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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- First Sunday Sunday, 25 August 2024 Mass Book p123

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 25 th Aug	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Anthony Elliot RIP	Twenty-First Sunday (B)
Mon 26 th Aug	10.00am Mass		Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God
Tues 27 th Aug	10.00am Mass		St Monica
Wed 28 th Aug	10.00am Mass		St Augustine
Thur 29 th Aug	6.30pm Mass		The Passion of St John the Baptist
Fri 30 th Aug	10.00am Mass		St Margaret Clitherow
Sun 1 st Sept	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo For the Intentions of the Robertson family	Twenty-Second Sunday (B)

Reflection

In his seventh catechesis on prayer, Pope Benedict XVI focused on the Psalms, referring to them as the "book of prayer" par excellence. Having previously discussed key Old Testament figures like Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and Elijah, who each represented distinct aspects of prayer, he turned to the Psalms to explore a broader understanding of Christian prayer.

The Psalms, a collection of 150 prayers, encapsulate the full range of human experiences, from joy and suffering to trust in God and the fear of death. The late Pope emphasised that these prayers were embraced by the People of Israel and later by the Church as profound expressions of communication with God.

He highlighted that the Psalms present a variety of literary forms—hymns, laments, and supplications—but identified two

primary themes: supplication and praise. He noted that these themes are deeply interconnected, with supplication often leading to praise as believers express their confidence in God's providence.

This relationship between human need and divine grace is vividly illustrated in Psalms like Psalm 31 and Psalm 86, where the Psalmist transitions from seeking refuge in God to offering thanksgiving for His deliverance.

He described the Psalms as more than mere prayers; he called them a "school of prayer," where believers learn to speak to God using the very words He has provided. He compared this to how a child learns to speak by mimicking the language of their parents. Through the Psalms, believers not only learn how to pray but also deepen their understanding of God's will and grow in faith.

He also emphasized the significance of the Jewish tradition's naming of the Psalter as "tehillim," meaning "praise," which pointed to the ultimate purpose of the Psalms: to lead believers to praise God, even in moments of desolation.

Furthermore, Pope Benedict stressed the connection of many Psalms to King David, who, despite his flaws, remained a profound figure of prayer and repentance. This connection, he suggested, foreshadowed Christ and enriched the Psalms' significance for Christians.

In conclusion, Pope Benedict urged the faithful to embrace the Psalms as a guide in their prayer life, believing that through them, Christians could draw closer to God and learn to call Him "Our Father."

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for August

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Season of Creation

Next Sunday (1 Sept) is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. 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 Saint Francis of Assisi, 4 October. The theme for this year is 'To hope and act with Creation, and the symbol is the first fruits of hope, inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

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.

Service of hope and healing

The annual service of hope and healing for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed takes place on 25 Sept 2024 at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY. Afterwards all are invited to tie a ribbon to our "LoudFence", as a sign of solidarity, care & hope for survivors & as a memorial for those that have been lost to abuse.

Food Bank Appeal

Long-life or tinned meats, fish, vegetables, fruit, household cleaning and toiletry items are very welcome. Thank you to all donors.

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 – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park 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 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: Catherine Earley, Evan Dolan, Monica Comerford, Ellen O'Sullivan, Kate O'Connor and John Webster.

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.