

## PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Roxine Callow, Trudy Eastwood, Caroline Williams, Christine Rogers, Craig Millward, David Noble, Patrick Hullinson, Barbara Murphy, Florence Ward, Peggy Sugrue, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Greene, Bernadette Greene, Brenda Neiles, Joseph Arnfield, Nonie Brehony, Henry Marron, Johnny Falloon, Seamus O’Hanlon.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD

**Recently Deceased:** Jo Feeley, Olly Mullooly, Bruno Cabrelli, Mahir Daricik.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Knowles, Florence and Joseph Makin, Rita Graham, Peter Gallagher, Catherine Gallagher and Martino Martini.

## WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

“The glory of God is the human person, fully alive.”

St Irenaeus

“For even creation reveals the One who formed it—and the very work made suggests the One who made it; the world, the One who ordered it.”

St Irenaeus



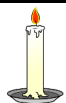
O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. I know that You love me and that You care for me. Make me humble, patient, pure and obedient to Your word. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Keep in Your care all who are dear to me. Protect me in the midst of danger and comfort me in sorrow. Give me health of body, help in need, Your blessing on all that I do and your love at the last. Amen



Last Week’s collection was: £1122.00. Thank you

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The monthly figure for Standing Orders: £1373.00



This week, the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for the First Communicants.



This week, Our Lady’s Lamp burns for those who will be confirmed here on Thursday.

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER—23RD JUNE 2024



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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 23rd June	Holy Masses 9am & 11am
Monday 24th June Birth of St John the Baptist	Holy Mass 12 noon
Tuesday 25th June	Holy Mass 12 noon
Wednesday 26th June	Holy Mass 12 noon
Thursday 27th June	Holy Mass 12 noon Confirmation 7pm
Friday 28th June St Irenaeus	Holy Mass 12 noon
Saturday 29th June	Continuous Exposition Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm

## Confirmation

Bishop John Arnold will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here on Thursday 27th June at 7pm. Please pray for the young people receiving the Sacrament that they be sealed and strengthened in their faith.

## Prayer group

As usual, the Prayer Group will meet in the Cottage on Monday 24th June at 7pm. All are welcome to join this group for prayer and praise.

## Parish Social Committee

We had a very successful first meeting of the Parish Social Committee where we talked about a way forward. We decided that our purpose was twofold: **to organise social events to help bring parishioners together and to raise money for the eventual redecoration of our church.** We have some ideas but we'd like to know what you think and what you would like too. At the back of church there are some sheets listing our ideas and a box for suggestions. Please take a moment or two after Mass to make a contribution and have your say.

## Mission Appeal

Next Sunday, Fr Joel Yeboah CSSp., will make an appeal on behalf of the foreign missions. There will be a second collection after Communion.

Fr Joel is the Spiritan priest who often joins us for Mass. He is involved with missionary work in Ghana—especially efforts to support poor street children in getting to school and accessing education. Shortly, Fr Joel will be visiting this project in Ghana and because of this direct association I agreed to him making the annual mission appeal at Our Lady of Grace. I know you will be generous in supporting him and his work.

## Ninetieth Celebration

Maureen Makin would like to thank all the parishioners, family and friends who helped her to celebrate her ninetieth Birthday: Those who helped to organise the day and those who joined the celebration. Maureen is particularly grateful to those who brought gifts and made donations. A mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated for your intentions.

## Italian Procession

This year, the Madonna del Rosario Procession will take place on Sunday 7th July. Details of arrangements for our parish to follow.

## Do You Not Care?

During those weeks of the year that are not taken up with a special season or celebration—a period we call ordinary time—we think about ordinary things. And we consider how the everyday and all that is ordinary, meets with and is marked by God's saving work: How each and every day is shot through with the saving mysteries of God. Some words in the Gospel—a most ordinary, everyday phrase—opens up this mystery for us, today: "Lord, do you not care?"

These words mark all our lives and every part of life, don't they? They echo throughout the Gospel and resonate with us deeply. Can you hear them in the back of your mind and do they resonate with you just now? "Lord, do you not care?"

Remember an echo of those words at the back of your mind now and let them resonate with you. Call to mind the mystery of the finding of the Child in the Temple. Remember the parents of Jesus, looking for him everywhere, sick with worry. Remember the words of the Mother of God, "My child, why have you done this? Do you not care that your father and I were looking for you everywhere?" How deeply these words resonate with parents who never lose concern for their own children. How deeply they resonate with some of you today: 'my little daughter is sick', 'my son has exams', 'my child is troubled, without work'. "Lord, do you not care?"

And then, of course, we always remember Martha, don't we? Her words echo deeply in us all: "My sister has left me to do the serving all by myself. Lord, do you not care?" And, suddenly, the world of work, all our responsibilities, and all we have to do comes to mind. At times, we feel that we are left to carry everything and wonder if the Lord cares at all.

At the end of the day, and with the coming of the evening of life, we can be troubled by many things. Sometimes, our boat can even seem swamped—and it's as if nobody is listening: that he is in the background, his head on a cushion, asleep: "Lord, do you not care, we are going down?"

It's then we realise just how deeply the word of God resonates with our lives and with all that's most dear to us: our families, what we have to do, all our difficulties and how everything will turn out. And it's then we notice, too, that, day by day, the question of faith punctuates each bit of life and is always on our lips: "Lord do you not care?"

But the answer, too, is also always the same, isn't it? "Why were you looking for me?" "You worry and fret about so many things, yet few are needed—indeed only one: Why have you no faith?" Because in each and every hour, of each and every, ordinary day—our question is met with an answer: the quiet presence of One who fills us with wonder at his work.