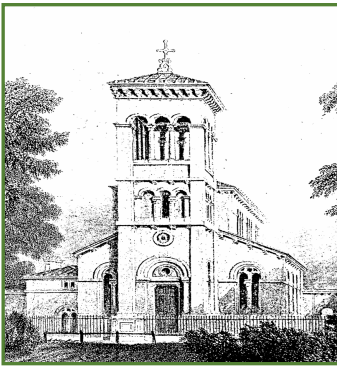




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Sunday 23rd June - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (B)

9.30am

Mary Davis RIP

11.30am

Fr. Geoffrey Silver Jubilee Mass

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

No Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today.

Monday 24th June

The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Tuesday 25th June

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Wednesday 26th June

Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon

Veronica Barnes RIP

Thursday 27th June

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

The Holy Souls (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today.

Friday 28th June

St. Irenaeus

10.00am

The Holy Souls

(A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat.)

Saturday 29th June

Our Lady

10.00am

Gertrude Maria Ezechiel RIP

Sunday 30th June - SS. Peter & Paul - (B)

9.30am

The Holy Souls

11.30am

The Holy Souls

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

No Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT - Our Sunday Rosary and Benediction and Thursday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in September.

CONFESSIONS - Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am and 4.30pm - 4.50pm.
Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

THE ROSARY - The rosary is recited in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass.

TEA AND COFFEE - There is no tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass today as the hall is being prepared for Fr. Geoffrey's celebration. There is tea and coffee after the 12noon Mass on Wednesday.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our parish play group meets on Wednesdays from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Sundays during the 9.30am Mass.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP - will meet after the 9.30am Mass on the 7th July in the Hall.



Congratulations to Fr. Geoffrey who will be celebrating the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood at the 11.30am Mass today. Ad multos annos!



On Monday we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of St. John The Baptist who Our Lord described as “more than a prophet” and as the greatest man who ever lived. An angel appeared to Zachary and announced that he was to have a son named John, who would prepare Israel for the Messiah. Zachary doubted that Elizabeth, his aged wife, could bear a child and asked

for a sign and the angel obliged. Zachary was struck dumb until John’s birth. When the baby was born, Zachary held him in his arms and proclaimed: *‘Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has set them free; and he has established for us a saving power in the House of his servant David, just as he proclaimed, by the mouth of the holy prophets from ancient times, that he would save us from our enemies and from the hands of all those who hate us, and show faithful love to our ancestors, and so keep in mind his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant us, free from fear, to be delivered from the hands of our enemies, to serve him in holiness and uprightness in his presence, all our days. And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the faithful love of our God in which the rising Sun has come from on high to visit us to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow dark as death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.’*

(Luke 1:68–79)

St. John began his ministry thirty years later. He called people to repent and Baptized them in water as a sign of purification. Jesus himself approached John for Baptism “Behold the lamb of God,” John declared to the crowds, “who takes away the sin of the world.” He resisted Baptizing Jesus but acquiesced when Jesus explained that he wanted to set an example of righteous behaviour.

Herod arrested John because he feared the Baptist might foment a rebellion. John had also embittered Herod by condemning his marriage to Herodias, his half-brother’s wife. While in prison, John was bothered with doubt about Jesus. He had expected the Messiah to come more forcefully with a “winnowing fan in his hand to clear the threshing floor.” Thus, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was really the Messiah. Jesus responded that he fulfilled all the messianic signs, healing the blind, the deaf, the lame, and lepers, raising the dead, and preaching good news to the poor. Herod’s daughter famously danced for Herod and he was so impressed that he offered to reward her with anything she desired. Her mother told her to ask for John the Baptist’s head on a platter. Herod kept his promise and gave the order and a soldier beheaded John at the prison.

NEXT SUNDAY

The feast of SS. Peter and Paul which is celebrated on the 29th June has been transferred to Next Sunday 30th June. Therefore, next Saturday is not a Holy Day of obligation.

Next Sunday there will be the annual world-wide collection for **Peter’s Pence**. This ancient collection is used by the Pope to support his various charitable projects around the world.

END OF AN ERA: JOIN US FOR URSULINE PREP, WIMBLEDON, FAREWELL EVENTS

The Ursuline Prep warmly invites past pupils, staff, and parents to participate in special events commemorating the school’s legacy as we prepare to close our doors on 11th July 2024.

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass on 25th June at 2pm and a Prep Visit on 25th June at 3pm. To help us cater appropriately, please complete the registration form at <https://ursulineprep.wufoo.com/forms/thanks-giving-celebrations/>.

SUMMERTIME 2024: 29TH JULY – 1ST AUGUST: ALTAR SERVERS TRIP TO WESTMINSTER PASTORAL CENTRE

For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one’s catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. The cost is £189. For more details see Fr. Michael

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found at <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/> Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

SVP AND CAFOD WORKING TOGETHER IN THE RUN UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Join us at the Catholic Mothers group on Friday mornings from the 19th July from 9.30am -11.00 am. We will meet for fellowship, faith discussion and formation. We will be studying spiritual texts, welcoming visiting speakers and praying together. We embrace the chaos of having children present and they are very welcome. Breakfast will be provided. For more information, contact Emily Hudson & Hannah Collins at catholicmotherssurbiton@gmail.com