

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	30 th	
Tuesday	31 st	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	1 st	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	2 nd	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	3 rd	Funeral Mass - Anthony Salmon
Saturday	4 th	
Sunday	5 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

REMINDER

Social distancing rules still in place!
Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on whilst on the premises!

Sun, 5th Sep: WGC Rotary Club Charity Open Gardens from six very different gardens! Entry: £2.50 per garden or £6 to all six gardens!
Accompanied children: free. Cash only. Parking available on AL8 7JP. Refreshments, raffle and stalls offered at 6 Sherrardspark Road. Funds raised in aid of Herts Young Homelessness & Rotary charities. See poster for more details.

News

Anthony Salmon: Funeral Mass in church at 12 noon on Friday, 3rd September with a wake at The Focolare Centre, Parkway, WGC.

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



Each Wednesday @11am

Coffee for All welcomes everyone.

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

Welcome

Sunday 29th August 2021

13th 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!

386 391 411 505

Choir: On Holiday

Organ: Voluntary in C minor Maurice Greene (1696-1755)
Allegro Thomas Arne (1710-1778)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Stanborough Road and Stanborough Close.

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Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said:

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has

the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?'

Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, *This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.*

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Next Readings: Isaiah 35: 4-7a; James 2: 1-17; Mark 7: 24-37