

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	23 rd	
Tuesday Bartholomew	24 th	1130 Interment of Ashes - William Firth 1800 Rehearsal - Marriage Service 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	25 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	26 th	
Friday	27 th	
Saturday	28 th	1330 Marriage Service - Georgia Hazell and Nicolo Miceli
Sunday	29th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

News

Tuesday and Thursday Night online Compline services are taking a break for the summer; they will resume on Tuesday 7th September.

Thursday Lunches:

Thursday Lunches is set to re-open on 2nd Sep **BUT WE APPEAL FOR A FEW MORE HELPERS to join our soup making or serving teams** (so we can maintain a once in 6 weeks rota). Please contact Craig Lowes who would be delighted to hear from you: craiglowesstfrancis@gmail.com



Rev'd Anthony Salmon died peacefully on Wednesday, 4th Aug. Funeral Mass in church: 12 noon on Friday, 3rd September with a wake at The Focolare Centre, Parkway, WGC.

Welcome

Sunday 22nd August 2021

12th Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8am Said Eucharist

9:15am Parish Communion Coffee in the Hall - Suspended for now.

Youth & Children's Church During the summer holidays there is a YACC session in the hall for the younger children. Normal YACC groups will return on Sunday 5th September.

Music **Hymns to be sung by the congregation with masks on!**

377 504 557 538

Choir: On Holiday

Organ: Canzona Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)
Voluntary and Fugue in C G F Handel (1685-1759)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Parkway and Park House Flats.

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Each Wednesday @11am

Coffee for All welcomes everyone.

Do drop in for a cuppa and a friendly chat in the Prayer Garden.

REMINDER

Social distancing rules still in place!

Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry &

exit and keep your masks on whilst on the premises!

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Ephesians 6: 10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to

withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6: 56-69

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Next Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9; James 1: 17-27;
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23