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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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**TWENTIETH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
19th August to
27th August
2023**

**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

**Today's Mass
Readings**

**Isaiah, 56:1, 6-7;
Ps 66;
Romans 11:13-15,
29-32;
Matthew 15:21-28
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we reflect on the faith and humility of the Canaanite woman. The Canaanite woman is from the region of Tyre and Sidon. This woman represents the Gentiles. The Lord leaves Jewish territory, and the Canaanite woman comes out from her Gentile territory. He left the Jews behind, and the woman was leaving behind idolatry. This Canaanite woman recognized who Jesus is. St. Epiphanius says that what the Gentiles had lost, she found through her faith.

The Canaanite woman wants Jesus to bring healing and rescue for her daughter. Her daughter has been led astray by idolatry and sin and is possessed by a demon. This woman continues to cry out after Jesus to the point that the disciples feel like something needs to be done. It is not because Jesus does not want to give her the gift that he delays but because he wants to reveal her faith. Jesus uses the term *dog* because of the Gentiles' unclean lifestyle and proneness to idolatry, while he calls the Jews *children*. The woman manifests her humility, saying, "Yes, Lord, I am a dog. I desire crumbs." Jesus uses the word *bread* to speak of his teaching and his salvific actions. The Canaanite woman tries to say, "you came to the Jews, and they didn't want you. What they turned down give to us." By healing her daughter as a reward for her faith, Jesus honours the Canaanite woman who is highly praised for humility.

In a similar way, the centurion said with humility, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." He did not receive the Lord under his roof; he received him in his heart. The more humble a person is, the more receptive and full he becomes.

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**Safeguarding
Officers****PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Lynne Mary Allan, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Christine Enid and John King, Debbie Ferris, Margaret and David Curtis, David Quigley, Christine McGivern, Teresa Goddard, , Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Sheila Shearon, Colum Conway, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember Joy Chatterton, Patrick Valley, Alice Goddard, Rita Craney, Richard Egan, Eileen Mooney, Patrick Flaherty, Barbara Zyla, Joseph Saunders, Patricia Flanagan and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

GIFT AID

If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme please collect a form from the Parish Office. Please consider making your offering by Direct Debit as this is easier for everyone.

ONAM FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

The Syro-Malankara Community in our Parish whole heartedly invite all our parishioners for the *Onam* (Cultural festival of Kerala) Celebration on August 27, 2023 just after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday in our Parish Centre. Please let Payal know in the Parish Office.

CURRENT VACANCY FOR FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

Father Hudson's Care are looking to Recruit a Schools and Parish Engagement Officer for the North of the Archdiocese. This part time role works with both Parishes and Catholic schools to share the latest news and stories from Father Hudson's Care. If you would like to learn more please contact kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visit the vacancies section of the Father Hudson's Care website.

This Week Saturday 19th August – Sunday 27th August (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 19th August Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm John Peach RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 20th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE	8:30am Glenys Bennett RIP 10:30am Paul Deakin RIP 3.00pm Syro-Malankara Mass	NO COFFEE MORNING IN AUGUST
Monday 21st August Memorial of St Pius X, Pope	11:30am Ints of Fr. Jibu	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 22nd August Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:15am Ints of Jaden Almeida	
Wednesday 23rd August Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr	11:30am Antonio Jose Rebello RIP	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 24th August Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle	9:15am Holy Mass in Church Ints of Gusia McNally	
Friday 25th August Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Carmel Gilligan RIP	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 26th August Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest, Religious.	12:30pm Patricia Flanagan RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 27th August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH	8:30am Pauline Callaghan RIP 10:30am Mr. M.T Jose and James Theckilackattil	NO COFFEE MORNING IN AUGUST

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£331.80**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£130.00**

**Parish Levies:
£216.10**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 259
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

PREPARATIONS FOR THE JUBILEE AND HOLY YEAR 2025

The Holy Father pronounced 2025 as a Jubilee Year called Pilgrims of Hope, with 2023 a preparatory year concentrating on the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council and 2024 being a preparatory year concentrating on prayer.

SEASON OF CREATION, 1 SEPTEMBER-4 OCTOBER 2023

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme chosen for the Season of Creation 2023. This ecumenical celebration takes place each year between 1st September - The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4th October- the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

BIBLE ALIVE SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

We are hoping to start a Bible Alive group here at Holy Name, starting in September. The Bible Alive magazines have a daily reflection on the Mass readings for every day, which can be used on an individual basis or as a group. If you are interested please put your name on the sheet in the Church Porch. If you're not sure, you can always come along and see if this is for you.

SINCERE THANKS

We would like to thank Gusia McNally for the flowers donated this weekend in memory of her parents, Alfons and Leokadia Obremski.



CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers to the Church in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. If you are interested in helping to arrange the flowers please contact the Parish Office.



FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued and generous support. May we ask that only long-life food items are donated to ensure there is no waste from your kindness, because the food bank only operates on Fridays.



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Isaiah 22:19-23;
Ps 137;
Romans 11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20**

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