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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	15 th	6.00 pm	Helen Roe RIP
Sunday	16 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Caroline Casey RIP
Monday	17 th	9.30 am	Intention of Nathan Hunnisett
Tuesday	18 th	9.30 am	Family Wells/Petter RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	19 th	9.30 am	Tommy Foley RIP
Thursday	20 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday	21 st	9.30 am	Margaret & Donald MacDonald RIP
		1.30 pm	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR LIZA McKINNEY RIP
Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	Tommy O'Connor RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Walter & Katherine Drohan RIP
		10.30 am	George Fowler RIP



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11, St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

COLLECTIONS: Church: £340 Digital Collection: £94 The Apostleship of the Sea £457
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Philip Jenkins, Sarah Johnstone, Brian Dunne, Ian Follett, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Thomas Boylan. John Mayock, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Peggy Gallagher, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Bill Hogg, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Geoffrey Evans, Caroline Casey, Grace West, Penny Van Melsen, John Brett, Josephine Murphy, George Mahoney, Margaret Seary, Cecelia Albery, Albert Davitt, Margaret Bolton, David Eardley, John Whitehead, Mary McCarney,
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay.

4. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR CAFOD: Thousands of Catholics across England and Wales have taken part in CAFOD's [Fix the Food System campaign](#) this year. Together, we've been urging both the UK government and the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers around the world to save, use, exchange and sell their seeds. In CAFOD's recent report [Sowing the seeds of poverty: How the World Bank harms poor farmers](#) we show how restrictive seed laws, which make it harder for farmers to grow and use their own seeds, are imposed on them because of the World Bank. Industrial seeds are expensive. This can create financial problems for poor smallholder farmers who may not be able to afford them and who are hit hard when prices increase, such as the recent spike in prices following the war in Ukraine. This can leave some farmers even more food insecure as they no longer have access to their own freely available seeds. These chemical inputs can have detrimental impacts on soil health, air quality and water. We don't agree that this is a price worth paying for short-term productivity gains as the long-term environmental impacts will be devastating, and it will be smallholder farmers who will be hit first and hardest. Please sign the poster in the porch demanding that the World Bank end all policies that restrict farmer's freedom to choose which seeds they use to grow food.

5. 'MY LIFE IN COLOUR' is a solo exhibition of Patchwork and Quilting by Madelaine who is one of our parishioners. It will be held from 25th – 30th July, from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm at Colonnade House, 47, Warwick Street, Worthing BN11 3DH

6. BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE CARDS are now available in the shop. All proceeds will go to the Parish Mission in Kalingalinga, Lusaka

7. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

8. TURNING TIDES WISH LIST is appealing for the many items that they need. Coffee, Long-life Milk, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Small bottled/carton drinks/water, Cereal Bars, Biscuits, Snack Pots, Tinned meat/fish. Also Toilet Rolls, Washing-up Liquid, Washing Powder, Dish-washer Tablets, Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner. Pot noodles Tinned ham, Corned beef, Soft fruit Custard, Long life carton of juice, Snacks and crisps, Toilet rolls, Anti-bac spray and cleaning sprays, Cleaning surface wipes, Dish cloths, Black sacks, Bleach. Shower resistant jackets, Men's Gloves, Thermal tops and leggings, Small/med/large hoodies and joggers, Bath towels Men's boxers and Women's briefs, Women's and Men's t-shirts, Single bedding - duvets covers. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: Pope Francis, who is approaching his 87th birthday, is pushing forward on a number of fronts, notably on the Synod process. After his recent hernia operation his surgeon said that the Pope is stronger and able to carry out his ministry 'better than before'. Within days of his release from hospital in June the Synod Office in Rome released the working document for the crucial next step, which will include the assembly in Rome in October. This offers 'an initial understanding of the Synodal dimension of the Church'. It asks what further discernment must occur. It starts by setting out the characteristics of a Synodal Church – listening; locally focused; humble; discerning, aware of its incompleteness; welcoming; comfortable with tensions.

If these should be the characteristics of the wider Church, they should be the characteristics of the Church at Diocesan level and at the level of the local Parish. How good are we at listening to one another about the way ahead? Do we consider what we should be doing better here and how is our parish to remedy our deficiencies? How could we be more welcoming? And be more open to the Holy Spirit. To what extent have we taken these characteristics on board? These are the questions that the Pope wishes the Church at large to grapple with as it prepares for its deliberations in October.

The document goes on to present the priorities that have emerged from the Synodal process so far – from the discussions at Parish level throughout the world and at all other levels over the past three years or so. These priorities are set out as a series of questions. None of the contested topics are avoided. The assembly will address how women can better participate in the 'governance, decision-making, mission and ministries at all levels of the Church'. It will consider how 'women's inclusion in the Diaconate' could be envisaged and it will consider the ordination of married men. An overhaul of the formation of priests to ensure that seminary training is truly Synodal has been repeatedly mentioned in the world-wide discussions, as has finding a more participatory process in the selection of bishops. Issues posed by those who do not feel accepted by the Church, such as LGBTQ+ Catholics will also be on the table. Running through the text is the need to find structures that will embed a Synodal vision of the Church. Participants in the assembly are being asked to consider how existing institutions can be strengthened and what 'new structures' and changes to Canon Law are necessary to make decision-making more accountable and transparent.

The aim of the October Synod this year is not to produce conclusive guidelines but to outline new paths to follow ahead of the October 2024 Assembly. This will be the climax of this extraordinary experiment in consultation and conversation. Whatever emerges from these assemblies, the Synodal journey will continue. Synod means 'journeying together' and that must go on as we have not 'here a lasting city but seek one that is to come'. Throughout the ten years of Pope Francis' pontificate the synods of bishops have become important ways of seeking to renew the Church. Pope Francis always encourages bishops to speak their minds openly and freely in these gatherings and asks them to listen to the people of God. The discussions have been freer than in previous papacies and the synods have been places of very open disagreements.

The latest Synod working document is designed – not to stop or discourage disagreement – but to ensure that disagreements do not lead to polarisation and stalemate. At the 2019 Amazon Synod, a majority of bishops, primarily from the region, voted for the ordination of married men. A minority resisted. Pope Francis did not proceed with the proposal, commenting that the discussions had adopted a 'parliamentary style' rather than a discernment. The forthcoming Synod meeting will aim to create a 'conversation in the Spirit'. It is not going to eliminate disagreement, but because the assembly will not make final decisions by voting for or against proposals it will be less likely to lead to paralysis.

The October meeting is due to take place on October 4th – 29th and will be the most ambitious Catholic renewal project in 60 years – since Vatican II. Bishops, Priests, Religious and Lay People will take part. For the first time women will take part as voting members. The document reveals that all Synod reflections have called for 'women's inclusion in the diaconate' to be considered. 'Is it possible to envisage this and in what way?' the document asks. The presence of women deacons in the early Church is not disputed but some maintain that they were not ordained and only carried out tasks related to women. A commission examining this question has convened twice during the pontificate of Pope Francis.