

On Tuesday last week Cardinal Nichols was joined in prayer by seven Muslim leaders for Fr. Jacques Hamel who was murdered whilst saying Mass in his church in France: 'Together as faith leaders our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and all those affected by the murderous assault that took place today at the Church of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray in France. We are deeply saddened and shocked by the brutal murder of Fr. Jacques Hamel. To commit murder at a place where people gather in peace to worship adds another layer of depravity to the violence that we have witnessed over the past weeks. We pray for the courage to respond to all evil with truth, justice, and reconciliation.' Perhaps we can think of some little thing we can do personally to respond to evil with truth, justice and reconciliation.

Sunday 31st July

9.30am Alan West (LD)
 11.00am Herbert Spedding (A)
 6.30pm Special Intention

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am In thanks for Parish Visitation
 Tues. 8.30am Tony Hardyman
 Wed. 8:30am Carol Anne Smith (A)
 Thurs. 8.30am Valerie Bretherton
 Fri. 8.30am Fr. Kevin Mulhearn (LD)
 Sat. 8.30am Anne Lee (LD)

Sunday 7th August

9.30am Parishioners, in thanks
 11.00am Herbert Spedding (A)
 6.30pm Kevin Donnelly (LD)

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Howard Line · Maureen McIver · Bill Burns · John Marshall · Lois Chiasson · Emily Blears (just 4 months old) · Tom Wilcock · Bill Burns

May West would like to thank parishioners for their sympathy and great kindness shown at the recent death of her husband Alan. She asked for a mass to be offered for all in thanks. We will celebrate it on 7th August.

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Zachary Farquhar and pray for him and his family as they begin their new faith journey.

Little Church

There will be no 'Little Church' during the School holiday period – but we still hope to see you all at Mass while you are on holiday. Lydia and her team thank you all – and your families – for all your hard work and wish you a happy summer holiday – with lots of sun and fun! We will meet again in September. And our sincere thanks to the Team for all they have done for the children this past year.

Collection

Many thanks for the collection last week of £1016, and for the special collection 'Day for Life' of £188.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Welcome home to our young pilgrims who arrived home exhausted but happy after their work in Lourdes. An experience they will never forget, they say.

Faithful Service

Last Monday Frank Dearden assisted at the funeral of Winifred Marshall, serving at the requiem mass and the burial in the cemetery. He remembers serving at his first ever funeral at St. Gregory's way back in 1944, that's 72 years ago! Faithful service to the Church and our parish indeed, and still going strong. Thank you, Frank.

200 Club

Winners have been drawn for the two months of July and August and are as follows:

July	-	3 rd prize (no.182) K. Baldwin	2 nd (no. 68) K. Baxter	1 st (no 136) E. Corcoran
August	-	3 rd prize (no.39) J. Fitzsimons	2 nd (no. 177) M. Scard	1 st (no. 25) N. Cox

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (1st August) Terence Donnelly and Bernard Kiley

Rotas (7th August, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

S.A.S. Margaret Scard

Dial a Ride Phil Southworth and Bernard Hargreaves

Readers Louise Cogan

Dominic Stone

Paul Tate

Ministers Clare Meredith

Emmy Moss

Caroline Hardman

David Chadwick

Linda Walmsley

Excerpts of the homily of Cardinal Dziwisz at the Opening Mass of
Word Youth Day 2016 in Krakow from 21 - 31 July



Dear Friends!

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Where do we come from? We come from "every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5), like those who came in great numbers to Jerusalem on Pentecost Day, but there are incomparably more of us now than two thousand years ago, because we are accompanied by centuries of preaching the Gospel, which since then has reached the furthest ends of the world. We bring our experience of various cultures, traditions and languages. What we also bring are testimonies of faith and holiness of our brothers and sisters, followers of the risen Lord, of past generations as well as the current generation.

We come from such parts of the world where people live in peace, where families are communities of love and life and where young people can pursue their dreams. But among us are also young people from countries whose people are suffering due to wars and other kinds of conflicts, where children are starving to death and where Christians are brutally persecuted. Among us are young pilgrims from parts of the world that are ruled by violence and blind terrorism, and where authorities usurp power over man and nations, following insane ideologies.

We bring to this meeting with Jesus during these days our personal experiences of living the Gospel in our difficult world. We bring our fears and disappointments, but also our hopes and yearning, our desire to live in a more human, more fraternal and solidary world. We acknowledge our weaknesses, but at the same time believe that "we can do all things through Him who strengthens us" (Phil. 4:13). We can face the challenges of the modern world, in which man chooses between faith and disbelief, good and evil, love and its rejection.

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We are all here because Christ has gathered us. He is the light of the world. Whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness (Jn. 8:12). He is the way, and the truth, and the life (Jn. 14:6). He has the words of eternal life. To whom shall we go? (Jn. 6:68). Only He - Jesus Christ - is able to satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart. It is He who has led us here. He is present among us. He is accompanying us like He accompanied His disciples headed for Emmaus. Let us entrust Him in these days our matters, fears and hopes. During these days, He will be asking us about love, like He asked Simon Peter. Let us not avoid responding to these questions.

Meeting with Jesus, we simultaneously realize that we all make up a great community - the Church - which surpasses the boundaries established by people and which divide people. We are all God's children, redeemed by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. Experiencing the universal Church is a great experience associated with World Youth Day. The image of the Church depends on us - on our faith and sanctity. It is up to us to ensure that the Gospel reaches those who have not yet heard about Christ or have not learnt enough about Him.

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