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✧ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B ✧

Reading 1	Isa 50:5-9	<i>I offered my back to those who struck me.</i>
Psalm	Ps 114: 1-6. 8-9 r.9	<i>I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. Or Alleluia!</i>
Reading 2	Jas 2:14-18	<i>If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 14:6	<i>I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.</i>
Gospel	Mark 8:27- 35	<i>You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.</i>

Readers this week; 6.30pm Benedict Kenekwku/Augustine Eghomare
9.30am Edeji Family 11.30am Shakira Kara/Dinah Kansime
6.30pm Devine Uche/Bridget Iwu

Readers next week; 6:30pm Gabriel Conception/Yolanda Danday 9.30am Samuel;
Robson/Tania Jackson 11.30am Daniella Ibeh/Joan Aruma 6.30pm Ugoche/Maureen
O-Krakue

- ✧ Please pray for the following who has recently died: Rita Bailey† and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✧ Gerard Szalajko, Patricia Tuffin, David Baxter, Ryszard Jecz, Farid Anthony, Jimmy Sherry, Peggy Hardy, Rita Bannister, Dioreen Knight, Feliks Welke, Peter Perfect & Magno Bottiglieri.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

This Week's collection amounted to £626.34 of which £160.00 was Gift Aided and Football parking amounted to £90.00.
Thank you.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.

Second collection today for Catholic Agency for the Support
Of Evangelisation



PARISH NOTICES

TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY. The money collected in second collection today enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation and the spread of the gospel in our own country. We pray today for the spread of the Gospel.

FIRST NATIONAL MASS COUNT NEXT SUNDAY- every year the diocese requires each parish to submit mass attendance figures over four consecutive weeks at this time of the year. It is a very important. Please could marshals (or a volunteer) at each Mass count the numbers for the next four weeks and record them on the form pinned on the noticeboard in the sacristy.

YOUTH CONCERT –The members of OLOG Seeds Youth Ministry shall attend the youth concert next Saturday at St. Mellitus Park London. Those who are below 18 years need to take a consent form from the back of the Church.

REMINDER – THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP meet on the second Sunday of every month after the 11.30 Mass.

HARVEST TIME FOR THE FOOD BANK - September is Harvest Time so SVP would welcome shopping donations for the Food Bank. A list of suggestions is in the porch. There is also an SVP box in church for cash donations which we use to buy extra provisions for the Food Bank. There are so many families in our community who rely on the extra food donated.

LEGION OF MARY We are all invited to join the Legion of Mary in our Parish. The Legionaries hold weekly meetings in the Parish Presbytery on Sundays after 9.30 am mass and carry out apostolic work in the Spirit of faith and in union with Mary. We participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the lonely, the housebound, the sick - both in their homes and in hospitals. We help with every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. There are 2 forms of Legion membership active and auxiliary membership. Why not come along to a meeting and be part of our father's service?

Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees next Sunday

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST WEEKEND RETREAT - 4TH - 6TH OCTOBER, AYLESFORD PRIORY. For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection Jesus. Cost £260 Single shared £230. For more information and bookings contact: Tel: 01622 717 272 or email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

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Saturday 14th September

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Repose of the soul of Anna Holden

Sunday 15th September 9.30am Philip Croft – in thanksgiving &
For our Parish priests, members of Immaculate Heart praesidium Legion of
Mary praesidium and all parishioners who contributed and participated in the
successful celebration of the birthday of our Mother Mary.

11.30am Repose of the soul of John Bose &
for our Parish priests, members of Immaculate Heart praesidium Legion of
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successful celebration of the birthday of our Mother Mary.

6.30pm Pro Populo

Monday 16th **SS Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
10.00am Claire Whiteoaks's birthday

Tuesday 17th **St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
10.00am Repose of the soul of Maureen Mabon
12.30 pm Requiem for Rita Bailey followed by burial
at Woodlands Cemetery

Wednesday 18th
10.00am Repose of the soul of Cenney Cannavina

Thursday 19th **St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr**
10.00am Repose of the soul of Mary Cade

Friday 20th **SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang
& Companions, Martyrs**
10.00am Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs Di Lisio
7.30pm Repose of the souls of Jimmy & Olive

Saturday r **St Matthew, Apostle**
10.00am Repose of the soul of David Mabon
Followed by Exposition and Confessions
Vigil Mass 6.30pm Lee Family intentions &
Nicky Croft's birthday intentions

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For the cry of the Earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL -

Most of my friends don't take financial advice from me for obvious reasons. I'm a man who mostly believes in the here and now, and one who made up his mind long ago, that we are all here on earth for a good time, not a long time.

As you plan for your future as a young person and work so hard to invest and save for that future, you must also take a break and ask yourself the age at which that future is supposed to begin, otherwise you will work and die while accumulating plots of land and saving money for the mythical future. I've seen very old people still talking about plans for the future and deep down I ask myself how long these people plan to live for?

If you don't create small breaks where you eat part of your savings while you're still active and energetic, you will regret.

The problem we have as young people is that we never want to accept the reality that not all of us will manage to be rich before we die, so we keep toiling and denying ourselves the fine things down here, hoping to have a break when we become rich in the future, which never happens because we don't even know what we're chasing. We don't know what the amount of money that will make us truly happy and sadly there is never an answer to this. It's a terrible vicious cycle that only ends when one day you can't get up from your bed, feeling a back pain and you realize the fact that you are 60. So, you will spend all the money you've been saving to buy drugs until you die.

What am I saying? That the future you're saving for, you could already be living in it now.