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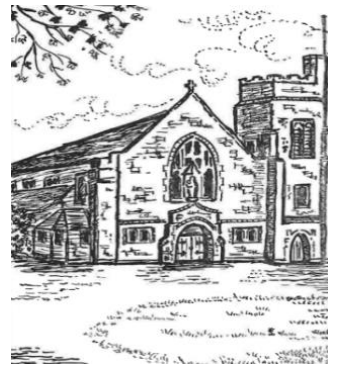
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God calls each of us to a mission. Amos, in the first reading today, was called from being a shepherd. The apostles, the Gospel, were called from their daily work. We too are called to serve God in our lives. We should listen for His call and be ready to respond.

Trust is key in our mission. Jesus told the apostles to take only what was necessary. They had to rely on the hospitality of others. This means trusting God to provide for us as we do His work.

Repentance is also important. The apostles preached repentance to everyone they met. This is a call for us to turn away from sin and follow God more closely. Repentance leads to a closer relationship with God.

We ask the Lord, today, to help us to hear His call and respond with faith, to give us the courage to follow where He leads, to help us to trust in His care and share His message of love with others. Amen.

SEA SUNDAY: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14th July. It is 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 enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION – STELLA MARIS (SEA SUNDAY): This weekend there will be a second collection for Stella Maris.

POPE FRANCIS WED. GENERAL AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICIES 3

Dear brothers and sisters: in our continuing catechesis on the vices and the virtues, we now consider the sin of gluttony. As a guest at the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus taught the goodness of food and drink, and the joy of table fellowship. Rejecting the ritual distinction between pure and impure foods, the Lord turns our attention to our personal relationship with the consumption of food. In societies troubled by eating disorders and which, all too often, waste great amounts of food even as many people in our world go hungry, our eating habits should be moderate and socially responsible. May the prayers we say in thanksgiving for God's gift of our daily bread, inspire us to be mindful of our responsibility towards others and virtuous in our enjoyment of the good things of this earth.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024: Copies of the summary report are available at the back of the church. These show that during the year, the Parish received income of £188,366 and spent £210,504. This means that overall, we spent £22,138 more than we received. However, it should be noted that no gift aid claims were completed in the year due to time taken to find and train new volunteers to run the gift aid claim system. A back dated claim is being made and this is expected to be in the region of £35,000. This more than covers the loss in the year. At the start of the year money held in cash and at the bank totalled £120,865 and at the end of the year it was £98,726.

CONFIRMATION 2024/2025: If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2025, please email the parish office to **register your interest by Sunday 22nd September 2024 at the latest**. A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the parish hall and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 28th September. The maximum number of young people that we can have on the course is currently 50 and if applications exceed that number, we will prioritise those in Year 10 or above. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night. The Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on this occasion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/25: If your child is going into Year 3 or above in September and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025, please email the Parish Office to **register your interest by 1st August 2024 at the latest**. Please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism certificate. We will then be in contact with you directly once programme details become available. We can tell you, though, that the first meeting for parents will take place on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7pm in the church; the first special focus Mass will take place at 9.30am on Sunday 15th September and the first children's session will be on Saturday 21st September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one *or* just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the

ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: There will be a training session on 14th September at 1.30pm. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above from September are welcome to attend.

YOUTH CLUB: Registrations are now closed. However, anybody still wishing to register can complete the registration forms in the parish office. You MUST bring along £5 membership fee & 2 x passport type photos (NOTE: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size)

MARCH FOR LIFE: March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: Please join us for our next monthly prayer vigil on Saturday 27th July starting with Holy Mass at 10 am at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle Street, W1 6HS. We will then begin a peaceful, prayerful procession to Marie Stopes abortion centre for our vigil of prayer, whilst trained counsellors will offer help to women entering the clinic. Afterwards, return procession with prayers and hymns back to the church.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Hannah Brennan RIP & Giovanni Capriglia RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh and Evelyn Ward.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	13 th July	6.30pm	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
Sunday 15 th Sunday in ordinary time	14 th July	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	James Danny Kane RIP
		11.30am	All Parishioners
Monday St Bonaventure	15 th July	9.15am	Norah, Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP & Patrick Clarke RIP
Tuesday	16 th July	9.15am	Catherine Lennon RIP
Wednesday	17 th July	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Veronica & Don O'Sullivan RIP
Thursday	18 th July	9.15am	All Holy Souls
		9.45am-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	19 th July	9.15am	The Booth Family RIP & Margaret Hessing RIP
		7.00pm	Danny McCarthy RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	20 th July	9.15am	Danny McCarthy RIP & Hannah Brennan RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Helen Byrne RIP
Sunday 16 th Sunday in ordinary time	21 st July	8.00am	Maria Scurr RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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