

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th July 2021, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass (Fr. David Hunter's benefactors and the people of the parish)

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

Monday 19th July, Feria

12.00 Mass

Tuesday 20th July, St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday 21st July, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6.30pm Mass

Thursday 22nd July, St. Mary Magdalene, Feast

Friday 23rd July, St. Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe, Feast

10.00am Mass (Goolam Rumjan RIP)

Saturday 24th July, The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Mass (Artur Kaminski RIP)

Sunday 25th July 2021, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) World day for Grandparents and the Elderly

10.00am Mass (William Conn RIP)

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. DAVID HUNTER ON HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD - Fr. David will be presiding at both Masses here today. There will be a reception in the church hall after both Masses to which all are welcome. We send him our prayers and our blessings as he is consecrated to a life of service to God and His people.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY - Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, 25 July 2021. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says "The whole Church is close to you - to us - and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!" As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren. Let us pray for their guidance and wisdom:

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen

PLACING A MESSAGE OR AD IN THE PARISH SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR PUBLICATION

- As you will have seen in recent newsletters, we are asking anyone interested in taking a full or half page advert or a quarter page announcement in the publication to get in touch with us. We thank those who have already come forward with their contributions. We need to have all contributions by the middle of August to allow for submissions to the publishers. The publication will be made available to all parishioners as a commemorative keepsake to enjoy and, we hope look back on for many years. Please speak to Lesley, Margaret or Ken or alternatively, email us on stsimonsouthashford@gmail.com and one of us will be in contact with you. If you would like to see what it might look like please see the example on the noticeboard. Thank you.

Should you wish to make a donation to the cost of producing the publication, without taking out an ad or announcement, please let us know and we will give you details of how to do this.

STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND - **SUNDAY - IT'S OUR DAY** - please read the letter from the Catholic Bishops of England on the noticeboard following the Government's latest Covid-19 mitigations announcement.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS - Saturday October 9 2021 St George's Cathedral, Southwark at **noon**. Please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk if you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th year wedding anniversary and would like to attend the annual marriage Mass.

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED - We are looking for at least two more people who can spare one hour after Sunday evening Mass to join the counters rota. If you have the time to give to this very valuable parish task please see Fr. Hans or Viv Conn. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £739.21 (£492.35 Gift Aid + £59.86 loose plate + £187 standing order. Second collection - Second collection - The Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday) - £56.59. Thank you. Second collection today - Building and Maintenance. Second collection next week - Building and Maintenance.

CHURCH CLEANING

24th July

Emeka/Alice

31st July

Irene/Zita

7th August

Mary Connors

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for

Merrick Boston,
Ronald Salmon,
June O'Driscoll,
Noela Thiebaud,
Francesca Baker,
Trevor Lane,
Tricia Coppin,
Sebastian Burrell,
Fred Ward,
Rita Coombs,
Luke Fellowes,
Emma Baker,
Wendy Pooley,
Carmen Cachia