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Sunday 2nd July	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR 10.00 am: Mass Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence
Monday 3rd July	St Thomas, Apostle No Mass 7.00 pm: Syro-Malibar Qurbana
Tuesday 4th July	Feria (St Elizabeth of Portugal) 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 5th July	Feria (St Anthony Zaccaria) 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Thursday 6th July	Feria (St Maria Goretti) 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 7th July	Feria 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 8th July	Feria No Mass
Sunday 9th July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR SEA SUNDAY 10.00 am: Mass Retiring Collection for Stella Maris

Confessions are available before and after Mass, or on request.

Please pray for: Rosalie Duggan, Anne Warwick, Ron Plaxton, Andrzej Szumeluk and Albert Barrett whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

Notices

Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence

As the nearest Sunday to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul there will be a collection for Peter's Pence today. This mandatory collection is the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father, as a sign of their sharing in his concerns for the relief of those most in need.

Syro-Malibar Qurbana

On Monday, 3rd July, at 7.00 pm in St Anthony's there will be the Celebration of the Qurbana, (Holy Mass).

SVP Coffee Afternoon

The next SVP Coffee Afternoon is on Thursday 6th July, from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm in the Marist Small Hall. There will be a Quiz, Book Stall and Raffle, and delicious refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Summer Concert

A concert has been arranged with the New Park Singers for Thursday 13th July at 7.00 pm in St Anthony's Church. Refreshments and Raffle. All proceeds in aid of the church. Tickets £5, available from Jean Campbell: Tel: 875698. Please try and support this event as these concerts are an important source of fund-raising for the parish, and we had to cancel our Christmas Concert due to lack of heating in the church!

Stella Maris Sea Sunday, 9th July 2023

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church in the Retiring Collection, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This mandatory collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle.

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm.**

Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

House Visits

Please let Fr Joseph know, if you would like him to visit you.

Hospital Chaplain

If you, or someone you know, is in hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, please contact Deacon Bob directly on 470456.

Catholic Listeners

Fr Dominic Robinson, SJ, of Farm Street Church in London, has asked that the information below about the 'Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline Service' be circulated to all parishes:

'Catholic Listeners' is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgmental. The helpline is

also based on the 'Landings' ethos of compassionate listening.

Operating three days a week from 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Calls are free to the helpline on 0800 4480704 or by email at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

Prayer for those in Turkey and Syria affected by earthquakes

God of Mercy,
we pray for the people of Turkey and Syria
following the recent earthquakes.
We mourn the death and destruction,
and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods and homes.
Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience
as they rebuild their lives and communities.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
acting swiftly and generously,
so that help may reach all who need it.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
Amen.

Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan Floods

O Lord, in the goodness of your constant love,
be with the people of Pakistan
as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss –
loss of lives, homes and crops –
may we be filled with your compassion
and moved to reach out in love.

As we stand alongside our sisters and brothers, we pray that
they may find consolation in their sorrow,
strength as they seek shelter and safety
and courage to carry on.

Forgive us, O Lord,
for our part in the climate crisis,
and inspire us all to play our part
in protecting the earth, our common home.

So that together we may build a world
that reflects your glory,
where hope drives out despair
and all things are made new.

Prayer for Ukraine

(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church)

God of peace,
your prophet Isaiah promised swords
would be turned into ploughshares,
and your Son's mother Mary
proclaimed the mighty would be put down
and the humble exalted.

Visit the people of Ukraine:
deliver them from fear, violence, attack,
injury, destruction and death;
and give them courage, solidarity,
and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.
Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict,
restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion
for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict,
and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord who went to his death
because of our hatred,
and rose again
because our hatred is never stronger
than your indomitable love.

Amen.

Prayer sent by Missio