

<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> <b>Josh. 24: 1-2, 15-18; Ps.33; Eph: 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69</b>	
<b>Saturday 24th August 2024</b> 5:00 - 6:00pm: <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6:00 - 6:20pm <b>HOLY ROSARY</b> 6:30pm: Cathy Bull RIP (Val Hull)	<b>Sunday 25th August 2024</b> 8:30am: Tommy Cox RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
<b>SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY</b> <b>Mon. 26th August 2024</b> (Feria) 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Holy Souls	<b>ST. MONICA</b> <b>Tuesday 27th August 2024</b> 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: D Ramsammy RIP (S. Lewis)
<b>ST. AUGUSTINE,</b> <b>BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b> <b>Wednesday 28th August 2024</b> 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: James Alfred Saunders RIP FM 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom	<b>THE PASSION OF</b> <b>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> <b>Thursday 29th August 2024</b> 8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> 9:15am: Matthew Bhalla (A. Bhalla)
<b>STS. MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE</b> <b>LINE AND MARGARET WARD, MARTYRS</b> <b>Friday 30th August 2024</b> 9:8:00: <b>Holy Rosary and Adoration</b> :15am: Mary Ellen Nolan RIP FM	<b>Sat. 31st August 2024</b> (Feria)  11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> <b>Deut. 4; 1-2, 6-8; Ps. 14; Jas. 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk. 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23</b>	
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<b>ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH</b>	
A. Bushell, Mary Olive, Mary Theresa Cahill, Sr. Frances Joseph, John Poynter, Vincent D'Mello, James Alfred Saunders, Patrick McGovern, Mary Davis, Barry Wilson, Ernie Carpenter, Winifred Cox, Molly Boshell, Mary Hadfield, Eric Gray, William Stevens.	

<b>CHRIST HAS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.</b>	
Christ lives in His Church and in loving it we love Him. Our faith deals with the person of Christ. He has the words of eternal life and there is no one else to whom we want to go. We show our love for Him in our service of loyalty to the Church.	



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*"Lord, who shall we go to?"*



*You have the message of  
eternal life,  
and we believe;  
we know that You are  
the Holy One of God."*



**SACRAMENT OF**  
**PENANCE -**  
**CONFESSION -**  
**SATURDAYS**  
**5PM TO 6PM**  
**also, WHENEVER**  
**THE CHURCH**  
**IS OPEN, and**  
**ON REQUEST**

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**SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 17TH/18TH AUGUST 2024**  
**Gift Aid: £328.00; Card: £30.00; Loose Plate: £253.07 ATTENDANCE: 207**

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, *Fr. David.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**Next weekend:** for the **Building Fund.**

**7th/8th September:** for the **Catholic Education Service (CES).** The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice.

**Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number,** others please use one of the **Square Brown Envelopes** available at the Church Door.

**PLEASE ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER. YOUR DONATION CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE GIFT AID SCHEME IF YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER IS NOT ON THE ENVELOPE.**

**14th/15th September: Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday.** This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with the resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Jesus turned to His disciples and said: *"Will you also walk away?"* This was a moment of crisis, of standing up and being counted. What Christ was demanding of them was not understanding, but faith in himself. There was no way they could avoid making a choice of being for or against Jesus. Peter spoke for everyone: *"Lord, where else shall we go? You have the message of eternal life and we believe."*

Christ invites us to surrender and entrust ourselves to Him and to follow Him on the way to the Father. This means learning to rely on God rather than on ourselves when the road ahead is uncertain and the light is dim.

**ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB**

The Social Club is having the following events in September:

**BINGO** on **SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**  
with eyes down at **12.15PM.**

**DVD HORSE RACE NIGHT** on **SATURDAY**  
**7TH SEPTEMBER.**

Doors open at 7.30pm with first race at 8pm. A fun evening for all the family and children especially welcome. No entry fee and with 50p tote bet available. Why not sponsor a race for £10 or name a horse for £3 with £12 for the winner. Please see poster and club member in reception area after Mass, or at the bar.

Please support the Parish both socially and financially,  
and enjoy.

**100 CLUB**

Come and join  
our 100 Club.

Please see  
**Jim Saunders.**  
It is a great way  
to raise Parish  
funds and for  
the Building  
Fund.

Your continued  
support is great-  
ly appreciated.  
Thank you.

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of*

**JOHN EVERSON** who died on the 7th August 2024.

**FUNERAL:** Monday 9th September 2024 at **12.30pm**  
**BURIAL:** Russell Stoneham (St Paulinus') Churchyard

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, LORD, AND LET  
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.  
MAY HIS SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

**RETREAT LED BY MARINO RESTREPO**  
**SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024 AT**  
**ST. ANSELM'S, DARTFORD**  
**11AM TO 4:45PM**

We commend this Day of Devotions and three talks by Marino Restrepo.

He is an international missionary and has given retreats throughout the world. This mission in Dartford is part of his Mission in London between the 24<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September.

For more information visit

**www.marinorestrepo.com.**

For more details of the timetable at St. Anselm's please see the poster on the notice board or contact St. Anselm's, Dartford: **dartford@rcaos.org.uk**,  
Tel: **01322 220 075.**

**BRINGING FAITH TO LIFE**  
**2024/2025**

**LONDON JESUIT CENTRE**  
Short courses on Social and Environmental Justice, Spirituality, Philosophy and Theology. More information at [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)

**CHURCH CLEANING**

If anyone thinks they could give an hour or two once a month to help clean the Church you would be helping us greatly.

Please contact me on **01322 271058.**

I look forward to hearing from you. **Valerie**

**SEASON OF CREATION: 1 September to 4 October 2024**

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

**Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:**

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Jackie Santo, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline Cornell, Pauline White, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**