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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Thurs (6.30pm)

Confessions: Friday 9-9.50am, Sunday 9:45am – 10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9-10am

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

Twenty-Second Sunday Sunday, 1 September 2024 Mass Book p126

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 1 st Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Alan Wheatley RIP For the intentions of the Robertson family For the welfare of Mary Kelly	Twenty-Second Sunday (B)
Mon 2 nd Sept	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	Feria
Tues 3 rd Sept	10.00am Mass		St Gregory the Great
Wed 4 th Sept	10.00am Mass		St Cuthbert
Thur 5 th Sept	6.30pm Mass		Feria
Fri 6 th Sept	10.00am Mass		Feria
Sun 8 th Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Ian, Gregory and Simon Gomes RIP Pro-populo Vincent Herbert Egan and family RIP	Twenty-Third Sunday (B)

Reflection

In the eighth instalment of his catechesis on prayer, the late Pope Benedict XVI offered a profound reflection on the Psalms, with a particular focus on Psalm 3. This meditation was part of his broader exploration of the Psalms as the "book of prayer" par excellence, a key element of the spiritual life.

Pope Benedict began by situating Psalm 3 within the dramatic context of King David's life, specifically during his flight from his son Absalom. A period of intense personal crisis, marked by betrayal and danger, served as the backdrop for the Psalm's exploration of distress and unwavering trust in God.

The Pope highlighted the Psalm's opening, where David cried out to the Lord, emphasising the sheer number of his enemies. The repetition of the term "many" in the Psalm underlined the overwhelming nature of the threat against David, creating a stark contrast between the solitary,

vulnerable Psalmist and the multitude of his persecutors. Despite this, David's prayer began with an invocation of the Lord, demonstrating his profound trust in God's presence and protection.

The Pope delved into the Psalm's depiction of the enemies' attempts to undermine David's faith, noting their taunts that even God could not save him. This, Pope Benedict observed, represented the ultimate spiritual attack—the temptation to lose faith in God's power and presence.

However, David's response was one of steadfast faith, as he directly addressed God, affirming his belief in the divine protection that God provided. The Psalmist's assertion that God was his shield and the lifter of his head, illustrated the power of faith to transform fear into peace.

Pope Benedict also explored the broader theological implications of this Psalm, suggesting that it not only reflected the individual

believer's experience but also prefigured the passion of Christ. The Psalmist's cry for deliverance and the divine response of protection and salvation resonated with the experiences of Jesus, who, like David, faced overwhelming opposition but found ultimate victory through his trust in God.

The Pope concluded by encouraging us all to find solace in this Psalm, which assured us that, even in their darkest moments, God is ever-present, offering protection and peace. He invited the faithful to deepen their understanding of prayer, recognizing it as a powerful means of encountering God's enduring presence and grace.

Excerpt from;

Pope Benedict XVI *A School of Prayer*, Wednesday Audiences from May 2011 to May 2012. Rome.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for September

For the Cry of the Earth: "Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit."

Season of Creation

The ink cartridge collection has raised £36.70 for CAFOD. Many places recycle cartridges but not many for charity so keep them coming. The blister pack recycling project seems a great success. What a lot of medicines we all get through! Milk bottle caps are no longer recycled as they are accepted with the bottles now. We would be happy to receive any other recycling ideas or 'green thoughts' during the The Season of Creation when we are reminded to pray and take action for the welfare of the planet. Pope Francis's prayer in the Lady Chapel is a good place for us to start. Best wishes to all from your Green Team.

Catholic Education Service (CES)

The Second Collection on Sun 8 Sept will be on behalf of the Catholic Education Service(CES) which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops Conference to support Catholic education. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one third of all the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

Cycle of prayer intentions during the Autumn

For the harvest, the fruits of human work, and for the reverent use of creation, especially on 1 Sept.
8 Sept: For students and teachers; Education Sunday.

For the spread of the Gospel especially in England and Wales (Home Mission) on Evangelii Gaudium Sunday on 15 Sept and on World Mission Sunday, 20 Oct.

For justice and peace in the world; Harvest Feast Day, 4 Oct.

For prisoners and their families; Sunday 13 Oct.
For all victims of war, Remembrance Sunday, 10 Nov.

For young people, especially on the Feast of Christ the King; Sunday 24 Nov.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, this non-residential retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. The next retreat is from 21-22 September 2024 at Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ. Find out more at (wwme.org.uk).

Service of hope and healing

The annual service of hope and healing for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that support those that have been harmed takes place on 25 Sept 2024 at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY.

Run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of The Passage

Applications open for the London Landmarks Half Marathon provisionally set for Sun 6 April 2025. The route showcases the iconic sites of London through 4 Royal Parks going past some of the capital's most historic landmarks. Distance: 13.1 miles, Reg fee: £25, Fundraising target: £350. Money raised will go towards helping the homeless. Sign up here: (<https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/london-landmarks-half-marathon/>)

QR code for DONA portal donations St Osmunds

There are now posters in the church porch with a QR code which will take you to our 'Dona' portal – this will enable you to make a contactless donation to the parish without using the devices inside the church. This may be particularly useful if there is a queue for these devices, or they are not working properly. You can find the same QR code below:



As always, we are very grateful for all your support.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Mary Kelly, Audrey Smith, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Ian Gomes, Eugene Bracken, Maria del Rosario Blanco-Norris, Joseph Clancy, Patrick Shanley, Peter Cullinan, Nora Noonan, Aurelia Boorsma, James Blackie and Laurence O'Toole.

Salve Regina

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsiliium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.