the Church" came to mean the clergy. This unfortunate usage is heard much less often now, but it is still in evidence: not so much in language as in attitude and reality.

Jesus told the parable of the hundred sheep, one of which was lost; the shepherd left the ninety-nine and went in search of the one that was lost (Luke 15:4; Matthew 18:12). To go in search of someone who is lost is to be a little lost yourself, in the sense that you have to go away from your familiar circle and into strange places. Because we are all, to different degrees, unsure of ourselves we like to stay with the familiar. That is more reassuring because it is where we find our identity. A parish can become a place where the ninety-nine are lost, while the pastor looks after the one who isn't lost. But that is another way of being lost; in fact it is worse than the other because it does not come from an adventurous spirit; quite the opposite. Shepherds can themselves be lost, even while appearing to be at the centre of things.

Sheep nibble themselves astray: they keep their heads down, just as we tend to keep our heads glued to our jobs – until we look up and realise we don't know where we are. It would be a very good thing to stop and rest, as Jesus said. When we look at it rightly, there is only one Shepherd, and every one of us is the lost sheep. (Today's Good News – Fr. Donagh O'Shea)

Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 117.50
Loose	£ 135.22
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 459.41

Last 2 Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 280.50
Loose	£ 361.89
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 675.85

Thank you for your kind donations.

Mission Boxes

Could those who have a red Mission Box please bring it to Church to be emptied.

Banns of Marriage between

1. Christopher Rose and Victoria Williams of the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption
2. Jordan Burrows and Stephanie Savage of the Parish of Christ the King.

If anybody knows cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please declare it. This is for the first time of asking.

Breakfast Club

At St John's Centre will start from Mon 19/07/21, 9:00-12:30pm, donation based, serving tea/coffee/squash with toast and one of the following: jam/beans/spaghetti/scrambled egg/fried egg. All welcome.

SVP Appeal

In the last week, a local school has referred two families needing chest of drawers or small wardrobes. If you know of anyone willing to donate an item we would be most grateful. Kind regards. Theresa.

Carer required

For elderly lady, initially for 07/08/21-31/08/21 inclusive. 2 COVID vaccinations and NOT travelling required please. £10 per hour, 2 hours per day. If interested please ring 0121 243 7707.

St Joseph's Home in Harborne requires

- 1) a qualified nurse looking for a full-time post and
- 2) carers looking for work.

If interested, please contact Sr Jeanne Tel: 0121 427 2486.

Summer Internship

Bishop Challoner TSA is currently offering a paid Summer Internship starting on **14th June** for 4 weeks for undergraduates in any year of their Maths or Physics degree.

A chance to see what is involved in a teaching career and broaden experience in an exciting and rewarding profession. Online delivery with a few days in a school.

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