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**Normal Mass Times**

**Saturday**  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday**  
8.00am Mass  
10.00am Family Mass  
12.00pm Mass

**Weekday Masses**  
See back of the newsletter  
or church noticeboard

**Holydays of Obligation**  
7.00pm Vigil Mass  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Mass

**Confessions**  
Saturday 10.30 to 11.00am  
and 5.00 to 5.30pm  
or by appointment

**Baptisms**  
**Weddings** (6 months notice)  
Contact the Parish Priest

**The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Wisdom**  
**12:13, 16-19**

In the first reading the author of the Book of Wisdom praises God, who is mighty in power yet merciful and just. Unlike the false pagan gods, God does not unjustly punish anyone. God teaches the people that the just must be kind and the powerful must be forgiving. Good leaders are merciful and just. Those who know God, yet still defy God's authority, will be rebuked, or corrected.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Romans 8:26:27**

If we think about St Paul's words in the second reading, we will never be discouraged by our own weaknesses. He reminds us that no matter how weak we are, we can always call on the power of the Spirit within us.

**Gospel Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30**

In the gospel reading, Jesus is determined that his disciples will understand how the kingdom grows in their midst. So he tells the parable of the weeds in the wheat field. The sower (Jesus) allows both the wheat (those who work for God's kingdom) and the weeds (those who work against God's kingdom) to grow together until the harvest (the end of time).

The gospel story tells us much about the justice and mercy of God. Even though the weeds are present in our world, the wheat is growing and will prosper in the end. The grace of Christ will triumph over sin and evil. Pray: Help me, Lord, to be your faithful follower until your kingdom comes in its fullness. Amen.

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**(Please join in)**

**Collection Details**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Planned £622.70  
Loose £640.50

**Thank you for your continuous generosity and to all who pay by bankers order which is £799.88 weekly.**

**Holy Souls**

The two red sanctuary lamps in the sanctuary are permanently lit for the Holy Souls.

**Lost Property**

Any lost items may now be found in the lost property box which is located under the table in porch.

**Parish Hall Bookings**

Please call Mary Bradley (not the parish office) on 07709639628.

**Missio**

The summer magazines are ready to collect from the back of the church. There are quite a few red boxes still to be collected.

**ELECTRONIC LINKS**

The parish e-Newsletter is available by email each week. **To subscribe, please email [subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk](mailto:subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk)** **Follow us on Twitter** too: [twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7](https://twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7) **Visit the Parish Website** [www.stbridgets.org.uk](http://www.stbridgets.org.uk) See the **Quick Links** on the front page and click: **Volunteer Online** to go to a volunteer form if you would like to help the parish in any way. **Guide to the Church** for a Tour Guide of St Bridget's **New Parishioners** information can be found by clicking on the link near the foot of the front page.

We are particularly grateful to parishioners who join the **Planned Giving** scheme and who pay by bankers order – please follow the same link for details or ask in the Parish Office.

**NOTICES**

**Father Stewart's Thought For The Week**

**A Wonderful Teaching But Remember The Punchline**

Jesus, unlike the Pharisees, was not one for giving commandments. Yet of course on occasions he did. Perhaps one of those I find myself quoting most is, "Do not judge and you will not be judged...etc" After all this teaching and attitude was Jesus' and if we take it seriously it's truly life giving for all of us. Yet for many, it is a hard teaching. I'm not so much thinking about those who simply fail to always keep it, but those, like a person who came up to me after a talk I'd given and challenged it. They made it quite clear that in their view, we needed to judge people AND condemn them. They didn't quite say it, but I was left in no doubt, they thought Jesus was wrong! He wasn't of course! I did remind them of the end of Jesus' quote – the punchline – but to be honest, they weren't in listening mode. Just before I tell a story about this teaching and the punchline, I should point out, that the person's reaction was and is a common one. Whenever it comes up in Church in a reading or homily, more often than not, someone will question me about it.

A holy man discovered that a prostitute had moved in, near to where he lived. It didn't take long to find her; she had so many men visitors! Every time he saw a man leave, he decided to place a stone by her door to symbolise the weight and seriousness of her sins. It didn't take time to create a pile; a pile that grew and grew.

Years later the prostitute first and then the Holy Man died. When the Holy Man was shown around his celestial abode, he was surprised to see that he was to live by a big grey hill. On the other side was a beautiful mansion with lawns and gardens. The person who lived there was dressed in finery and strolled amongst the flowers. It was the prostitute!! "This must be some mistake," he angrily shouted. I gave my life to prayer, where she gave her life to immoral living. I saw it!

"There is no mistake," a voice answered. "She hated her job, but it was the only way she could feed her children. Every time a new visitor arrived she prayed, 'please God get me out of this.' You on the other hand were fascinated by her sins. Whilst she was talking to God, you were delighting yourself with building a hill of pebbles. She got what she prayed for and you...who so delighted in building your hill of pebbles and thought it so good, you can live with your hill of grey stones."

Things are often not what they seem. Jesus knew what he was saying when he said, "Do not judge and you will not be judged" But the 'punchline', was "You will be judged by the same judgement you gave others."

**Fr Stewart**  
The Diocese of Westminster has now confirmed that Fr. Stewart will not be returning as Parish Priest in Isleworth. He will be taking a sabbatical. Please continue to remember Fr. Stewart and his family in your prayers.

The diocese is currently in the process of appointing a new Parish Priest for Isleworth. Further information to follow once the appointment has been made.

**Fr. Gerard Quinn**  
Dean of Hounslow

**Baptism enquiry forms**

Can now be completed and given to Marie in the parish office. We can take enquiries only from St Bridget's parishioners i.e those who reside in our parish.

**We welcome**

From Hounslow  
Fr Derek Mc Guire  
6.00pm Saturday night vigil & Fr Andrew Connick 10.00 & 12.00noon Masses.  
Fr David will say the 8.00am and some weekday Masses but others will be Eucharistic Services.  
Fr Peter is on his annual leave and will return on 29<sup>th</sup> July. We wish him a restful holiday.

**Candles**

Candles are a fire hazard so please do not remove the votives (blue & red) from their metal containers. We would be grateful if parents could supervise their children lighting candles.

## NOTICES

### MARY'S MEALS - RAGS TO RICHES COLLECTION – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

A very big 'thank you' for allowing Mary's Meals to have its Rags to Riches collection again last Sunday.

We are delighted to say that the parish managed to give 435kg of unwanted clothes; there were also cash donations of £560.21 making a total contribution of £803.81. Mary's Meals is very grateful for all your support. The amount raised will feed 57 children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too.

### Heston & Isleworth Across Group

depart for Lourdes from outside the church on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July. Departure is preceded by a Pilgrims Mass 1.00pm in the church and all parishioners are invited to attend. In addition a box has been placed at the back of the church in which Lourdes petitions can be posted. Pen, paper and envelopes are provided but please no money should go in the envelope as they will not be opened and will be burned. All petitions will be placed on the altar as we say Mass every day of the pilgrimage and on the final day they will be left at the Grotto. Any questions call John 07941355671

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY AT WALSINGHAM

Led by Cardinal Vincent  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017

If you would like to attend, please put your name on the sheet in the porch. A standard executive coach will transport parishioners from O.L. Queen of Apostles, O.L. of Sorrows & St. Bridget, and St. Vincent de Paul parishes. The pick-up and drop-off point this year will be at St. Vincent's at 6.30 a.m.

### New Foundation Degree for Catholics working in Healthcare and those seeking to be Chaplains.

Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals. Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary's one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact [matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk)

### In case you are admitted to hospital

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

### St Bridgets Home Produce and Art Show

We are planning to hold this event late in September. The idea was enthusiastically received at a recent Parish Meeting. It will be competitive with prizes for garden and allotment produce, floral arrangements and cut flowers judged to be "best in class". In addition there will be prizes for cakes and preserves (jams/marmalade) and chutneys and possibly other food which have to be tasted and therefore will also be for sale. Please think about where you could join in or help and maybe about unusual items you have always wanted to try your hand at, in the kitchen or garden. And do look out for the posters which will be on display shortly. If there is space we may include other categories such as photography and painting, writing and anything else home grown or made. Entries from Adults and Children welcomed.

**Get Growing.**

### Regular Groups & Events

In the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated

#### Monday

#### Club for Older People

Next meeting will be 24<sup>th</sup> July  
12noon – 3pm

#### Legion of Mary

Every Monday at 7.30pm

#### Tuesday

#### Mini Mary's Music Mayhem

£1.50 child, £2.50 max  
2 – 3pm

#### Tuesday Club for Youth/ Adults with Special Needs

7.00 – 9.00pm (Term time)

#### Wednesday

#### Partially Sighted Meeting Place Every other Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm

Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July

#### Thursday

**Church Cleaning** after 9.00am  
Mass (Approx 9.25am)

#### Gentle Seated Exercises for Older People

Run by an AGE CONCERN physiotherapist. Every Thursday from 2.00 – 4.00pm

#### Friday

#### Mini Mary's Music Mayhem

£1.50 child, £2.50 max  
9.15-10.15 am

**Mental Health Drop-In** next meets 28<sup>th</sup> July 12noon to 4.00pm

#### Sunday

**Refreshments** after 10.00am  
Mass.

**Sunday Breakfast** This Sunday after 8.00am Mass



### REPOSITORY GIFT SHOP

CATHOLIC CHURCH ISLEWORTH  
Open after all weekend Masses  
(t) 020 8560 1431

(e) [shop@stbridgets.org.uk](mailto:shop@stbridgets.org.uk)

## FEAST DAYS, MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES OF MASSES

Date	Feast Day	Mass	Intention
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Dave Doubtfire R.D
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	8.00am	Ellis Addison (First Birthday)
		10.00am	Ian Partridge R.D, Marvin Bruno (Birthday)
		12.00 noon	Nore O'Sullivan R.D
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria	7.00pm	Ellis Addison (1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday today)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	ST JAMES, Apostle	9.00am	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria	9.00am	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria	7.00pm	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	St Martha	10.00am	
	Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Ernie Law R.D

**Sick** Fr Stewart, Fr David, Abel Rebello, Adebisi Mafe, Adrian Hope, Agnes Chong, Agnes Molloy, Alistair Love, Amaro Rebello, Angela Convery, Andrew Sloman, Anne Higgins, Archie Douglas, Bertie Duguid, Bela Dias, Billy Gleeson, Bob Stainton, Bradán Peacock, Brian McMillan, Catherine Regan, Chick Colquhoun, Chris Hughes, Christinana Ziregbe, Christine Morris, Christopher O'Regan, Clarina Dias, Conchita Gregg, Debra Cabral, Desmond Clements, Diana Renton, Dickie Bell, Elana Russell, Elizabeth Clare, Elizabeth Russell, Ellen Bradley, Ellis Addison (Baby), Else Hansen, Emma Hennessey, Emma Wilson, Ernestina Godinho, Flora Ziregbe, Gabriella Rutzler, Gary Hales, Gemma Carr, Gerald Howard, Gerald Kausar, Heather McMillan, Howard Meridith, Jack Brady, Jackie McGuinness, Jay Dias, Jean Mc Cann, Jean Miloseuc, Jim Convery, Joao, John Amooty, John Okonjo, Josie Higgins, Joyce Clarke, Julie Smith, Justin Douglas, Kathleen Brinkley, Kiana Gooding, Kuki Hope, Lee Brinkley, Lea Almeida, Leslie Reed, Loretta De'Silva, Lynn Casey, Mabel D'Cruz, Manney Rowthorn, Margaret Howard, Margaret McCarthy, Maria Zehetner, Marie Aiyadorai, Maria Asuncion Rivas, Marie Donnelly, Marie Seymour, Martin Russell, Martyn Lee, Mary Chong, Mary Nathan, Mary Sweeny, Mary Walsh, May Connolly, Maureen Pierce, Maxi Hope, Meme Higgings, Mishael Nathan, Miriam Gutteridge, Nathan Williams, Mr Naresh T Paryani, Naval Mair, Nora Higgings, Odette Barnes, Onyeta Okonjo, Paddy Sullivan, Paddy Williams, Pamela Fernando, Pat & Roy Edwards, Patients at Lakeside, Patricia O'Driscoll, Paul Chong, Pauline Ross Ryan, Pauline Williams, Patsy Saukur, Pawla Dennison, Peggy Bright, Peter Drury, Peter Fisher, Peter Smith, Phang Chau Xian, Phyllis Lewis, Peggy Convery, Pete McGlenn, Peter Oliver, Peter Smith, Philip Casey, Phillip Goodwin, Richard Atterwill, Ronald Peacock, Ronnie Lillywhite, Ronnie Snell, Rosemary McEachrard, Ruby Mc Guinness, Rupert Phillips, Seamus Mc Cusker, Shao Xian, Sheila Dodd, Sheila O'Hara, Shirley Jackson, Simon Allad, Soirse and Maj Cunningham, Sophia Addison, Sr Anne Marie, Stephen Regan, Svend Boerge Hansen, Ted Reilly, Tessy Poiret, Thomas Gahagan

**Recently Deceased:** Ray Boakes, Phillip Mc Ginn

**Anniversaries :**

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace*