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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY –12th /13th AUGUST 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel describes how Jesus walks on water to meet his frightened disciples, and how Peter actually joins him for a moment. What can this Word of God say to us today?

I remember once someone saying to me, that they did not believe this passage, and I asked 'why not?' and they replied, 'Well, it is a bit of showy miracle, not like the miracles that cure people, they show God's compassion, but walking on water? It seems to show Jesus showing off, doing a sort of party trick...!' I had not thought of it like, but as Jesus' walking on water always seems to speak a lot about faith, being able to keep walking even when things seem very uncertain. That is why I never saw this as 'showing off' but more of sign of what we are invited to live, to live by faith in the face of uncertainties.



It is also interesting to realise that although for us the sea might seem to be something beautiful, when summer comes people want to go to the beach, but according to Jewish thought at the time of Jesus, the sea had quite a negative image. The sea is destructive, dangerous, a symbol of evil and chaos. So, Jesus' walking on the sea, is also saying something very profound, that God is stronger than the evil and the chaos, and a sign to the disciples that Jesus really is God. At the moment, there are many signs of chaos in the world, which can leave us feeling unsettled and anxious; the different wars around the world, the worsening climate change that is already causing so much suffering, the rising costs of living. Jesus is wanting to give us hope in this reading, however messy the situations, both our own and of the world around us, Jesus is there, walking forward, showing us that we are not alone and there will be a way through.

Sometimes our faith feels very fragile, and like the disciples we do not recognise the hope that Jesus wants to give us. They cry out in fear thinking that he is a ghost, but he replies to them, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!' Peter as ever is an encouraging example for us, he does walk towards Jesus on the water for a moment, but then the wind scares him and his fears become stronger than his faith, and he begins to sink. But as soon as he cries for help Jesus is holding him safe. Trusting in God's hope is a journey not an instant solution. But Jesus is always with us, helping us to walk on the water of life's challenges.

Sr Catherine Cruz

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 Mass on Thursdays there will be no teas and coffees available until we resume in September.

CATHECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2023-2024

For any enquiries, please contact St.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 of Sr. Anabel.

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 **15th August, 2023**

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!

LIVESIMPLY WALK

will be along the river Lea starting after the **11am Mass on Sunday 20 August.**

"THE LONDON CATHOLIC WORKER

We 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."

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

FUNDRAISING EVENT – SJV NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Are holding a fundraising dance on

Sunday 27th August 2023 from 2pm-8pm

in the Parish Hall.

Ticket £5 per person and Raffle Tickets £1 per ticket will be on sale at the back of the church.



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.

*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 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

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MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Tuesday (Holy Day of Obligation)

**– Feast of The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7
Psalm: Psalm 66
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

PARISH TEAM

Fr Joe Ryan- Parish Priest (Retired)
Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister
Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary
In Residence: 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

Joyce Irene Rhind
Mary Davey
Angelina Viggiani
Eddie Amstrong
Eileen McNicholas

Special Intentions:

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

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	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 10am-11am

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, as Germaine is on her
annual vacation, 31 July– 18 August.*