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Sunday 18th August, 2024 This Sunday is the Twentieth Sunday of the Year.

As last two Sundays, the readings focus on the Eucharist. In the first reading, from the Book of Proverbs, we hear the Wisdom of God building her house, setting out her banquet, and inviting all people in to taste of its delights. Writing to the Ephesians, in the second reading, Saint Paul admonishes them not to drug themselves with wine. In the Gospel, from Saint John, Jesus continues His teaching on the Eucharist, telling the people: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him... whoever eats me will draw life from me.' It is by drawing near to the Lord in Holy Communion that we can live in God, and He is us, and draw strength from Him and learn His ways.

Liturgical notes

We are in the month of August, dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin. **Monday** is the feast of Saint John Eudes (1601–1680). He dedicated his life to preaching, encouraging devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Tuesday** is the feast of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), doctor of the Church and founder of the Cistercian order. **Wednesday** is the feast of Saint Pius X, pope, (1835-1914). He was a major reformer of the Church and its liturgy and a hammer of heresy. **Thursday** is the feast of the Queenship of Mary, being the octave day of the Assumption. **Friday** is the feast of Saint Rose of Lima (1586–1617), the first saint from the Americas to be canonised.

Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm. This evening Mass is an innovation, but we mean to continue with it and see how it goes. As from this week, we now have Mass every day bar Tuesday. Fr Alexander intends to make Tuesday his day off. In addition, in Advent and Lent, we plan to have Mass for these special times at the crack of dawn, that is, 7am on Tuesdays.

Confessions are on Saturday mornings at 10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest).
During Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration.

Musical Notes

As it is August our musicians at the 10.30am Mass are taking a month off, as is usual, and will be back in September. Many thanks to them for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. The music-makers at the 6pm Mass Jaqui and John, who have taken it in turns to provide music over the years with great dedication, have retired from the fray.

Last Sunday we were going to make a small presentation to Jaqui as a sign of our appreciation.

Alas, she was unable to be there, so Fr Alexander took the present over to her on Monday.

We will have a presentation for John at the Saturday evening Mass.

We have had some strong unaccompanied hymn singing the last two Sundays and on the feast of the Assumption, which is excellent. At most Masses we have been signing the litany *Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have mercy* and the Lamb of God/*Agnus Dei*. If anyone wants to lead these, and use other settings/tones, please make yourself known and feel free. The same goes for the *Sanctus*/ Holy, holy, holy, which we have not sung, yet, but perhaps should.

The New Lectionary

The New Lectionary is coming, and will be with us on the First Sunday of Advent, which falls on 1st December 2024. Have you got a plan? The options are: One, go electronic and use Universalis on your phone or tablet. Two, buy a new Sunday Missal. Three, rely on a new set of the Parish Mass Book provided by the parish. By October we will need to know how many want this third option, and if it is a sufficient number, we can place our order.

Dave Campbell RIP

Dave Campbell's funeral is on Monday 2nd Sept at Randall's Park Leatherhead at 2.45pm. There is a reception afterwards, and his daughters ask you, if going to that, to let them know. May he rest in peace. Let us remember Dave in our prayers, and his family at this sad and difficult time for them.

Jean Marshall RIP

Jean Marshall's funeral Mass will take place here at 10.30am on Tuesday 3rd September.

Jean has left very precise instructions for the Mass, including readings, hymns, and words to be read out. After the mass and Final Commendation, Jean's body will be commended for cremation at the Church door. This means that the celebrant and the family will not be going to the Crematorium. This means we can have tea/coffee/ cake etc in the Hall afterwards with Jean's niece Michelle and her husband, if anyone would like to cater that. In addition, readers, extraordinary ministers and servers are needed, so please come forward if you can be available.

Holy Communion

On the weekend of 24th/25th August, we shall re-introduce Holy Communion 'under both kinds'. While it is true that a person who receives the Body of Christ, receives Holy Communion completely, receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice makes Holy Communion a more complete sign. While it is not compulsory to receive from the chalice, all should have that opportunity. To this end, from 24th/25th August, the priest will be at the centre administering the Host: you are asked to approach in two lines. Then, after receiving the Sacred Host in the usual manner, you can receive from the chalice either at the left or the right hand side of the sanctuary, returning to your place in the usual way. The faithful should take the chalice in both hands from the minister, receive the Precious Blood, and then return the chalice to the minister.

Extraordinary Ministers' Day

On Saturday 28th September, starting at 10.30am and running until 1pm at the latest, we shall have a Refresher Day for Extraordinary Ministers. The 'day' will be divided into three parts: spiritual, with a time for prayer; a reflexion on why Holy Communion under both kinds is important, and then a question and answer session. Please take this as your invitation to attend. We will meet in the Church.

Proclaimers' Day

On Saturday 5th October, starting at 10.30am and running until 1pm at the latest, we plan to have a Refresher Day for Proclaimers. The 'day' will be practical and spiritual in nature, looking at how the proclamation of the Scriptures is an integral part of the Liturgy and how proclaiming is part of our baptismal vocation. Would any members of our congregation like to consider this ministry? If so, please get in touch. The only qualification is to be baptised and to have made your First Holy Communion, and to be able to read.

Our Church is open during the hours of daylight, every day, apart from Tuesday, so people can come in and pray. If the red 'sausage' is in the doorway, this means the door is unlocked.

Many thanks to all those who heeded the call to be Weeders. Thanks to your wonderful efforts, the area around both Church and Hall looks so much better! And many thanks to those who have been helping with the various gardening tasks.

Baptism If you would like to have your child baptised at St Clement's Church, please pick up an Application form from the Narthex entitled 'Sacrament of Baptism'. Please complete & return the form to the parish secretary. The next Baptismal preparation course runs on Tuesday 30th September & 7th October, at 8pm in the Tivey room. Please note change of date of next course. Please have your Applications forms in by then. **Baptismal Certificates** to the end of June 2024 can be collected from Fr Alexander.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2025

Children wishing to make their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion next year please get in touch with the office via ewell@abdiocese.org.uk. Children must be at least 7/8 years old, baptized Catholics & attend Mass regularly. Closing date: **Saturday, 24th August.**

Dates For Your Diary

24/25 Aug	Reintroduction of Communion under both kinds
1 st Sept	Appeal for funds by Rod Artiss
12 th Sept	School Mass 2:15pm
15 th Sept	Thankyou BBQ for Fr Graham
19 th Sept	Core Group meeting.7.30pm
28 Sept	10.30am-1pm: refresher day for Extraordinary Ministers
5 th Oct	10.30am- 1pm: refresher day for Proclaimers
19 th Oct	Meeting of the Finance Committee
19 th Oct	Parish Quiz
24 th Nov	Winter Fair, bring desserts to share
28 th Nov	School Mass 2.15pm:
1 st Dec	Advent begins.
17 th Dec	St Clement's School Advent Service 7pm

Coffee After Mass 25th August

Wyn Waters, Agnieszka Kukielka & Lesley Squibb will be doing the coffee after 10.30 am Mass

We have been straightening the benches in Church.

This is still a work in progress, & will continue next Wednesday. The idea is to make the benches more aligned & get rid of some of the extraneous pieces of furniture that have crept in over the years. Watch this space.

Mass Intentions for August 2024

Sat 17	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 18	8:30am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 18	10:30am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 19	10am	St John Eudes
Wed 21	10am	St Pius X
Thur 22	7pm	The Queenship of the BVM
Fri 23	10am	St Rose of Lima
Sat 24	6pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 25	8:30am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Jean Marshall RIP
People of the Parish
Sr Clare Joseph FC RIP
Ints of Ilya and Harry
John Michael Gyles RIP
Available
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Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for:
Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson,
Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing,
Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez,
Shona Dane, Sheila Hall,
Elpedio Travares,
Nicholas Ward
Marcia Brancroft and
Sally Mason