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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY-22/23 JULY 2023

Weeds among the Wheat

Dear Parishioners,

Today in the Gospel of Mathew we hear a parable of weeds among the wheat. This parable is both realistic and optimistic. Wheat is the symbol of good and weeds symbolizes bad. The Church, and indeed the world, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at the harvest time. Knowing that we are sinners, we come to church willing to change our life for something better. God is always patient with us.



Our world is a mixture of light and darkness, good and bad, strength and weakness. Wheat and weeds grow together in the same person. We sow good seed, want good fruit but sometimes the weeds appear in our field- betrayal, conflict, jealousy etc. We can not separate clearly good and evil. If we want will there be everything good in our field? Surely there will be something bad too. What shall we do with them? For example, if one child in our family is not as good as I wanted what I do then? We have to live in good and bad. Evil can be overcome only by good. In the meantime we have to be understanding and patient as in the readings. Patience is the root and guardian of all virtues, as said pope St. Gregory 1. "Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet." The Church must preach repentance and practice leniency as Jesus- "Let them both grow till he harvest". He saw the weeds in Peter's life, but he saw the wheat too. He knew that with encouragement, love the wheat would prevail. And it did. Jesus shows us the field of life where he always wants good harvest.

We ourselves have to choose good, struggle hard to be good, try to make others good. Let us seek the positive not the negative in everyone, bring it out. No criticism, judgement of others but encouragement. With God's help the good will triumph.

The church is not a museum for saints but "a school for sinners". In any situation of our life God comes to those who wait. Let all of us sow good seed in the church, in the world.

Sincere thanks for all your loving gestures, concern to me during all these years. I have numerous good and bad memories (many died-RIP), experiences of this parish as my second parish. By the advice of Fr. Joe I wrote a report of my ministry in a new parish (announced as a full parish only in 1st May 2023). Thank you who already read it and others please read it. Sincere thanks to Fr. Joe, Germaine and all the parishioners. Pray regularly for my ministry, our only major seminary of 120 students where I teach few months, also our

parents. Fr. Joe and you are in my prayerful heart. It's our bond, strength. I take your loving faces to Bangladesh with me.

Help, support your new pastors by active participation. St. John Vianney pray for us. God bless you all and Bangladesh! Praise the Lord!

Fr. Louis Sushil Pereira

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Masses:

We need more volunteers to help out in this Parish activity which people have found most helpful. Please contact the Parish Office
westgreen@rcdow.org.uk

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday after the 9.15am Mass. We also need more volunteers to help out in this parish Activity.

Please note, after Masses on Sundays and Thursdays there will be no teas and coffees available until September.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel or the Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Application Form at the back of the Church
It will start in Feb 2024

RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME

It will start in October 2023

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Application Form at the back of the Church
It will start in Feb 2024

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. Application Form at the back of the Church

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the Church.
Please contact the Parish Office or Sr. Anabel.

CAFOD FIX THE FOOD CAMPAIGN - LIVE SIMPLY SUPPORT

There are legal attempts to reduce the control small farmers have over their seeds in an attempt to increase the interests and profits of big businesses worldwide. CAFOD is asking that we sign a letter to be sent in September to the World Bank urging them to resist this initiative. SJV Live Simply Group request your support for this campaign by reading and signing CAFOD's letter at the rear of the Church available from today till September's closing date.

PLEASE SUPPORT SMALL FARMERS!

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome! Next session **1st August, 2023**

INVITATION TO OUR MEMORIAL PRAYER VIGIL

For those who suffer and died trying to reach safety in Europe and the UK on the third Monday of the month.

Next Vigil **Monday 21st August 2023**

Opposite Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

For further information contact johanmaertens@hotmail.com or barbarakentish@talktalk.net

"THE LONDON CATHOLIC WORKER

would love to welcome you to an ecumenical Lectio Divina prayer meeting - slow, prayerful, meditative reflection and discussion of a passage of Scripture – **at 7:30pm on Thursday evenings.**

It will be held in our chapel, the former Church of St Augustine of Canterbury on Mattison Road, Green Lanes, and will take about an hour.

No experience with Lectio Divina is necessary, and refreshments will be provided afterwards."

MARY'S MEALS



would like to invite you to collect all your **foreign currency*** no **matter how old or obscure.** After the summer break, probably when many of you will have travelled abroad, we would like you to put all foreign coins/notes into special Mary's Meals envelopes which are available at the back of church. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your *foreign* currency you can help feed the next hungry child. *We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

STAND WITH PALESTINE

Over 190 Palestinians have been killed so far in 2023, in attacks by the Israeli army and armed settlers. Israel is ramping up violence and Palestinians need support. Haringey Council's pension fund invests in companies complicit in Israel's crimes, like Elbit Systems, whose weapons are tested out in Gaza and others. Demand Haringey Council DIVEST from these companies and stand with Palestine by adding your name to this link:

bit.ly/HaringeyDivest

Please check the notice board at the back of the church for other events we are unable to publish in the newsletter

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the Repose of the soul of

LYNN POWELL

who died on last week.

Funeral arrangements to follow.

We remember her family and friends in our prayers.

**MASS TIMES Monday to Friday at
9.15am**

**Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am**

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

Tuesdays after Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 5-5:30pm

**In Residence: Fr Louis Pereira
Fr Marcel Kofon**

**THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR
The repose of the soul:**

Lynn Powell
Maria De Ceita
Peggy Butler
Merle Rita Van Gramberg
Henry Campbell

RIP Anniversary Eileen

Morgan
Sarah Namagambe
Giovanni Sista
Anastacia Francois Nora
Gallagher
Maria Pia Lombardi
Celia Sheila Campbell

Special Intentions:

Fr Joe Ryan
Antonio Cruz
Brian Waters
Christina Danaher
Janice Leckie
Kim Cummins
Miguel Domenech
Seema Chandwani

**NEXT SUNDAY: 17th SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIMES**

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12
Psalm: Psalm 118:57.72.
76-77.127-130
2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

PARISH TEAM

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister
Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

And for the sick and those in our parish

Angela	Ann
Eduardo	Elsa
Emmanuel	Helen
Ivy A	Joan
John D	Kathy F
Kim	Laura
Lenora	Lynne
Michael J	Monica
Pantaleone	Patricia
Phil	Pierina
Rose	Sheila
Veronica	Walter
Yollie	Yvonne

***NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE
LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS***

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm To
make an appointment**

**Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email
westgreen@rcdow.org.uk**

*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available
outside of these hours.*