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10th September 2023: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Aren't you glad we had this meeting to resolve our conflict?"

FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 9th September	Vigil: 23rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Simon Slade RIP
Sunday 10th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T)	Teresa Ann Collier RIP Simon Glowotz RIP & deceased of Visitnin & Kragher families Patricia Handscombe (Int)
Monday 11th September	Feria	Noon (St T) 9.15am (St T)	<i>Sebastian Njie RIP (Ann)</i>
Tuesday 12th September	Feria	9.15am (St T)	<i>Matthew Brotherton (Int)</i>
Wednesday 13th Sept.	Funeral Service	11am (St T)	Peter O'Shea
Thursday 14th September	Exaltation of the Cross	9.15am (St T)	<i>Tom Patten RIP</i>
Friday 15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	9.15am (St T)	<i>Laurie Symonds (Int)</i>
Saturday 16th September	Vigil: 24th Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	George Parsons RIP (Bday)

Weekday Services will not be Masses this week and so the Mass intentions will be rearranged - please contact Sue for new date - apologies but we cannot get weekday supply priests.
No confessions this weekend

Liturgy of the Word - 10th September 2023

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts..
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings: Eccles.27:30-28:7, Psalm 102:1-4,9-12, Rsp. V8, Romans 14:7-9, Matthew 18:21-35

Reflection for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - God's answer to Conflict Resolution

The readings today could be seen as the Lord's teaching about conflict resolution; what do you do if someone does something wrong to you? How is a Christian to handle it?

Firstly, put the complaint into words, too often we keep it inside, bottled up & on a slow burn. We pretend to overlook it, but we don't really, it is deep inside, building up pressure until there's a volcanic explosion. If someone does wrong, bring it out in the open, state it & face it. The Lord says that we should keep it private, so often in conflict we speak to everyone about it except to the person involved. We gossip, slander, complain, engage in detraction rather than confront the person who needs to know. If you do this & the person doesn't listen, we are told bring it to the church. Sometimes, you need to bring in the Big Guns, the authorities. If the individual still doesn't listen, then says the Lord, pray for them, but leave them to God's justice, God's judgement and God's grace.

Conflict is not alien to the Christian Community or to the individual Christian's life. But there is a way of dealing with it that doesn't seek revenge, but the mending of the conflict & the other person's return to God's grace. That effort to heal the discord & the opponent is a way of showing mature Christian responsibility, even in conflict. We have a responsibility to others. As Christians we have a responsibility not to not stand by & watch others destroy themselves, We show that responsibility by speaking the truth to them (Ezekiel), by respecting another's life, marriage, property & integrity (Romans). We show that responsibly by seeking to manage conflict in a Christian way.

The point of today's reading is that Christian love is not a feeling or an emotion, but a responsibility. The greatest harm we can do to other people when they face spiritual danger, is to do nothing or just look the other way.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 412

Loose Plate £ 830.44

Contactless donations £ 390

Total for weekends of 27th August & 3rd Sep £1,632.44



Still scrabbling around for cash for the Offertory? Keep forgetting to bring your envelopes?, why not think about donating by Standing Order? All you need to do is pick up a standing order mandate & complete & return to us. **Some planned giving envelopes still to be collected.**



Celebration Mass Sunday 22nd June 2025

Celebration weekend - Parish Party 30th August 2025 & Mass 31st August 2025

The Fund Raising Committee are planning lots of events in the run up to our centenary and we will let you know soon the projects that we will specifically be funding. But here are two of the events planned for the rest of this year.

Saturday 23rd September: 7pm-9.30pm Family Night

Tickets £3 each or £10 for a family. A night of games, chat & music, bring your own refreshments. A chance to spend time together and with other families after the summer break. Tickets on sale next week.

Saturday 18th November 7pm-10pm Curry Night

Tickets £12 each, bring your own drink. More details to follow



Like to get the newsletter emailed direct to you? Just drop Sue an email and we will add you to the list. You can also view it on our website, or we can provide a larger print version for you.

EVENTS

Family Night: Saturday 23rd September 7pm-9pm, a night of fun and games for all
Tickets on sale next week, only £3 single, £10 family—bring your own refreshments

International Lunch:

Sunday 1st October after Noon Mass

Curry Night: Saturday 18th November 7pm-10pm, more details to follow



Been abroad for your holiday this year? Any left over notes or coins? Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency / notes aside; in the special Mary's Meals envelopes available at the back of church. Just bring them back to us and we will send them all off together after the summer holidays. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. **LAST WEEKEND NEXT WEEK – WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY AFTER THEN**



BAPTISMS: We welcome Liam, Nia & Mariah who are being baptised this weekend. Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, at either Noon, 1pm or 2pm, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments) & Sue will get in touch once she receives it. You can have up to four Godparents - no more as we don't have space in the register! - one of whom must be a practising Catholic. You will also need to attend a Baptism Preparation Course - you will be asked to book via the website when you submit your registration. **Only two courses left for 2023 : 23rd September & 28th October 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Teresa's Church, this is limited availability now for baptisms to take place 2023!**



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 23-24

ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR FHC & CONFIRMATION VIA WEBSITE ONLY UNDER "SACRAMENTS" TAB.

CLOSING DATE: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023—NEXT WEEKEND!!!!



ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE 6TH SEPTEMBER HAVE BEEN REPLIED TO - CHECK YOUR SPAM IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD YET

FAMILY NIGHT

- Games, Music and a chance to catch up after the Summer

Saturday 23rd September 7pm - 9.30pm

St Teresa's Parish Centre



Tickets on sale after Masses or at Parish office.

£10 Family ticket / £3 Single

Bring your own refreshments

Fr Dominic's absence - an update from Sue.

A big thank you to the Priests who are helping us out during Fr Dominic's absence; especially Fr Fidelis & Fr Benedict. As you can imagine it is hard to find priests who can help and we have not yet managed to find a priest for weekday masses. For next week, there will just be a service of communion at St Teresa's led by Nick Todd, (thank you Nick!) The mass intentions for those days will be moved, I have kept them in the front of the newsletter so that if you want to know their new date you know to call me.

Fr Dominic is still in hospital awaiting tests and results, he is in good spirits and I have passed on all your good wishes, I think he must be the most prayed for person in Herts at the moment! Currently it is only family allowed to visit him but I will let you know if that changes and I'm happy to pass on any cards. The uncertainty does mean that I am unable to firm up dates for lots of things, as we are unsure when he will be able to return to the parish,