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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th July 2023 Psalter Week 3 Cycle A

Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	All Parishioners
Sunday 16 July	8.30 am	Eilish Brennan RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Flaherty RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mary Carbin RIP
Friday	10.00 am	NO MASS

FEAST DAYS: 16TH – 22ND JULY

Saturday: St Mary Magdalene

ANNIVERSARIES: 16TH – 22ND JULY

Michael Naughton, Theresa Scott, Frank Manini, John-Deli-Tucker, Nora Graham.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS

First Communion Going Forth Celebration

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd July 2023 Psalter Week 4 Cycle A

Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Maria & Estañislaio Cayabyab RIP
Sunday 23 July	8.30 am	All Parishioners
	10.30 am	Wellbeing – Alpera Family
Wednesday	10.00 am	Wellbeing – Sr Annunciation O.Carm
Friday	10.00 am	NO MASS
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Int of St Clement's Parish
Sunday 30 July	8.30 am	All Parishioners
	10.30 am	Mary Schneider RIP

FEAST DAYS: 23RD – 29TH JULY

Tuesday: St James, Apostle

Wednesday: Ss Joachim and Anne

Saturday: Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus

ANIVERSARIES: 23RD – 29TH JULY

Mary Osborne, Jim Olivier

COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS:

Parish Funds – Robin and Ann Hannan

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.

GROWING TOWARDS JESUS: Those children who have completed the programme recently and have not collected their certificates, should see Fr Graham.

SUMMER FAIR : The nett profit has risen to £2625 because of contactless payments. £600 was donated anonymously for which we are extremely grateful. This gives a grand total of £3225. Many thanks to all involved.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: Thank you to all who came on Sunday evening. A great night with lots of fun. Special thanks to Robin and Ann for their efficient organisation

CAFOD CAMPAIGN : Fix the Food System SEEDS FOR ALL: We are encouraged to stand in solidarity with small farmers across the world to protect their right to use their own varieties of seeds to produce food and resist climate change. A short talk will be given at all masses on 15th/16th July and there will be an opportunity to sign a giant letter addressed to the President of the World Bank. To read more about this issue visit cafod.org.uk/food

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

10th September – B-B-Q after 10.30 am Mass to celebrate Fr Graham being 30 years in our parish

14th October – Next Parish Quiz Night.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – GOING FORTH MASS AND CELEBRATION: The following children recently received Holy Communion for the first time. Sophia Andrews, Myla Antonopoul, Jacob Biosca-Legary, Bertie Charge, Harry Cocks-Moran, Jack Cocks-Moran, Noah Costello, Camilla Da Silva Long, Francesca Giannotti, Newton Hayhurst, Aine Hazelby, Alexander Hillier, Emily Howick-Smith, Baily Kent-Skorsepova, Nolan Klumb, Emily Leadbitter, Erin Lynch, Thomas Mc Mahon, Annabelle Piechocki, Luke Ray, Lucie Readett, Oliver Richardson, Eliana Rios-Khaleeq, Orlando Rowlands, Daniela Savage, Isaac Smith, Michael Van Zyl, Amelie Westhead, Malachi Yaw Nkegre. Please remember them in your prayers.

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](#)

THOUGHT & REFLECTION:

“There is nothing on this earth to be prized more than friendship - ”St Thomas Aquinas

CONVENT LIFE



Returning to Spain for her final exams, she needed somewhere quiet to work, and the Benedictine convent at Montserrat seemed ideal; and she surprised herself by feeling drawn to the nuns' way of life. While she had long been frustrated by the lack of roles for women in the wider Catholic Church, she realised life in the convent was different: women were in charge, and the abbess was *in persona Christi*. Two years later she joined the community; and there she has been ever since, barring a three-year release from the convent to work for Catalan independence. She became one of the most prominent figures in the movement, and has been dubbed "Spain's most famous nun".

The *raison d'être* of the Sinclética school is a search for depth and meaning in human life. The idea is both to share elements of monastic learning and history with a wider audience, but also takes the approach that it's more helpful not to separate arts from science, but to cover topics from right across the academic spectrum. Teresa has also borrowed from the Benedictine idea of depth, of going right to the heart of a topic: she asks her students to learn from the heart, so that what they learn is felt as well as understood.

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your
glory.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

PSALM Psalm 64

**RESPONSE Some seed fell into rich soil
and produced its crop.**

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The seed is the word of God, Christ the
sower;
whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

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SUNDAY BULLETIN



THE BENEDICTINE POLYMATH

Teresa Forcades is a Benedictine nun, but she could be a prime minister. For three years, she took leave from her monastery to be a politician, one of the most visible leaders of the Catalan independence movement during the run-up to the 2014 independence referendum. The process was mired in controversy, and ended with some of its leaders in prison. Teresa, meanwhile, returned to her convent, where today she's focusing on a "monastic school" for people across the world who want to approach learning in a new way.

Her new monastic school is based at her convent in Montserrat near Barcelona: it's called Sinclética, after a fourth-century saint who lived in the desert; her name comes from the Greek *syn* (together) and *cleto* (convened). The idea, she explains when we chat on Zoom, is to rethink the way academic study is approached, combining art and science, heart and mind in ways that haven't been traditional. The cross-fertilisation feels natural for Teresa: she's a medical doctor as well as a nun and a politician. A polymath, with much to offer, and a strong sense that in a Church that doesn't offer enough space for women's talents, she will find her own way.

Despite growing up in Catholic Spain, and although she was baptised as a baby, Teresa wasn't raised in the Church: her parents, she explains, were not believers, and didn't have much time for Catholicism. It was the 1960s, and Franco had arranged for the monarchy to take over the country when he died. Her parents told her that the Church, like the monarchy, was an institution of the past.

Everything changed for Teresa when she was fifteen, and read the Gospels for the first time. So powerful was the experience that, she says, her immediate thought was that she'd wasted the early years of her life, because she had lived without God. She was being educated at a convent school, and with her new-found faith she says the nuns were hopeful she'd find her vocation with them; but she had other ideas. The post-Vatican II Church, she felt, was the time for laypeople, and she would fulfil her vocation as a doctor. She went to medical school in Barcelona, before moving to New York where she worked in a hospital.

Great
women of
contemporary
Catholicism



Joanna Moorhead
talks to Sister Teresa
Forcades.



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15TH SUNDAY IN
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DIVINE OFFICE WEEK III

nuanced discussion on areas of church teaching, including same-sex marriage.

LIFELONG PASSION

Currently, Tina – now a grandmother of four – is researching environmental theology around Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and says she believes that document has opened up a new way of presenting theology in a lyrical, poetic way. "I find Francis inspirational: I think he has some things still to work on in terms of language around women and feminism, but I'm very positive about his style and what he's seeking to achieve," she says.

Today Tina is focusing on what she says was "my first and lifelong passion", and is writing fiction. Her latest novel, *Between Two Rivers*, is set in what was then Rhodesia and is the story of a friendship between three disparate women in the build-up to war. In her theological work, she continues as director of Catherine of Siena College based at the University of Roehampton, and she continues to write, to research and to speak on the relationship between Catholic tradition and contemporary culture, particularly in areas connected with gender, sexuality and reproductive ethics, as well as Catholic social teaching and women's rights.



Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

PSALM Psalm 85

RESPONSE O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord;
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.**

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Kings 3:5. 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

THINKING FAITH
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WORKING FOR CHANGE FOR WOMEN

Once upon a time, Tina Beattie was a secretary, Presbyterian, living in Africa. Today she's Catholic, a university professor, an activist for change for women, a novelist, and she lives on the south coast of England. No one, she says, is as surprised as she is by the twists and turns her journey has taken; and, aged sixty-seven, there are plenty of goals still to fulfil.

Raised in Zambia to Scottish parents who had moved to Africa for work – her father was a telecoms engineer in Lusaka – Tina dropped out of full-time education aged fifteen and trained as a secretary. A few years later she met her husband, a British structural engineer working in Africa, and went on to have four children. Raising them was wonderful but also exhausting and she was, she says, aware that something was missing from her life: when one day someone suggested she should "use my brain", she realised going back to university might be the way forward.

It was by now the late 1980s, and the family had moved back to the UK; but not before Tina had converted to Catholicism, having been increasingly drawn to its theology and having been educated in a convent school. The nuns, she says, made a huge impression on her: they were highly educated, hard-working, single, successful women. "They earned my respect, and they planted the seed for Catholicism," she says.

Back in the UK, Tina enrolled as a mature student at Bristol University – she would go on to do a PhD on the theology and symbolism of the Virgin Mary, which formed the basis for her book *God's Mother, Eve's Advocate* (2002), which looks at writings on Mary and Eve in the early Church and in recent Catholic theology. At Bristol she was introduced to the feminist theologian Ursula King, who would make a profound impression on her, and help guide her towards the work she has gone on to do looking at women's rights in the Catholic Church, as well as at wider issues around gender, sexuality and reproductive ethics.

In 2002 she moved to the University of Roehampton where she was appointed Professor of Catholic Studies, a post she left two years ago. During her time there, she was at the centre of a Vatican storm when the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared she should not be allowed to speak in church properties because she had failed to adhere to the moral teaching of the Church, a charge she refuted. She has, however, called for a more

Great women of contemporary Catholicism



Joanna Moorhead on Tina Beattie.



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DIVINE OFFICE WEEK IV