

Saint Anne's Chertsey - Parish Newsletter

Sixteenth & Seventeenth Sundays of Ordinary Time 23rd & 30th July 2023

A Christian community inspired by the Salesian ideals of Saint John Bosco

Sunday Masses 8.30am and 11:30am **Wednesday 26th Parish Feast: Mass & coffee morning**
No Saturday Liturgies on 29th July 2023: Parish Quiet Day Thursday 27th July: church closed

Last Week

Offertory Collection £354-25 plus our usual Standing Orders. Thank you all.

This Sunday

Refreshments after 11.30am Mass.
Thanks to the servers at coffee bar.

Monday 24th July

9:30am Mass.

Tuesday 25th July

9:30am Mass
7.30pm Parish Finance Committee

Wednesday 26th July

SS Joachim and Anne

9.30am Mass: Parish Feast Day
Coffee Morning in Parish Centre
7:30pm Legion of Mary meet in the Savio Centre

Thursday 27th July

church closed; no mass

Friday 28th July

9:30am Mass

Saturday 29th July:

Church closed: Fr Graham the guest of Bishop and Chapter in Norwich, at an Ordination.

Sunday 30th July

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola
9.30am Mass

Tuesday 1st August

St Alphonsus Ligouri
9.30am Mass

Wednesday 2nd

church closed; no mass

Thursday 3rd August

9.30am Mass

Mass Intentions: 23rd July-30th July

<u>Sun</u>	8.30am	People of the Parish
<u>Sun</u>	11.30am	Nora Ryan RIP
<u>Mon</u>	9.30am	John & Barbara Mills Int.
<u>Tue</u>	9.30am	Sick & Housebound Int.
<u>Wed</u>	9.30am	People of the Parish
<u>Fri</u>	9.30am	Father Sean Murray's Intentions
<u>Sun</u>	8.30am	People of the Parish
<u>Sun</u>	11.30am	Nicholas Harvey RIP

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Friday 4th August

St John Vianney

9.30am Mass

Saturday 5th August

'Our Lady of the Snows'

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

10.00am Mass then Adoration and Confessions available. *Baptisms booked this weekend.*

Sunday 6th August:

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Forthcoming Liturgies

Friday 11th August

Marriage of Gabriel Kern & Laura Souch

15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: *Holy Day.*

Masses at 9.30am and 7.30pm

Some summer timetable changes:

No masses nor liturgies on Saturday 29th July, & Saturday 12th and 19th August.

During mid-August, no Monday morning masses until September.

The Parables of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God lies within you. The gift of Jesus Christ is life with Jesus. Come in and live for my kingdom, He says.

We tend to know how the Word of God, the scriptures actually strike us. Some of us have favourite lines and phrases we remember. These bring us life and give us a foundation. We cling to these phrases, as special helps to us.

In this much we are very like the apostles-also we may be very like those who were "thinking about" following Jesus. The parables we hear in Gospels proclaimed on three Sundays this summer, open up their meaning the more we think about and pray with them. How is it that these little precious stories help us?

They help us **firstly** because they are given to us by Jesus Christ. They are his

help, and also show his understanding of all peoples. Jesus understands why it is tough choosing to live for the kingdom- his kingdom. He offers us a lot of patience, but he suggests through these tales and examples that we need to make decisions and good judgements. He knows how people grow strong- and how and why we might weaken in faith. **Secondly** the stories help us by opening our eyes and ears; year by year the parable stories raise our awareness of our choices.

The Kingdom is not actually a field being seeded and cultivated. However, the Kingdom is symbolised as a field. Living for God, living for the Kingdom, is like the work done by the seed-sower in that field. Some people grow and flourish, and others fade away, and wither.

The Kingdom is not a worldly treasure, but is more valuable than any treasure of this world. The Kingdom that Jesus brings is distinctive, worth the price of everything we have, like a pearl. So valuable to us, that we find we would want God's way of life more than anything.

Furthermore, this way of life, this Kingdom, is like the mixed catch of the dragnet, because Life contains all the other stuff we can't let go of. In the haul of many kinds, Jesus shows we must be content with our own human muddles and compromises. "Do you understand?" he asks. We do. Oh yes, we do. We all can have a taste for good and not so good things in life. Of all that can be trawled in, gathered in or that can be discovered in this life, God is going to show us what is really valuable, what really matters in building the Kingdom. On the other hand, God allows us to be aware in life of where he will not lead us. There are routes in life which God invites us to ignore.