

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The context of today's Gospel passage is that the disciples of Jesus are inspired by his prayer life. In the Gospels we see that Jesus in His earthly life was always in touch with the Father in prayer. That is why the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer. In the section which follows, Jesus told them: ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him.

People sometimes complain that they have asked God for many things but God did not respond. So how can we believe this promise of Jesus? When we were children we asked our parents for many things and our loving parents sometimes did not fulfil our wishes. The children thought that it was a very urgent need for them but their parents did not give it to them. The parents did not give certain things to their children even if they demanded them, not because that they had no concern for their children but the parents knew that what the children were asking for was not necessary and even sometimes it may be bad for them. That is why they denied it to their children, because parents know the real needs of their children better than the children do. So also God knows our needs better than us and He will respond to our needs at the right time. Our time is not God's time. Sometimes we do not know what we are asking. Jesus said to them your Heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. If we are moved by Holy Spirit, we ask God for the things that we need and God gives them to us immediately.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Graham Lingwood**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember, Elizabeth Igoe, Kevin Mooney, William O'Reilly, Mildred Graney, Margaret Clewlow, Dorothy Pritchard, John Pritchard, Michael Shanahan, Margaret O'Reilly, Mary Hopkins, Eileen Ball, Bridget Kelly, Jose Clements, Louise Timmins, Shirley Hart, Kevin Kavanagh, Clarine Webb, Theodore Joe Naughton, Catherine Kelly, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SINCERE THANKS

The flowers in Church this weekend are donated by Angela Richards and Family in memory of her husband Peter Richards.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation towards the flowers in remembrance of a loved one, please put the donation in an envelope with details, and hand it in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

THE SOWER

The diocesan magazine "the Sower" is available free from the porch. Find out what has been happening recently and share in the good news.

This Week	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 23rd July -		
Sunday 31st July		
(Psalter Week 1)		
Saturday 23rd July	12:30pm Marie Johnson	12:00pm Confession
Feast of St Bridget,	R.I.P	
Religious, Patron of Europe	Ints of Bernadette O'Sullivan	
Sunday 24th July	8:30 am Holy Mass for the	
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN	Parish	
ORDINARY TIME	10:30 am Mary George	
RETIRING COLLECTION FOR	R.I.P	
PARISH LEVIES	Ints of David Gjoni Family	
Monday 25th July	11:00am Divine Mercy	
Feast of St James, Apostle	11:30am Ints of Joe and	
	Gusia McNally	
Tuesday 26th July	Private Mass	
Memorial of Ss Joachim and	Ints of Mandie Byrne	
Anne, Parents of the Blessed		
Virgin Mary		
Wednesday 27th July	11:00am Rosary	
Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am George Hampson	
Thursday 28th July	11:30am Bridget McCarrick	
Feria in Ordinary Time	R.I.P	
Friday 29th July	11:00am Exposition of the	
Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary	Blessed Sacrament	
and Lazarus	11:30am Patricia Flanagan	
Saturday 30th July	12:30pm Jack Lacey R.I.P	12:00pm Confession
Feria in Ordinary Time		
Sunday 31st July	8:30 am Finola Moore R.I.P	12:00pm Baptism
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN	10:30 am Marilyn Godwin	
ORDINARY TIME		

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Last Week's Offertory Collection: £355.34

Gift Aid Envelopes: £212.90

Standing Order for the Month of June £1763.87

Mass Attendance Last Sunday:248

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

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Next Sunday's Mass Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; either Ps 89 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21 Page 53

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

The annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, the shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday 4th September. There will be Mass at 3pm with an opportunity for Confessions from 1.45 to 2.30pm. For further information please see the notice in the Church Porch.

HOLIDAY OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The office will be open on Wednesdays and Thursday between 10:00am to 12:00pm.

