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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th July 2023 Psalter Week 1 Cycle A

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm Int of St Clement's Parish

Sunday 8.30 am All Parishioners

30 July 10.30 am Mary Schneider RIP

Wednesday 10.00 am David Anderson RIP

Friday 10.00 am Paul Byrne RIP

FEAST DAYS: 30TH JULY - 5TH AUGUST

Monday: St Ignatius Loyola, Priest

Tuesday: St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor

Friday: John Mary Vianney, Priest

ANNIVERSARIES: 30TH JULY – 5TH AUGUST

Margaret Harris, David Anderson, Betty Hay, Mary Church, Pat

Woodley, Eric Brown

COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS

St Anthony's Group

Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday 6th August 2023 Psalter Week 2 Cycle A

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Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Brendan Bruce RIP
Sunday	8.30 am	All Parishioner
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	10.30 am	James & Patrick Cusack RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Linda D'Vaz RIP
Friday	10.00 am	Bernard Bamford RIP
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Wellbeing Ruth & John Farrell
Sunday	8.30 am	All Parishioners
13 Aug	10.30 am	Hugh Callaghan RIP
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FEAST DAYS: 6TH – 12TH AUGUST

Tuesday: St Dominic, Priest

Wednesday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Martyr, Patron of Europe

Thursday: St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Friday: St Clare, Virgin

Saturday: Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus **ANIVERSARIES:** $6^{TH} - 12^{TH}$ **AUGUST**

Ernesto Grannelli, William Cullen, Don Marshall, Pia Furdyn,

Betty Spiller.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS:

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 Maritina Savage, Mel Alvarez, John Stratford, Shona Dane, Jean Marshall.

<u>DEATH:</u> Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Jones of Chadacre Road who died recently. Our sympathy to her husband Arthur. May she rest in peace.

JULY 200 CLUB WINNERS: Maria Webb No.138 £30 Sheila Leech No.39 £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.

<u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</u> – 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.

<u>CAFOD SEEDS FOR ALL: Please sign the letter in the narthex</u>. This will show that we 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. To read more about this issue visit cafod.org.uk/food

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: <u>Catechists' Day (23-Sep-2023) · ChurchSuite Events</u>.

THOUGHT & REFLECTION:

"We must remember what Christ said, that not he who begins, but he that perseveres to the end shall be saved." St Philip Neri

Fr Graham wishes everyone a good and pleasant Summer Season - hopefully with a well-earned rest



But once she qualified, she joined the South African Labour Party, and became Steve Biko's secretary. The two worked closely together, and she also knew the newspaper editor Donald Woods, and helped organise their clandestine meetings: their friendship is the story told in the 1987 Richard Attenborough movie, Cry Freedom. When Biko died in 1977, having been beaten by South African police, Yogi was devastated. She'd known his life was difficult, but she hadn't expected such a brutal end for a man still only thirty.

Yogi converted to Catholicism while she was studying to be a teacher, though she says she has always fused her Hindu heritage with her Christian faith. She and Pat raised two children and now have two grandchildren. Among her many accolades, she was awarded Catholic

Woman of the Year, and also became the first woman of colour to receive the Campion Medal during the year of the five hundredth anniversary of the Jesuits in 2021.

Yogi has held many roles in the Church in England and Wales, including as president of the National Board of Catholic Women, and she's a canon lawyer serving as an advocate in Southwark. In her parish in Brixton, where she has lived for many years, she has served as a catechist, reader, Eucharistic minister, chair of the parish council, and parish co-ordinator. There are many people of colour involved there, she says, but very few of them are in leadership roles; and that's a phenomenon repeated in Catholic parishes up and down the country. It's just one of the things Yogi is still praying will change.

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place. God who unites those who dwell in his house:

he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

PSALM Psalm 118

RESPONSE Lord, how I love your law!

- 1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. R.
- 2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. R.
- 3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. R.

4. Your will is wonderful indeed: therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. R.

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

> Next Sunday's Readings Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14



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SUNDAY BULLETIN



WORKING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE



Growing up as a person of colour in the apartheid era in South Africa, Yogi Sutton knew and expected to encounter racism at every turn. When she fell in love with her now husband, Pat, she wasn't allowed even to travel in the front seat of his car, let alone have a relationship with him. "We were often stopped by the police when we were out, and questioned about what we were doing together," she says.

When she moved to London in the early 1970s, she thought life would be very different. But in some ways it wasn't. Racial discrimination wasn't legally sanctioned in Britain the way it was in South Africa; but there were a shocking amount

of ignorant, careless, thoughtless remarks - even in her local Catholic parish. "When we arrived there, the priest said the place for me was at the back of the church," she remembers. "He meant, because I was a person of colour." From that day on, Yogi arrived early for Mass and sat in the front row.

Her experiences led her to join others in setting up the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, which celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year. Its raison d'être was to make Catholics at all levels of the Church more aware of the insidious nature of racism and how far it penetrated society. Four decades on, much has changed - but there is still much to do, says Yogi. "We have a Prime Minister who is of Asian heritage, and there have been many other changes in the secular world," she says. In particular, Yogi says, the Church needs to ask itself why so few black men who have been raised in the UK have found their vocation in the priesthood: most of the black priests who work in UK parishes were raised in other parts of the world.

Yogi was born and raised in King William's Town in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, about forty miles from East London. It was the same town where the Black Consciousness Movement leader Steve Biko was born; he was a few years her senior. Yogi, who was raised in a Hindu family, was educated at a Catholic school and went on to train as a teacher: her father, she says, always told her to complete her education before she got involved in politics.

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Joanna Moorhead on Yogi Sutton.

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK!



telephone in the other room began to ring insistently. No one went to answer it but he wove into his spoken meditation an awareness of the outside world occasioned by the ringing of the telephone, so that the world beyond that room was caught up in that moment and in the eternal moment of the Eucharist. Gradually we shall learn how to let things be, to take these noises into ourselves while we are being drawn into a deeper silence, so that these noises are heard at a distance, and in time scarcely at all.

In that space or place of meditation there may be a meditation stool, a book, an icon or image. Like a church or temple, it will be a place set apart where we may rest in the Lord, be refreshed in the Spirit, and encounter the Divine. When we enter this place we may perhaps perform some simple ritual such as lighting a candle, or making a slow sign of the cross, which enables us to centre down before starting our meditation: it will vary with each individual... At such times our life is hidden with God. Yet we do not have to be pretentious or solemn about it. We will know, and we alone, that the source from which we draw is a deep underground river.

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Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.

The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son. with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

PSALM Psalm 96

RESPONSE The Lord is king. most high above all the earth.

- 1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment: his throne, justice and right. R.
- 2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. R.

3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. R.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

> Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13 Romans 9:1-



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SUNDAY BULLETIN



PLACE

A certain brother went to his abbot and asked him for some words of spiritual comfort. The abbot said to the monk, "Go and sit in your cell. Your cell will teach you everything." We read of Jesus that he rose early and went up into a high mountain, into the wilderness, into a lonely place, to pray. He went apart and prayed. So must we. Into a church or a temple or into another room, or on a bench in the park or in a square; even on a crowded train we can close our eyes and go apart.



If possible, too, that place apart should always be the same place. A space used regularly for prayer gathers to itself its own concentration. In a house full of children or other people this is not always easy. In India there is usually a corner of the crowded living room with a curtain drawn across it, where each member of the family withdraws to meditate. It does not shut out the noise but it does become a sacred place, a space apart.

Noise is a problem from which we cannot altogether escape. Our jangled nerves may cry out for quiet, so that even the ticking of a clock may cause us to wrap it in a scarf and place it in a drawer. Sometimes it may help to remove the immediate source of irritation, but we become all too easily neurotic about noise when in fact the noise is inside us. If we can only sit there and accept the ticking of the clock, it will gradually merge into the background. Even if we do remove the source of one noise there will be others - a jet overhead, the squeal of brakes or revving of a car outside in the street, the voices of people next door, the blare of a radio or television. I was once at a conference of clergy involved in the media, for a meditation led by a so-called expert on the subject - he wrote, lectured, broadcast on it. Yet he refused to start until a transistor radio playing outside the building was located and turned off. We had to sit there waiting until this had been done. Ironically, the song that was being played, and which could have been used as a starting point for the meditation, was the Beatles' famous song, "Let It Be"! I recall my friend John Hencher conducting a Eucharist, and right in the middle the

Inner Journey, Outer Journey



James Roose-Evans. theatre director. priest and author. died last October at the age of 94. Today we begin a short series based on his book on prayer and meditation in everyday life. Inner lourney, Outer Journey.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK II