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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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**TWENTY –FIRST
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
26th August to
3rd September
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 22:19-23;
Ps 137;
Romans 11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus chose Peter to be the head of his team of apostles. Peter was an ordinary man. From the point of personality, he was prone to act before thinking, slow to understand his master's teaching, and very undependable. Yet Jesus chose him to be his chief disciple because he could see the liabilities and weaknesses of Peter. Beneath the undependability of Peter, he was able to see Peter the Rock. A block of marble is just a block of marble for an ordinary person but an artist sees a beautiful statue embedded within the block. So too Jesus, the great artist, saw within the unthinking, undependable Simon the rock-like Peter and worked on him.

We may be worried about our shortcomings and weaknesses. Let us remember that Jesus has looked beneath our shortcomings and weaknesses and seen the strength hidden behind them. He has seen our hidden self capable of fulfilling the mission entrusted to us. Our weakness may hide a great strength waiting to be revealed under the radiance of Jesus. Let us also not turn away from others seeing their shortcomings and weaknesses. Those shortcomings and weaknesses may hide real strengths and those will come out only if we are able to believe as Jesus believed in Simon.

Hiding behind each of our defects and shortcomings, there is something good and positive waiting to be born. It is for us to reflect and discover that positive element and allow it to be born and grow. Let us believe in Jesus who has put his faith in us knowing what we can become, and let us not be discouraged with our defects and deficiencies but may have the wisdom to search for and find and develop the positive element hiding behind them.

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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, Diane Liddell, 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 Joe Harrison, Ken Lawrence, Madge Allen, William Sweeney, Joseph Poyner, Mary Hughes, Matthew Hobson, Frank Laurent, Ian Hunter, Frances Clenton, Mary Glidden, Mark Kingscott, Rebecca Corrigan, Harold Gore, Mary Davis, Bernard Cheek, Joshua Spellacy, Angela McHugh 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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

The Parish is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to distribute the Holy Communion for Saturdays 12:30pm Holy Mass and Sundays 8:30am Holy Mass. If anyone likes to help the Parish in this regards, please contact the Parish Office.

This Week Saturday 26th August – Sunday 3rd September (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
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 M. T. Jose and James Theckilackattil 12.00 pm Baptism 3.00pm Syro-Malankara Mass	NO COFFEE MORNING IN AUGUST
Monday 28th August Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	11:30am Ints of Fr. Kelly	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 29th August Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr	9:15am Mathew Ulahannan, Annamma Mathew, Rosamma Thomas RIP	
Wednesday 30th August Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Carmel Biddle RIP	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 31st August Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Holy Mass in Church, Ints of Eileen Tams	
Friday 1st September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints of Joan Lingwood	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 2nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints of Fr. Gerald Kelly	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 3rd September TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Michael Umeh 10:30am Angela McHugh RIP	NO COFFEE MORNING IN AUGUST

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£391.37**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£146.80**

**Parish
Maintenance :
£145.22**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 234
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Jeremiah
20:7-9; Ps 62;
Romans 12:1-2;
Matthew 16:21-27
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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 Helen and Ralph Lloyd for the Flowers donated this weekend in memory of Wilma and Charles Lloyd.



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.