

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday 23rd July 2023

"His mercy is from age to age". This is the theme for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year the celebration takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the "haste" the young Mary sets out to visit her elderly relative, Elizabeth (cf.LK1:39-56). We are invited to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment.

The Holy Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly.

Let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and relationship with others. Gods loving plan spans past, present, and future to embrace and connect generations. This Church wide celebration is a small but precious sign of hope for people of all generations and for the Church.

Bereavement Support- Care for the Family: Annual bereavement support weekends will take place on Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd October in Staffordshire and Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th November in Daventry. The weekends are led by Bereavement Support Coordinators and take place in welcoming peaceful settings. To find out more email mail@cff.org.uk or call 029 20810800.

Important days this week

St Sharbel Makhluf (Mem) – Monday 24th July

St James (Feast) – Tuesday 25th July

St Joachim & Anne (Mem) – Wednesday 26th July

Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus -(Mem)–Saturday 29th July

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 23rd July 2023 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Collection: £1217.00

Diocesan Pastoral Needs: £248.50

Online/Card Machine: 14th July-21st July:

£293.55 <u>Recent Expenditure:</u> Missalettes July- August £123.60

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 10.00am Tuesday: 7.00pm Wednesday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm (Novena Prayers)

Friday: 10.00am
(First Friday 7pm)
Saturday: 7.00pm

Saturday: 7.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am CONFESSIONS

Thursday before Mass

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome Shea, who was recently Baptised into our Parish Family.

Baptisms: Please email the office for a booking form and more details. Baptisms take place the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month directly after 11am Mass and on Thursday evenings at 6pm. At least one month's notice is required, during which parents meet with a member of our Baptismal Team and the family attends the 11am Sunday Mass weekly, prior to the Baptism. If families are unable to complete the preparation or attend Mass, the Baptism will be rebooked to a time when they can. A total of 20 people are permitted to attend.

Weddings: Wedding guests must continue to follow all guidance and adhere to policies and procedures put in place to ensure the safety of all. Couples must contact Fr Declan six months before the date of their wedding to arrange to complete the necessary paperwork. Couples are also required to attend a pre-marriage course. A Wedding Mass is only offered to those who attend Mass in their parish weekly during the six-month notice of marriage period.

NB: Parish Staff and volunteers are there to support and help us.

Please engage respectfully with them at all times.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary McMannus Barbara Creevy Peter Bunting Donal Lappin

Dan McAreavey

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Sadie France (32)
The Deceased Members of the Kemp Family
Bridie McQuillan
Michael Mulholland
William McHenry

Karl McConville
Mark McKavanagh
Sarah (Sally) McKavanagh

Mary Mulholland Ellen Mulholland William Toland Patrick McKenna (25)

Mass offered on Sunday 23rd July at 9am Months Mind Mass on Tuesday 1st August at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 22nd July at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Sunday 23rd July at 11am Anniversary Mass on Monday 24th July at 10am Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 25th July at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 26th July at 10am Anniversary Mass on Saturday 29th July at 7pm

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 29th July at 7pm Joseph Mallon Ida McVeigh

John Skelton (66) Geraldine Tallon

Eucharistic Adoration: August is the month of the Blessed Sacrament and dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and so, we would like to extend our Eucharistic Adoration starting this August to 10pm again as it was prior Covid. If you are available and would like to dedicate an hour of your day to sit with Jesus on a Wednesday anytime from 10am – 10pm please contact the office during office hours or let one of the sacristans know.

Blessed Mother, heart of love and mercy, hear our prayer. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially for an increase of Eucharistic Adoration within our parish. We trust to your gentle care those whom we love and who are sick, lonely, or hurting. Help all of us, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

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(in the event you are unable to reach
Fr Declan on the emergency number)

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Parish Office open Tuesday – Thursday 10am-4pm.
All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the
Parochial house red post box, email or phone the
parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.