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### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time (C)**

**9.30am**

**Missa Pro Populo**

**11.30am**

**Adriano Orindi RIP**

**5.00pm**

**Fr. John Moth RIP**

**No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

**10.00am**

**Charles Piddock RIP**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**SS. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward**

**10.00am**

**Michael Murphy (welfare)**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

**12.00 noon**

**Princess Anne of Löwenstein-Wertheim**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

**10.00am**

**Ivan Flanagan RIP**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

**10.00am**

**In reparation for the sin of abortion**

**11.15am**

**Requiem Mass for Rosina Byers RIP**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**St. Gregory the Great**

**10.00am**

**Fr. Gerard Bradley**

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time (C)**

**9.30am**

**Fr. Geoffrey**

**11.30am**

**Missa Pro Populo**

**5.00pm**

**Jannett Hammerton Fraser and her deceased relatives**

### **ST. TITUS BRANDSMA, MARTYR FOR A FREE PRESS – A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES**



Catholic journalist Amanda C Dickie will speak about this exceptional new saint, who was canonised by Pope Francis recently and is so relevant to our own time. The talk will take place in Alexander House on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm.

The Dutch Carmelite's opposition to Nazi propaganda cost him his life in Dachau concentration camp. A journalist and broadcaster, pioneer ecumenist, university professor and Carmelite mystic his outreach to people of faith and none is inspirational - even in the Nazi prison camps.

*"To win the world for Christ, one must have the courage to come in conflict with it!"*

His words resonate clearly for us today.

**CONFIRMATION 2023** – If you are aged twelve or above and wish to be Confirmed next summer then you need to join the Faith Formation Group which will be meeting next on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September after the 9.30am Mass in the Hall. The meetings will be held roughly once a month and the Confirmation Mass will be celebrated sometime in May or June next year.

**1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2023** – If your child will be in Year Three or above in the Autumn term, they are eligible to join the First Holy Communion course which starts in late September/October. The course runs on Saturday mornings during term time and the First Holy Communion Mass will be on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023. Application forms are available in the Sacristy and may also be downloaded from our Parish website. There will be an introductory meeting for parents in September - please keep an eye on the newsletter for the time and date. Application forms must be returned by the 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please note if the course is oversubscribed, priority will be given to parishioners. If you have any queries, please speak to the catechists - Ginette Howell and Kate Freeman.

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK LONDON** – This coming Saturday, 3 September. Morning events at The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW, 10.30am – 1.30pm. The March: 2pm from The Emmanuel Centre and ends at Parliament Square at 4.30pm. For over 50 years women in the UK have been sold the lie that their problem pregnancy can be fixed though abortion, resulting in 10 million babies being aborted. Human life is not disposable. Once a new human life has started, our response should be to love and care for it, particularly at its most vulnerable stages. Join us in saying: '10 million too many! Our Archbishop John has recorded a message in support of the march, you can view it here <https://www.facebook.com/MarchForLifeUK/videos/2105997436253249>

**UK TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE** – During September and October, the relics of St. Bernadette will be touring this country. They will be at our cathedral of St. George's from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September and they will be at Aylesford from the 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October. For more information go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/>

In addition, the relics will be at St Mary's University, Twickenham on the 6<sup>th</sup> September. For this event you need to book a place, to do so go to <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/09/a-day-in-lourdes-uk-tour-of-the-relics-of-st-bernadette>

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE** - Do you have an average-to-good marriage and are you looking to improve it further? Then this half-day online course can help. The date is September 3; the time, 9am-1pm. (There is no group sharing.) More details from Carole on 07983 524727 or email: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

Congratulations to Estelle who was baptised here at  
St. Raphael's recently.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosina Byers who died recently.  
Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday at 11.15am  
May She rest in peace.

Our full newsletter will resume next Sunday.

Thursday Benediction will resume on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Sunday Benediction, Children's Liturgy and Sunday teas and coffee will resume on the 11<sup>th</sup> September.  
There will still be tea and coffee on a Wednesday after Mass.