

SUNDAY *Plus*

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year A

Don't be discouraged

I have always noticed that when I compared myself to the saints, there is between them and me, the same difference that exists between a mountain whose summit is lost in the clouds and the obscure grain of sand trampled underfoot by the passers-by. Instead of becoming discouraged, I said to myself: God cannot inspire unrealisable desires. I can, then, in spite of my littleness, aspire to holiness... and so I must bear with myself, such as I am, with all my imperfections. But I want to seek out a means of going to heaven by a little way, a way that is very straight, very short, and totally new.

We are living now in an age of inventions, and we no longer have to take the trouble of climbing

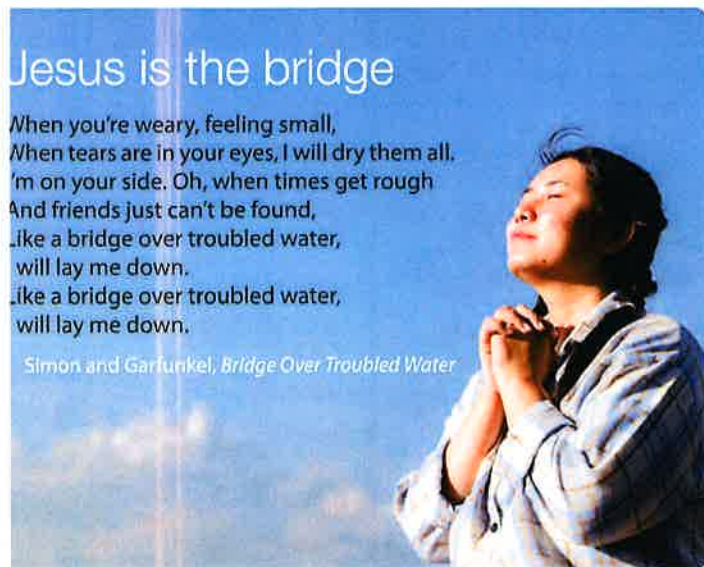
stairs, for, in the homes of the rich, an elevator has replaced these very successfully. I wanted to find an elevator which would raise me to Jesus for I am too small to climb the rough stairway of perfection. I searched, then, in the scriptures for some sign of this elevator, the object of my desires, and I read these words coming from the mouth of Eternal Wisdom: "Whoever is a little one, let him come to me". And so, I succeeded. I felt I had found what I was looking for... The elevator which must raise me to heaven is your arms, oh Jesus! and for this... I had to remain little and become this more and more.

St Thérèse of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*



St Augustine says to us that if we want the world to be a better place, we have to begin with ourselves, we have to begin with our own lives, our own hearts.

Pope Leo XIV



Jesus is the bridge

When you're weary, feeling small,
When tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all.
I'm on your side. Oh, when times get rough
And friends just can't be found,
Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will lay me down.
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Simon and Garfunkel, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*

Gentle Saviour, when I feel weary and burdened,
teach me your humility and grace. May I rest in
your love, finding peace in your closeness.  Amen.

Feast of the week Monday 6 July

St Maria Goretti (1890-1902)

St Maria Goretti was a young Italian martyr celebrated for her purity, forgiveness, and deep faith. Born in 1890 to a poor farming family living in Corinaldo, Italy, she was prayerful and hardworking, helping to care for her siblings after her father's death when Maria was nine. A teenage neighbour, Alessandro Serenelli, attacked and tried to rape eleven-year-old Maria. She resisted, crying out that it was a sin, and was stabbed multiple times. As she lay dying in the hospital, Maria forgave her attacker, expressing her hope that he would repent and one day join her in heaven. Alessandro later experienced a profound conversion while in prison, eventually testifying to her holiness. Pope Pius XII canonised Maria in 1950, thereby making her one of the youngest saints in the Catholic Church. She is the patron saint of purity, youth and forgiveness, and her powerful example continues to inspire people of all ages today.

READINGS

Today:
Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Monday:
Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday:
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday:
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday:
Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday:
Hosea 14:2-10
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday:
Isaiah 6:1-9
Matthew 10:24-33

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23



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Useful information can be found by visiting the Diocesan Website

at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk and the Sutton Deanery Website at www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

'To Thy presence, let me offer my presence; to Thy pierced Heart, let me offer my heart; to Thy divine friendship, let me offer all the yearnings of my soul for that companionship of Thine, which surpasses every passing earthly love and satisfies the deepest needs and desires of my heart.' A Benedictine Monk

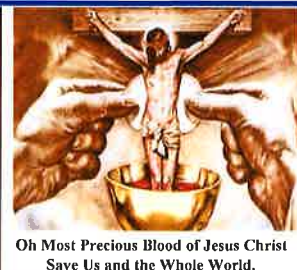
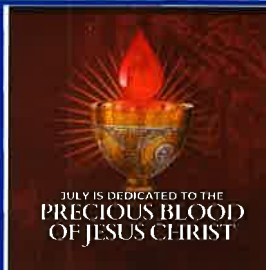
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat. 4th July 6:30pm. Mona & Deidre Egan (RIP)

Sun. 5th July 9:30am. Anne Lobo (RIP)

Guia Fernandez
(Second Anniversary RIP)

11:00am. Alf and Maria Oliva (RIP)



Mon. 6th July 10:00am. NO MASS

Tues. 7th July 10:00am. M. Brookes (Wellbeing)

Wed. 8th July 10:00am. NO MASS

12:00 pm **FUNERAL MASS**

Marc Chavrimootoo (RIP)

Thur. 9th July 10:00am. Peter Hannon (RIP)

Fri. 10th July 6:00pm. **Adoration and Benediction**

7:00pm. Luisa Gabitan (Anniversary RIP)

Saints of the Week

4th The Blessed Virgin Mary; 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal; 5th St Anthony Zaccari; 6th St Maria Goretti; 7th The Translation of St Thomas; 8th Blessed Adrian Fortescue; 9th St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions; 11th St Benedict

Upcoming Mass Intentions

15th Thomas McHugh

16th Nishanthan Gnanathas

18th Carmel Fitzgerald

Please remember the people of Venezuela, Philippines & Ukraine in your prayers.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEA SUNDAY (Stella Maris)

Sat. 11th July 6:30pm. Marc Chavrimootoo
(60th Birthday RIP)

Sun. 12th July 9:30am. Irene & Jim McKenna
(Anniversary RIP)

11:00am. Pauline James (Recently Deceased RIP)

Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:

Please pray for the wellbeing of:

D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall; E.K.U.
Amy Bradbury; Marie Goti; Michael Christou;
John Rosenow; Mary Silva; Michael Hoskins;
Phyllis Sibley and Martha Gilbert.

St Raphael Hospice Sponsored Walk A message of thanks, has come from the Hospice & Martin Brown, for your generosity and support. A contribution of £3435.00 makes a difference!

Parish Life

Parish Surgery: hours for are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, to meet with your parish priest for all enquiries formal, informal or personal.

Mass Intentions If you have a specific intentions or celebration and would like a Mass offered the green envelopes are available in church so we can pray together for each other and for spiritual benefits.

Parish Gift Aid Scheme if you give and are a tax payer please remember to gift aid your contribution, the extra 25% makes all the difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Second Offertory Next weekend is Sea Sunday. The second offertory is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) supporting seafarers worldwide with practical and pastoral care.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026 The first session is Saturday 18th July at 11am in the Canon Beausang Room.

St Cecilia's Church Summer Fayre Saturday 11th July 1pm to 4pm.

We are in urgent need of more Tombola bottles, plants, cakes and raffle prizes. Any chocolates please bring them on the day.

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to provide refreshments and cake after the Mass for the Sick, making it a special afternoon for all.
For Church Hall Hire enquiries email: stceciliachurchevents@outlook.com

A Family in Need. Friends in the parish seek your help to support a local family care for their wife and mother. Anna is mum to two beautiful young people, both still at school in our local community. About a year ago Ana was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer, she was cared for at our local hospice. Anna's struggle with the disease is over and her journey to our Father in Heaven has begun. We ask your help in raising funds to assist Anna's family in their greatest time of need. Please keep them in your prayers, loved and not forgotten. A fund raising page is set up especially at: <https://gofund.me/5486f9355>



Coming September - St C Young Adult Group

A Day With Mary 27th July in SW17/ 29th July West Croydon. Visit the website for more info.