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24th Sunday of the Year – September 16th/17th 2023

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm 144:

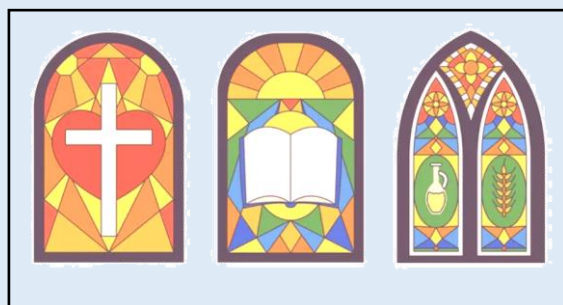
The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Life to me is Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?



Intentions for the Masses Celebrated this Weekend

Saturday	6:00 p.m.:	Ian Robertson (86 th Birthday)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.:	Tony Marbaix RIP (Suzanne and Tony Jenkins)
	11:30 a.m.:	Josephine & Robert Webb RIP (Maggie Draycott, Carmen Cunningham & Family)

Saints of the Week

Monday	18 th September:	St. Joseph of Cupertino, Mystic
Tuesday	19 th September:	St. Theodore of Tarsus, Bishop, Archbishop of Canterbury
Wednesday	20 th September:	Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon (Priest) Paul Chong and Companions, Martyrs of Korea
Thursday	21 st September:	St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
Friday	22 nd September:	St. Ignatius of Santhia
Saturday	23 rd September:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, "Padre Pio"

EVENTS

Requiem Mass for Barbara Onslow

Next week Wednesday, 20th September, we will be celebrating the Requiem Mass of our dear friend, Mrs. Barbara Onslow. The Mass will commence at **12:00 noon** and the Family extends an invitation to all who would like to join in paying their respects.

Requiem Mass and Reception for Mary Dingwall

Next week Thursday, 21st September a Requiem Mass will be held in loving memory of Mrs. Mary Dingwall. The service will begin at **10:30 a.m.** Following the Mass there will be a reception in the Church Hall and the Family warmly welcomes all friends to come and join them.

ALPHA COURSE 2023

Next week **Monday, September 18th**, the Alpha course begins via Zoom! Contact Angela and Rob Hayes at alphasunningdale@gmail.com for any questions or concerns you may have. Wishing all who take part a transformative and blessed journey, let curiosity be your compass, and faith your guide!



Confirmation and First Holy Communion Candidates



For Confirmation candidates, classes will be conducted every Saturday during term time, starting **November 4th** from **12 noon to 1:00 p.m.** We understand that scheduling may require some flexibility, and we will make necessary adjustments to accommodate the availability of candidates. We follow the “Alpha Youth Course” in our Confirmation programme. This course has proven to be highly enriching for our candidates, providing them with a deeper understanding of their faith. The celebration of the Sacrament, will take place at the end of April/beginning of May 2024.

The First Holy Communion classes will be held on the first Sunday of every month, starting **November 5th** at **10:00 a.m.** and concluding at **11:00 a.m.** Following each session, families will play a pivotal role in assisting their child in completing the relevant chapter of their workbooks throughout the rest of the month. The First Holy Communion celebration will take place on 2nd June, 2024, Feast of Corpus Christi.



We encourage and warmly welcome families to actively participate in both the First Holy Communion and Confirmation sessions. Your presence and support are invaluable in nurturing the spiritual journey of your children. Please contact our dedicated coordinator, Pauline McKenna, either in person or at paulinem6@gmail.com to register and receive further information. She will be more than happy to assist you with any inquiries you may have. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to the faith formation of our young members. We look forward to embarking on this sacred journey together.

Harvest Festival 2023: Nourishing Hearts, Sharing Blessings



It's time to come together and give thanks for the bountiful Harvest season. This year, we will be observing Harvest Sunday on **29th October**. In keeping with tradition, we invite you to contribute to our annual food drive. Starting this **Sunday, 17th September**, we will be collecting non-perishable food items. These items will be placed under the altar, just as we've done in previous years. Sunday, October 29th, will mark the culmination of our food drive, and your contributions will be taken to a local food bank. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need within our community.

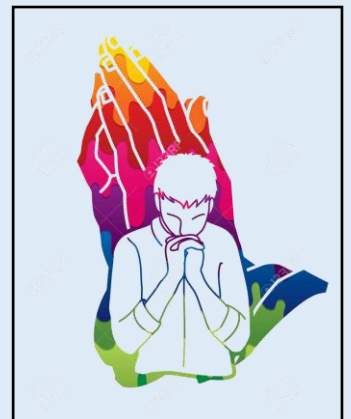
YOUTH CORNER

Life is complicated. As we go through life, we run into problems, questions come to surface, doubts and difficulties confuse us. Unfortunately, we don't always go to the right place for answers. We have a tendency - left over from original sin - to try and fix everything ourselves. We use our own judgment or listen to advice from celebrities, or websites. But the thing is, human advice can and sadly does fall short when it comes to life's big questions.

Jesus is the one we should turn to when we're stuck or confused. Just like in this Sunday's Gospel, where Peter had a big question, we can do the same. We can imagine the disciples discussing, maybe even arguing about how many times a good shepherd should go after the same sheep if it keeps wandering away.

Rabbinic teaching in those days placed the limit of forgiveness at three times; a fourth offence was not to be forgiven. Maybe Peter was proposing to increase the limit to seven times, in light of Christ's teachings, and some of the others were sticking to the traditional view.

To resolve the argument, Peter goes to the Lord. That was the right thing to do because Jesus is the final word God has spoken to us. So, here's the takeaway: when life gets complicated, don't try to figure it all out on your own. Talk to Jesus through prayer, look at what the Church teaches on moral and intellectual questions, and be open to following Jesus' guidance. Just like Peter, we can find the answers we need by turning to Jesus when things get tough.



A Heartfelt Thank You for a Memorable Garden Party!

Our deepest thanks to each and every one of you who participated in last Sunday's event. Your contributions, whether big or small, were instrumental in making the day so special. While it's impossible to individually acknowledge everyone who contributed, special recognition is due to The Pastoral Team, Sheila Kettle and the Johnson Family for going above and beyond in their efforts! Although all the money's yet to come in, we have raised around £5,000 for the school 😊



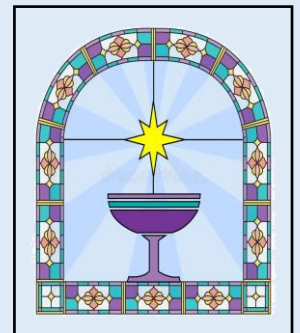
We also acknowledge the invaluable support of the **Ascot & Sunningdale Catenian Circle** Members, who joined forces with us for the event. They have expressed their thanks to the Sacred Heart Parish, for allowing them to take part in and assist with the celebration to raise funds for the Fr. Gebre Mariam Amante Memorial Eco-School (Nekempte School Project).

The President of the Ascot & Sunningdale Circle has nominated the Eco-School project their charity for the year and will be holding further events to raise funds for the school. If parishioners are interested in learning more about the Catenians and what they do, please visit their website **www.thecatenians.com** or contact Mike O'Neill 01252 514 770.

Fr. Melaku would like to extend his deepest gratitude as well to all who are turning the dream of education into reality for Ethiopia's children. Together, we are building a brighter future. ☀️

THE GIFT OF THE MASS

We invite you to take a moment to reflect on the individuals or circumstances in your life that hold a special place in your heart, and that you would like to include in your prayers or express gratitude for in a meaningful way. Offering a Mass is a profound way to not only nurture the spiritual well-being of those it is intended for, but also to provide invaluable support for the Fathers and our entire Faith Community. To request a Mass, kindly fill out an envelope available at the back of the Church, then leave it in the Sacristy, hand it to one of the Fathers, or drop it through the letterbox of the Fathers' House.



SACRED HEART WEBSITE

Stay updated on the latest updates, events, and services at Sacred Heart Sunningdale by visiting our website at <https://www.sacredheartsunningdale.com>. We value your input and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

If you know someone who would like to receive our newsletter and updates, please inform us and we'll add them to our mailing list, always with their consent. For those without computer or internet access, we're happy to send a copy of the Newsletter and the Sunday Missalette by post. Please provide your/their name and address and obtain the person's consent if appropriate. Thank you.

Weekly Appointments

- **Taizé Prayer Meetings:** We are holding a prayer service every Friday following the spirituality of *Taizé* which is characterized by silent contemplation of the Word of God and inspired by *Taizé* Chants. The Prayer will take place after the 6:00 p.m. Mass and will last approximately 30 minutes.
- The **Sacred Heart Church Newsletter** is sent via e-mail every **Saturday** morning.
- There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every **Wednesday** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with **Benediction** at 12:15 p.m.
- The **Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting** that takes place in person in the Father's house *and on Zoom*, the first Thursday of the month starting at **8:00 p.m.** Our next meeting will be **5th October**.
- **Study Group:** The next Study Group Meeting will be announced soon.
- **Confessions:** Every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on call. *Just ring the bell at the main door to the House.*

Services to our Faith Community

Church Cleaning Roster:

September 16th

Valerie Pike and Eilish McLoughlin

Volunteers can contact Mrs. Jenny Dias at: jenniferdias@btconnect.com or by mobile telephone on **07973 724404**.

Readers:

September 16th

6:00 p.m.: **Jill McPhillips**

September 17th

10:00 a.m.: **Rose Mcwhinnie**

September 17th

11:30 a.m.: **Harvey Martin**

Flower Rota:

September 17th

Mary Kennedy



Collection

Grateful thanks are in order for the **£808.26p** received in the Collection over last weekend's Masses, by hand or by post during the week. We warmly thank all those who continue to contribute to the upkeep of the Church through the Sunday Collection and/or a regular **Bankers/Standing Order**.

Prayer Requests for this Week

"The Lord is near to those who call on Him,
who call trustfully upon His name" (Psalm 145:18)

For the Eternal rest of **Paul Fanning**, brother of Rita Fanning, who died 1st September, 2023 and for his family.

Your prayers are also requested

For the eternal rest of **Mary Dingwall** who died Tuesday 5th September 2023, at the age of 100.
For good health and well-being of **Ethel Joachin**, mother of Jenny Dias who is seriously ill.
For the eternal rest of **William (Bill) Aspland** who died 15th August, 2023 at the age of 80.
For the eternal rest of **Barbara Mary Onslow** who passed away on August 6th, 2023, aged 86.
For the eternal rest of **Fr. Robert (Bob) Hicks** who died 24th July, 2023 at the age of 85.
For the continued good health and recovery of **Jan Olejniczak**.
For continued recovery of **Randy Anderson** & Family son-in-law of Jan Olejniczak.
For good health and well-being of **Josie Beesley**, choir member of Sacred Heart.
For the good health and recovery of **Brendan Fitzmaurice** who is now home from hospital.
For the eternal rest of **Kathleen Healy**, mother of Vincent Healy who died on Tuesday 6th June 2023
For the continued recovery of **Ruth Fernando** the sister of Florence Fernando, from a stroke.
For the eternal rest of **Pat Tarleton**, good friend of Ann Robertson, who died 30th May.
For the eternal rest of **Javier Padilla**, the brother of Father Ruben, who died 10th May in Mexico.
For **Melisa Pearce** who is suffering from long-Covid.
For the eternal rest of **Alan Seccombe** who died Sunday 7th May at the age of 91.
For good health and wellbeing of **Anne Colquhoun** (Member of our Pastoral Team).
For **Tracy Mullan** undergoing Chemotherapy.
For the eternal rest of **Dennis Cuddihy**, the brother of Sheila Kettle, who died on 1st April 2023.
For the eternal rest of **Marlene De Lima**, wife of nephew to Alice De Lima who died on March. 27th 2023; also remember her husband Carlos and their two young children at this difficult time.
For the eternal rest of **Janine Beamont**, sister of Dr. John Williams, who died on 20th March 2023.
For the sister of Harvey Martin, **Margaret Mills** who is seriously ill.
For **Peter Gaffney**, the brother of Nicky Pardo, who is seriously ill in hospital.

***We would like to encourage you not to hesitate to ring or send a message
if the Fathers are able to assist you in any way.***