



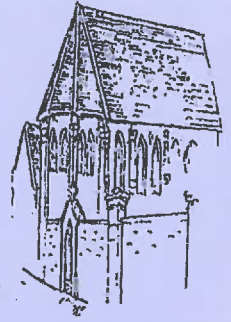
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14th & 15th Sundays of the Year (A) 9 - 22 July 2017

Services for the weeks beginning 9 & 16 July

*Morning Prayer of the Church is prayed
Monday - Friday at 9.00am in the Lady Chapel.*

From Fr. Sean,

Last week marked the ninety-fifth anniversary of the first regular (horse-drawn) bus service in London. Growing up, when trains were too expensive, and owning a car off the radar altogether, routes and timetables became essential for school and assisting with the shopping, the basics of life. Yet, a little later, the prime minister of the day was able to defend cutting public subsidies to buses by suggesting that if you were still using buses you really hadn't made it. This breath-taking arrogance fed in to the contemporary aspiration of car ownership as the mark of your position in society, leaving the poor, the young, and the elderly trailing in the bus lane. With some perspective we perhaps today realize that over-busy roads, pollution, and spiralling costs mean car ownership isn't all it's cracked up to be, and we have a much improved from my childhood bus service. I know it's not always great but compared to the vast majority of the country we do quite well when you consider six or seven buses an hour pass my door on what is a minor road for twenty hours a day. What is not so great is the experience you sometimes get when on the bus itself. Overcrowding is inevitable but anti-social behaviour can be cured. For those of us who use the bus on a regular basis we have the opportunity, as with all public spaces, to ensure we look after them, and behave in a considerate manner to our fellow travellers whilst we are using them. Just as considerate driving helps to change the culture of our roads, so by what we do we can help to change the culture on our buses. And whilst we're there, if we stop treating church like the bus - spreading as far away from others as we can and studiously ignoring each other - we can all continue to change the culture of our community. And that will make Church better for everyone.

Sat 8	6.00pm	Maureen Hulse RIP
Sun 9	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Angela Murphy RIP
Mon 10	9.15am	Genevieve Atta-Ortsin (Intentions)
Tues 11	9.15am	Christine Anakwa (Intentions)
Wed 12	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 13	9.15am 9.45am	Eucharistic Service Adoration
Fri 14	9.15am 10.00am	Eucharistic Service School Assembly
Sat 15	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 16	9.00am 11.00am	Margaret Connolly RIP Mary Connolly RIP
Mon 17	9.15am 3.15pm	Mable Graves & Family (Intentions) Funeral Service: Anne Byrne RIP (City of London Crematorium)
Tue 18	9.15am	Olivia Russell & Family (Intentions)
Wed 19	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 20	9.15am 9.45am	Eucharistic Service Adoration
Fri 21	9.15am	Ravindra Kumar (Intentions)
Sat 22	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Louis Lyras RIP (A)
Sun 23	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Damian Luis RIP

11 July: Feast of St. Benedict, abbot, patron of Europe

22 July: Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Rotas for weekend 15/16 & 22/23 July

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
6.00pm			
9.00am	Please see Rota	Please see Rota	Please see Rota
11.00am			

Baptism Preparation. The second session takes place on Tuesday 11 July at 7.00pm in the Community Room. Please note this session is only for parents who attended the first session.

Congratulations. We welcome into our parish family Elizabeth Konteh and Lillian Fabowale-Makinde who were baptised in June. Congratulations to their parents.

Parish Pastoral Council. The next meeting of the PPC is on Monday 17 July at 7.00pm in the Community Room. This is our last meeting of the year when we celebrate the past year with some food and drinks. We also will have a number of different guests so please do come for 7.00pm to spend some time together before the formal meeting gets underway. As always please give as much notice to let us know if you cannot attend.

Telco Summer Party. The annual Telco Summer Party will be held on Tuesday 18 July 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Applecart Arts, Harold Road Centre, 170 Harold Road, Forest Gate, E7 0SE. We need five or six people to represent us to celebrate the achievements of the past year and launch the 2018 local election strategy. Please bring a dish to share. Please let me know if you can go.

Centenary Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Thank you to everyone who has booked to join us on 22 July. We have a second coach booked now. If you wish to come you must book and make payment this weekend, £20.00 per person, £15.00 under 16s (some concessions available). Please contact Galvin Gabriel to reserve a place. Please note, at Bishop Alan's instruction there will be no Saturday vigil masses celebrated in the diocese that day.

Last opportunity today to pick up first communion certificates from the sacristy.

Thank you for your generous offerings
2 July: £1,442.06

Community Day 2017

Please keep Sunday 23 July free and join us for what promises to be a very special Community Day, celebrating all that we contribute to life here in Manor Park.

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Sea Sunday. Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The collection as you leave church is for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations please be as generous as you can. For more information about its work see material at the back of the church or visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Please pray for those who are sick:
Norah Crow, Masaldo Merry, Clare O'Toole,
Denzil Lang, John Oruche, Patrick Berton,
Alvina Telles, Jude Telles, Christine Jones,
& Christine Kristen

*Please pray for Anne Bryne, of Bakers' Court, who died recently. Her funeral service will take place at the City of London Crematorium on Monday 17 July at 3.15pm.
May she rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory, and may all who mourn her loss find consolation at this sad time.*