



ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH, EWELL

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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th June 2023 Psalter Week 3 Cycle A

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| Saturday (Vigil) | 6.00 pm | Peter and Paul Ellis RIP |
| Sunday 18 June | 8.30 am | Padraig Colohan RIP |
| | 10.30 am | All Parishioners |
| Wednesday | 10.00 am | In Thanksgiving – Fr Graham |
| Friday | 10.00 am | Brendan Bruce RIP |

FEAST DAYS: 18TH – 24TH JUNE

Wednesday: Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Thursday: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs

Saturday: Nativity of St John the Baptist

ANNIVERSARIES: 18TH – 24TH JUNE

Leo Glynn, Jessie Chennel, Liz Lampard, Ellen Ashford, Mary Hanrahan, Marilyn Hall, Patrick Bruce.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS:

Guides/Brownies

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 25th June 2023 Psalter Week 4 Cycle A

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| Saturday (Vigil) | 6.00 pm | Patsy Bruce RIP |
| Sunday 25 June | 8.30 am | Gill Plumb RIP |
| | 10.30 am | John Myers RIP{ |
| Wednesday | 10.00 am | Requiem Mass Bernard Kelly RIP |
| Thursday – Holy Day of Obligation | 10.00 am 8.00 pm | Fr Paul Hardy RIP Holy Souls |
| Friday | 10.00 am | Kit King RIP |
| Saturday (Vigil) | 6.00 pm | All Parishioners |
| Sunday 02 July | 8.30 am | Mary, Felix & Vincent Edwardson RIP |
| | 10.30 am | Geraldine McNally RIP |

FEAST DAYS: 25TH JUNE – 1ST JULY

Wednesday: St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

Thursday: Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

Saturday: Consecration of Arundel Cathedral

ANNIVERSARIES: 25TH JUNE – 1ST JULY

Leslie Hodges, Bill Griffiths, Ferdinand Rosario, John Kennedy, Kathleen Fennemore, Rose Hennesey, Dulcie Melville-Main

COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS:

SUMMER FAIR

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 10.30 am – 11.00 am or by appointment

RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING: Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, John Stratford, Shona Dane, Teresa Jones, Jean Marshall.

DEATHS: Please remember Mary Frost who died recently. Our sympathy to Tina and Jerome – her children.

Also Bernard Kelly whose Requiem Mass is on Wednesday, 28th June.

May they rest in Peace

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul. A day we celebrate by participating at Mass.

Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 am and 8.00 pm.

SUMMER FAIR 25TH JUNE: Please make sure you have grand draw tickets and please, please don't forget to return the counterfoils and money. This is such a great fund raiser. A list of last minute "needs" is in the narthex, please help where you can. We are **not** selling any bric-a-brac so please do not leave any in the narthex. **Most important of all, please come along and enjoy yourselves.** Fun for All

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

8th July – Parish Quiz Night

JUNE 200 CLUB WINNERS: Anne-Marie Van Loon No.214 £30 Alfred Street No.104 £20 Congratulations!

ST CLEMENT'S MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB: Our next meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday 21st June in the Wheatsheaf Public House, Ewell. All welcome for an evening of fun and conversation.

St Clement's School Summer Fair: Saturday 8th July, 12-3pm. Please join us for food, drink, stalls, games, raffle, performances and lots more fun with a Summer Holiday theme.....best of all its free admission!

CATECHISTS: Day at Worth School, Saturday the 23rd September.

This early notice will enable you to plan with your fellow catechists for this engaging and inspiring event. You can view information and book at: [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Also, if you are currently, or interested in, using Sycamore as a tool in your catechesis, you may like to tune in to a webinar in July with folk from Sycamore: More information and booking at: [Sycamore Webinar \(04-Jul-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).

THOUGHT & REFLECTION: "God is like the sun, you cannot look at it, but without it you cannot look at anything else. *G K Chesterton*

Oxford, for several years, she was responsible for creating the groundbreaking Bonavero Institute of Human Rights in Oxford.

Currently the chair of a Scottish Working Party on Misogyny, Helena's interest in women's rights has naturally led her to speak out about the inequalities in the Catholic Church, and she has campaigned for many years for the Vatican to become less male-centric, and for positions of power in the Curia and elsewhere in the Church to be open to women as they are to men. The lack of women in positions of power, she has said, causes dysfunction in the Church, and the entire body of the Church would be healthier if women were given a bigger role. She has also spoken out in favour of married clergy.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE

She has often spoken about her respect for the Church's social justice agenda, but she has asked for more commitment to transparency, accountability and governance in dealing with the many crises it has faced in recent years.

Since 1997, Helena has been a Labour member of the House of Lords, where she works especially for gender equality and human rights. She sat on the Joint Committee of Human Rights and chaired the European Union Justice Committee; she currently sits on the Justice and Home Affairs Committee.

A mother of three, Helena has said her Catholicism remains part of the person she is, and she attends Mass. She has also said she believes that to change institutions in need of reform, people have to work with those in power. Her voice, her instinct for where reform is needed and what is needed, make her one of the most powerful female voices in the Catholic Church in Britain today.

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-6

PSALM Psalm 99

**RESPONSE We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 5:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is close at hand.
Repent, and believe the good news.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Holy Father, keep in your name those you
have given me,
that they may be one as we are one, says
the Lord.**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

THINKING FAITH

FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE FOR WOMEN

Helena Kennedy knew as a young child that her life would be dedicated to helping make life better for others; and, she says, it was all down to her family's Catholic faith. She was raised in a working-class home in Glasgow, one of four daughters: times were often tough, but her parents were clear that, however difficult things were for them, they always had the capacity to help others. Helena remembers her mother scraping together the money to give to a young woman who was being beaten by her husband, so she could travel home to her parents in England. And she remembers neighbours asking her parents for help, and her parents always being there for them.



"For them it was to do with their Catholicism: it was their religion," Helena explained in an interview. "To be a good Catholic you had to be available to other people, it was not just about looking after number one." Another key to the person she went on to be, she has said many times, was that her mother used to say she should never think of herself as better than anyone else – but also, nor should she think anyone was better than her.

In that exchange is contained the balance between the confident young woman who became a stellar law student, and the lawyer who was always going to dedicate herself to working for underprivileged people. Helena went on to become one of the UK's most distinguished lawyers: today she has practised at the bar for more than forty years. Among the prominent cases in which she has acted are the Guildford Four appeal, the Brighton bombing trial, the abduction of baby Abbie Humphries and the bombing of the Israeli Embassy.

A fierce campaigner for justice, especially for women, her books include the widely-acclaimed *Eve Was Shamed: How British Justice is Failing Women*.

Like her parents, she has never lost sight of those less fortunate: she was investigating officer of the Human Trafficking Commission in Scotland, and as Master of Mansfield College,

Great women of contemporary Catholicism



Joanna Moorhead
on Baroness Helena
Kennedy.

18 JUNE 2023

11TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK III

DIACONATE

What difference would women make, if they were ordained as deacons in our Church? "It's almost too hard to measure how great the shift would be," Kate tells me. "This change would renew the faith of the Church and it would inspire greater confidence and trust in the Church as an institution, both for its members and from those outside. It would also send a message right across the world about the rights of women to be properly included, and it would improve the respect women are given in society." And there's a credibility issue as well: "The Church can only attend to other great issues of injustice, oppression and peace when it properly affirms that women are equal within its own structures," she says.

Kate says she sees her role as finding ways that are beautiful, and prayerful, to remind the men who run the Catholic Church, and the wider community, that everyone would benefit if women were given a greater role. "The women question is the question of the hour, and that's increasingly clear," she says. "The Vatican is very aware that the eyes of the world are on the Church right now with this in mind."

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your
heritage,
and govern them for ever.**

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

PSALM **Psalms 68**

RESPONSE **In your great love, answer me,
O God.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him
praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING **Romans 5:12-15**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of truth will be my witness;
and you too will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Matthew 10:26-33**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

THINKING FAITH

CHEERLEADER FOR WOMEN

Kate McElwee has said she became aware of the sexism in the Church through her own experiences. Growing up in New York State, she remembers, she wanted to be an altar server. But, although girls had already been admitted to the role, local bishops had the right to veto it in their diocese – and in her area, it wasn't allowed. And then when she volunteered to play basketball for the parish, she was told this was really only for boys. Would she like to become a cheerleader instead?

Kate did go on to become a cheerleader: today, she's a cheerleader for women across the world who would like to see a bigger role for women in the Catholic Church. Having lived in Rome for several years, she's now back in the US – but she often travels to Rome, and she's aware of the importance of keeping up the pressure on the Vatican to bring in the changes that she believes the entire Church would benefit from.

After school – Kate was educated at state public schools, although her family was Catholic – she studied religion at university, and became very interested in Buddhism. She spent time in India, met the Dalai Lama, and felt Buddhism was her calling. But gradually, she says, she realised that the patriarchy she had found so difficult in Catholicism, was in other faiths as well. The Dalai Lama, she recalls, always recommended not leaving one's own tradition, but incorporating mindfulness into its practice.

Returning to university, she studied Christian feminist theology, which had a profound impact on her, and set out on a mission to help the Church embrace change. For the last twelve years she has worked for an organisation called Women's Ordination Worldwide, and for the last five years she's been its director. For several years she lived in Rome, where her husband is a Vatican reporter for a US Catholic news outlet.

Over the time she's been at the heart of this debate, says Kate, the ground has shifted – and it continues to shift. Women's Ordination Worldwide isn't only about ordination to the priesthood: it's also about ordination to the diaconate, and for the last few years a commission set up by Pope Francis has been looking into that question. With the current worldwide Synod on Synodality reporting so widely and so strongly that women's participation is the number one change Catholics worldwide want to see, Kate feels more optimistic than ever before that women will be admitted to the role.

Great women of contemporary Catholicism



Joanna Moorhead on
Kate McElwee.



25 JUNE 2023

12TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK IV