

MASS PROPERSSUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit *Dominus fortitudo* (Ps 28:8, 9, 1)
The Lord is the strength of his people, and a stronghold of salvation to his Anointed One: O Lord, save thine own people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance; O feed them also, and set them up for ever.
(Ps) Unto thee will I cry, O Lord; my God, be not silent unto me: lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.
GLORY. The Lord...

Collect
O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man’s understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee; that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

First reading *Isaiah 55:10-11*
Thus says the Lord:
‘For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.’

Second reading *Romans 8:18-23*
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Alleluia.

Gospel *Matthew 13:1-9*
At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.’

Then the disciples came and said to him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’ And he answered them, ‘To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

‘Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

Offertory *Perfice gressus meos* (Ps 17:5,6b,7)
O hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear unto me, and hearken to my words: show thy marvellous loving kindness, O Lord; thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

Prayer over the Offerings
WE beseech thee, O Lord, to have compassion on our prayers: and graciously to accept the oblations of thy servants and handmaids; that those things which each hath offered to the honour of thy Name may be profitable unto all for their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

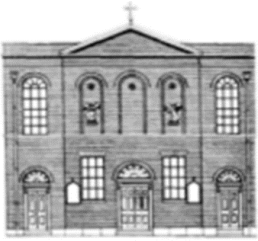
Preface *Of the Lord’s Day: God the Holy Spirit*
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy, holy, holy ☩.

Communion *Circuibō* (Ps 27:7)
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Postcommunion
O LORD, who hast satisfied us with thy heavenly bounties: grant that we may be cleansed from all our secret faults; and delivered from all the crafts and assaults of our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY 12TH JULY
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (15TH IN ORDINARY TIME)

July—the Month of the Most Precious Blood

“There flowed from his side water and blood”. Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized baptism and the holy Eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from baptism, “the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit”, and from the holy Eucharist. Since the symbols of baptism and the Eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam Moses gives a hint of this when he tells the story of the first man and makes him exclaim: “Bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh!” As God then took a rib from Adam’s side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church. God took the rib when Adam was in a deep sleep, and in the same way Christ gave us the blood and the water after his own death. Do you understand, then, how Christ has united his bride to himself and what food he gives us all to eat? By one and the same food we are both brought into being and nourished. As a woman nourishes her child with her own blood and milk, so does Christ unceasingly nourish with his own blood those to whom he himself has given life.

St John Chrysostom

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading *Isaiah 55:10-11*
Since the first humans rejected God’s Word, creation has been enslaved to futility. But God’s Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today’s First Reading. His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God’s will in our lives. As Jesus will warn us in the Gospel today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

Second Reading *Romans 8:18-23*
The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle. In this, we are made a “new creation”, the firstfruits of a new heaven and a new earth.

Gospel *Matthew 13:1-23*
Today’s readings, like last week’s, ask us to meditate on Israel’s response to God’s Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today’s Gospel, especially. Again we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom’s mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in the which the Word can grow and bear fruit. In the Eucharist, the Word gives himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness.

SUNDAY MASS 6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm	SAFEGUARDING
WEEKDAY MASS 8am Tue-Fri 12.45pm Tue-Fri	The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Dioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Dr Rose Cleary, who can be contacted on safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk .
HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION <i>As advertised.</i>	
CONFESSIONS Sat 5.15-5.45pm	

NEWS & EVENTS

This Sunday is Sea Sunday:

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult and hazardous conditions. Next Sunday is **Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

Friday to Monday, 24th—27th July 2026: We Believe Festival

Many thanks to all those who have now signed up for this festival.

Saturday 8th August

From 2pm-6pm in St Joseph’s Hall at the London Oratory, **Far Above Rubies** is a Ladies’ Fashion Event in aid of the charity **Let the Children Live**. Free entry, but donations welcome. There will be a talk by Delphine Chui during the course of the event. Please see the poster for further details.

For the Diary: 5th September—March for Life

A little way ahead, I know, but please put this in your diary. It would be good if we could have a really strong representation at this important event. Further details will be available in due course, but it is worth noting that there will be a very good turnout of Bish-ops, including Bishop David.

Intentions at Mass

At the beginning of Mass, after the greeting, the priest may mention the Mass intention. Offering Mass intentions dates back to the early Church. Inscriptions on tombs in the Roman catacombs show requests for prayer, and Saint Monica asked her son, Saint Augustine: “One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord.” There is no greater prayer than the Mass, because it is the perfect offering of Jesus, the Son of God, to His heavenly Father. A longstanding practice exists in the Catholic Church of offering a specified amount of money (called a Mass offering or Mass stipend) for a particular intention to be remembered by the priest in the celebration of Mass. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a specific intention, please have a work with Fr Mark.

Sunday 12 th July	6 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	Please pray for: THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Ber- nice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O’Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul, Ben Broadbent FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Monday 13 th July	feria	No Mass		
Tuesday 14 th July	feria	12.45pm		
Wednesday 15 th July	St Swithun, Bishop	12.45pm 6.30pm Sung Mass (Latin)		
Thursday 16 th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	12.45pm		
Friday 17 th July	feria	12.45pm		
Saturday 18 th July	Our Lady on Saturday	12noon 6pm	People of the Parish	

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MASS PROPER SATURDAY 6PM

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8

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Second reading

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Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord.