

Mass Intentions

Sun 19	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th after Trinity	9.00 Mrs Una Tirney	
		10.00 Solemn Mass – John Vistrun RIP & Angelina Amunthanogoga RIP (Clotilda)	
		16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
		17.00 The People of the Parish	
Mon 20	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Tue 21	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.00 Yoganayagam Family	(Clem Yoganayagam)
Wed 22	S. Mary Magdalene	9.00 Jean-Benoit Appadoo	Feast (Jenny Appadoo)
Thu 23	S. Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe	9.00 Vivette Appadoo RIP	European Feast (Jenny Appadoo)
Fri 24	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.00 Thanksgiving for blessings received	(Josef Family)
Sat 25	S. James, Apostle	9.00 John and Doreen Good RIP	Feast (Brian and Susan Good)
Sun 26	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th after Trinity	9.00 Holy Souls in Purgatory	(Oeuvre Expiatoire)
		10.00 Solemn Mass – Keith Dolling RIP (death anniversary)	(M Dolling)
		16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
		17.00 The People of the Parish	
Tuesday to Saturday			
		8.00 Office of readings and morning prayer – week 4	
		8.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday to Friday			
		17.30 Evening prayer – week 4	

Stewards' rota for this week

Sunday 19 July	9.00 – 10.00	Angelle Dimech, Maria Josef, Siew Mendoza
	10.00 – 11.00	Tolu Ayeni, Anne Edward, Therese Valerie
	16.30 – 17.45	Paul Aloysius, Marilyn Butler
Tuesday 21 July	9.00 – 10.00	Tesse Javier
Wednesday 22 July	9.00 – 10.00	Jennifer Alvares
Thursday 23 July	9.00 – 10.00	Tesse Javier
Friday 24 July	9.00 – 10.00	Yvonne Obi, Paul Aloysius
Saturday 25 July	9.00 – 10.00	Tesse Javier, Michael Josef
Sunday 26 July	9.00 – 10.00	Angel Dimech, Maria Josef, Siew Mendoza
	10.00 – 11.00	Tolu Ayeni, Anne Edwards, Theresa Valerie
	16.30 – 17.45	Paul Aloysius, Marilyn Buter

Flowers next Saturday Lily Sarpong

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19 July 2020

Responsorial Psalm	First Reading	Gospel
O Lord, you are good and forgiving	Wisdom 12:13,16-19	Matthew 13:24-43 [shorter form 24-30]
	Second Reading	
	Romans 8:26-27	

Some effects of the lockdown on parish life

Please do not think that I am getting at anyone, or being harsh in my following comments; I just think at this difficult time I need to be open and honest and share with you all the joys and the sorrows, the blessings and the trials that together we face.

Over the last couple of weeks I have shared with you my hopes and my worries about re-gathering our community after the government-ordered cessation of public worship during the height of the pandemic. It seems that what has happened here at SJV is mirrored at most other local Catholic churches; namely that at present about one third of our regular congregation has returned to habitual public worship. This is a good basis to start from and now must begin the urgent task of re-contacting so many people.

Today I need to share with you the other great issue that we face together. Obviously during the period of lockdown the Church at both universal and local level, like all other organisations, took a great financial hit. For over three months the standing orders continued to come in but we lost all other sources of income – no planned giving envelopes, no loose collections, no candle money, nothing from the shop; a few offerings and a trickle of mass stipends continued.

Gift aid

If you haven't collected your gift aid box yet, please find it at the back of the church. Please only take your own box and do not touch other boxes. If you need any help, ask one of the stewards, or Duncan or Sonia.

If you are a taxpayer and are not yet in the gift aid scheme, please take a form from the narthex, complete it and give it to Duncan or Sonia.

It really helps SJV if you can make your donation by monthly standing order. You can do that by completing a standing order form, available in the narthex or from Duncan or Sonia. Alternatively set one up through your own online banking – our account details are on the standing order form.

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Parish Finance

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Income (offertory, standing orders, mass stipends, donations, candles, excluding sound system appeal)	1,257.14
Average weekly expenditure	<u>1,535.00</u>
Shortfall	277.86

A rough estimate is that during lockdown the parish has suffered a financial loss of somewhere around £11,000. On top of this there will also be the loss of any income from our social events that have had to be cancelled and the loss of gift aid on planned giving and some of the loose collections.

Right now we are just about able to manage, however, the difficulty that this loss will have caused will become clear about this time next year. Therefore could I ask you all to do several things:

1. Say your prayers ... most important.
2. Take your new box of planned giving envelopes.
3. Review your standing order.

I have one very serious question for some of you. If you are not in the planned giving scheme, if you are a taxpayer who has not signed a gift aid form, if you have not taken out a standing order – then why not?

All of these things do not cost you any more, make your financial planning simpler and benefit us, the local Church.

Sound system

Thank you to all who contributed to the cost of installing our new PA system which is now up and running. The cameras etc for live streaming should, I hope, be installed in the next few weeks.

The cost of the system was:	£6,435
We raised (including gift aid):	£7,210
We have a surplus of:	£ 775

Therefore I can go back to the people who installed the system and ask for a few improvements. Thank you all!

Dinner & dance

After discussion with Francis and Lily I have agreed that in the light of the current situation it is better to postpone this year's dinner dance until either much later in the year or even next

Reading at Mass

If you wish to read at any Sunday Mass, please ask Sonia before the Mass starts, or during the previous week.

Readers at all Masses must wear disposable gloves, which will be provided, or sanitise their hands before and after reading.

After use, the gloves should be put in the bin on the way out of church.

year when the situation with the pandemic should be in some way, pray God, resolved.

Today's Gospel reflection

In today's Gospel (full version), Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realised until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed – the smallest of all seeds – will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. Just as a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the

parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr Rob

Notices and News

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Confession is once again available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement with Fr Rob.

Parish finance

We cannot now pass around the collection bags at the Offertory. However we still need your donations to keep the church going. An offertory basket has been placed on a table near the entrance and exit doors to the church. Please place your gift aid envelopes or cash donations in it.

If you prefer you can also donate online at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=clayhall.

Divine Worship monthly Mass

Until further notice there will **not** be a Divine Worship Mass on the last Sunday of the month.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia.

Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of non-perishable foods, toiletries and baby nappies are greatly appreciated. More information at redbridge.foodbank.org.uk.

Gardening

For the past few Monday mornings a group of parishioners have got together for a couple of hours to look after the church grounds by weeding and pruning. If you would like to join them, just turn up on Monday at 10.30am (if it is

Our Lady's Lamp

Our Lady's blue lamp burns this coming week for Jacinto Luis RIP at the request of Duncan Lewis.

If you would like the lamp to burn for an intention of yours, please fill in one of the special envelopes in the narthex.

not raining). You will be most welcome. We have a 'Weeders and Pruners' WhatsApp group – ask Tesse if you wish to join to keep in touch.

Church porch/narthex open

The outer doors of the church will remain open until 12 noon Tuesday to Saturday to enable people to come to pray in the narthex (porch)..

Forthcoming events

Lourdes in your Living Room

From **27 to 31 July** enjoy an inspiring daily pilgrimage programme, with Mass at 10.30 each day, Morning Prayer (9am) and Night Prayer (9.30pm) as well as afternoon reflections (4.30pm) from Bishop Alan, Michael Barwick, Rev Paschal Uche and Fr Paul Keane, Stations of the Cross (Friday 5pm) and a Marian ("Torchlight") procession with the Hail Mary prayed in over 40 languages (Thursday 8pm). Everything will be streamed on YouTube (BrentwoodCYS), and the full timetable and links are at www.bcys.net. This pilgrimage for all ages includes special events for those aged 15-23, as well as a talent show for all on the Friday evening – if you are a musician, magician, singer or dancer, email info@bcys.net for details of how to send in your entertainment!

G K Chesterton Pilgrimage

The 10th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 25 July**. Funds will be raised for The Good Counsel Network on the 27 mile walk. For further information see www.catholicgkchesteronesociety.co.uk. Prayer requests can be emailed to catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk.

Please turn off mobile phones during Mass