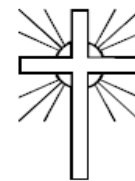


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# TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF 2020

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## **Father Martin Writes:**

### **Weekday Mass**

Thanks to the generosity of our stewards, we are now able to start celebrating Holy Mass on weekdays. Holy Mass on Wednesdays will be at All Saints on Wednesdays at 10am, and on Thursdays at St Mary Crowned at the same time, God willing, and subject to change because of funerals. There is no need to book, but do be aware that if the church has already reached capacity by the time you arrive (17 for All Saints and 32 for St Mary Crowned) then you would not be able to enter.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Thanks to the generosity of our stewards, we are now able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation again. Confessions will be at St Mary Crowned on some Saturday mornings and some Sunday afternoons (for reasons explained in an earlier article in this newsletter), subject to the availability of stewards.

In the weeks ahead, confessions will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September (10am), and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September (4.30pm). Sadly, because of stewards' other commitments, there will not be confessions in October (unless other stewards volunteer to help).

Please come dressed for the weather, as you will have to wait outside until the person before you has finished and left the church. There are no toilet facilities.

### **We Need Your Help!**

As we move through this difficult time, we want to try and get back to some sort of normality at our churches. We want to be able to offer time and space for Confessions, Private Prayer, Funerals, and weekday Masses. So we can do this, we are asking anyone who can help, to come forward as a Steward. If you are already or have recently been a volunteer at church in any capacity, then the only paperwork you need to complete is a 'Steward Declaration'. Please help to open up our churches more. If you would like to help and can spare an hour or so, please contact Sue Nash or Ann King. If you have not volunteered in any capacity for the church then in addition to the declaration you will also just have to fill out a volunteer registration form and provide details of two referees.

## **Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: MT 18: 15-20**

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church.

Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations.

*If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.*

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**The Week Ahead** (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** Our Lady's Saturday  
10.00am to 11.00am, ASC open for private prayer  
6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday -  
visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10.30am, SMC Holy Mass –  
visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** Feria  
3.30pm to 4.30pm, SMC open for private prayer

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
1.00pm to 2.00pm, ASC open for private prayer

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** St Peter Claver, Priest  
**10.00am, ASC Holy Mass**  
10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer  
11.15am, SMC Funeral of Kathleen Whitehead, *(Please attend only if you have been personally invited by the family, as the capacity of the church is limited by Covid-19 precautions.)*

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** Feria  
**10.00am, SMC Holy Mass**  
7.00pm to 8.00pm, ASC open for private prayer

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** Feria

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** The Most Holy Name of Mary  
10.00am to 11.00am, ASC open for private prayer  
6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday –  
visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10.30am SMC Holy Mass –  
visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

**Saint Peter Claver**

**Saint of the Day for September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary born in Verdú who, due to his life and work, became the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Colombia, and ministry to African Americans.

During the 40 years of his ministry in the New Kingdom of Granada, it is estimated he personally baptized around 300,000 people and heard the confessions of over 5,000 slaves per year.

He is also patron saint for seafarers. He is considered a heroic example of what should be the Christian praxis of love and of the exercise of human rights.

The Congress of the Republic of Colombia declared September 9<sup>th</sup> as the Human Rights national Day in his honour.

**Mass Intentions for the nine days beginning Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:**

For the Holy Souls; For the people of the parishes (both Saturdays);  
For Catherine Elizabeth Cieslik RIP (anniv) (JC); For Audrey Dewey RIP (ED);  
For the benefactors of the Johnson Fund; For the intentions of Nuala O'Kane (OB);  
For the intentions of Shrony De Martinez and family (BB); and For the intentions of Chris & Anja Brown (OB).

**Live streaming services for This Weekend:**

**For Bishop Patrick**, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>  
**For Nottingham Cathedral** at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>  
**For The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham** at 9.30am, go to: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

**This Sunday's Mass Readings are:** Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9; Rom: 13, 8-10; Mt 18: 15-20

**Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time – Autumn** We pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All victim of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

**Education Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September** Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education. This year Education Sunday takes place at a time when many children, young people and staff have been away from schools, colleges and universities and have been working in different ways. Churches, too, have had to learn and adapt, whilst still maintaining a pattern of worship.

This is a time to think about what we have learnt about ourselves, about our communities and about God.