



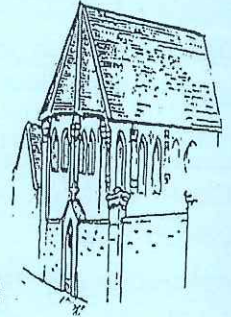
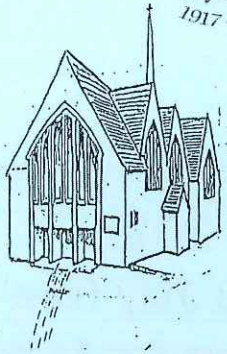
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13th Sunday of the Year (A) 2 July 2017

From Fr. Sean,

There was a certain amount of sadness around last week when it was announced that Michael Bond, the creator of Paddington Bear, had died at the grand old age of ninety-one. Of course, this was driven to some extent by nostalgia. The people running the media of my generation and slightly older and younger will have fond memories of reading the stories of the bear from deepest darkest Peru, found on the platform at Paddington Station; and we all convince ourselves that things were always better in the past, and so might wish to make this a big story. So, at the risk of blinding myself with nostalgia, I do think it worth marking this moment. I remember reading some of the stories in the 1970s and immediately identifying with Paddington. He is that wonderful mixture of mischievous innocence, found best in children, but great to discover in adults too. It is his way of navigating through and making sense of the baffling adult world, where grown-ups do some really stupid things. It is true that the world these books were written in has changed vastly over sixty years. Then, everything was much slower of pace, there was more politeness and connection between people, and kinder values were more obvious. We can't go back to those times, but we can recognize that people don't fundamentally change. So when people are sad at Michael Bond's death we can remember that he was known as a very kindly man, and it is surely an opportunity to make more people happy by reminding them of those values, maybe more deeply buried these days but nevertheless still there. That means taking more time with and for other people. A new film has just been completed. If it is as good as the first it will not just introduce a new generation to Paddington but have much to teach the grown-ups too about how the world could work.

Services for the week beginning 12 July

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

Sat 1 July	6.00pm	Dan & Kath Gallagher RIP (A)
Sun 2	9.00am 11.00am	Serafino Soares RIP People of the Parish
Mon 3	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Tues 4	9.15am	George Konnig (Intentions)
Wed 5	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 6	9.15am 9.45am	Leo Crowley RIP Adoration
Fri 7	9.15am 10.00am	Agatha Atta-Ortsin (Intentions) School Assembly
Sat 8	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Maureen Hulse RIP
Sun 9	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Angela Murphy RIP

3 July, feast: St. Thomas, apostle

Parish Diary

Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
	Baptism Preparation	7.00pm	Community Room

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

Thank you for your generous offerings
25 June: £1,319.00

Rotas for weekend 8/9 July

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
6.00pm	Dianne Thomas, Helen Pree	Comfort Obi, Deirdre Finan, Lesley Thomas	
9.00am	Teresa De Souza, Tunde Awolesi	Patricia D' Monte, Peter Da Costa, Maria Emilion, Mary Jane Ememe, Hazel Ringrow	
11.00am	Sr. Dorothy, Lucy Achola	Galvin Gabriel, Sr. Ugochi, Bridget Okereke, Charlotte Doe, Caroline Alfred	See Rota

Confirmation. Today we welcome back all our young people recently confirmed together with their sponsors and families as they celebrate their Going Forth Mass and receive their certificates at 11.00am mass. Everyone is invited to join us after in St. Winefride's School Hall for a party to celebrate this important milestone in faith.

Baptism Preparation. The next sessions for parents who have a child for baptism under the age of seven will take place on Tuesday 4 and 11 July at 7.00pm in the Community Room. At least one parent must be a baptized Catholic and you must have a certificate to show this. You are asked not to book dates for baptism until you have attended the sessions. Please note that these sessions are for parents. You are asked not to bring your children with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Mass Books. The new books are now available from the back of the church priced £2.50. I would encourage every family to have one. They contain all the readings and prayers for Sunday mass until next Advent.

St. Mary's Manor Park Summer Concert: *You Raise Me Up!* An uplifting programme of music & words from a variety of genres with St. Mary's Singers Community Choir, followed by refreshments in the rectory garden. Monday 3 July, beginning at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.45pm). *Do join us if you can - all are welcome. Brian Lewis (Rector)*

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

Jellico Interns. We offer a warm welcome to Jacqueline Rodrigues and Alex Rougeau our Jellico interns who are here with us for a month after some initial training. Much of their time will be spent in meeting as many of you as they can and contributing valuable energy and capacity to what really gets us going as Church!

Sea Sunday. Next Sunday 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

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