



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B – Sunday 5th September 2021

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

MASS TIMES

BOOKING NO LONGER REQUIRED!

Monday to Friday - 10am

Saturday - 6pm Vigil

Sunday

9:00am, 10:30am Live-stream &

12:00nn Outdoor (*Indoors in bad weather*)

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SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Our parish of St. Luke's is entirely dependent upon our offerings and donations, costing over £1,200 each week to run and keep open. Please remember to make your weekly offering. Cash in the collection bags; Cheques made payable to 'St. Luke's Church'; Via the card machine in the porch; Online via the website; Or by 'standing order' to the bank: **Natwest, Sort Code 54-21-38, Account 97302198.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity. Please ask for a Gift Aid form if you are a taxpayer.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Sadly Jeremy our lead musician has had to step down due to other commitments, although he will continue to be around as a help and parishioner. We are seeking a replacement, but there are not enough trained church musicians to go around these days. We welcome and are grateful for the help of Ben Horden in the meantime.

Many thanks to Jeremy for his commitment, support and all that has been achieved over the last two years.

MASS TIMES & DEVOTIONS

Saturday 4th September: Our Lady on Saturday

10am – Holy Rosary

11am – Baptism *Baby Ariejele*

12nn – Baptism *Baby Theresa Yva*

12:30 – Baptism *Baby Nina Rose*

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** *Erwin Mallari (Thanksgiving)*

SUNDAY 5th September: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Mass *Michael & Maureen Crosbie*

10:30am – Live-stream *Geraldine O'Mahoney+*

12:00nn – Outdoor Mass (*Filipino International Mass*)

Migrant Workers

Monday 6th September: Feria

10am – Mass *Ramon Barba+*

Tuesday 7th September: Feria

10am – Mass *Geraldine O'Mahoney+*

Wednesday 8th September:

The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary - FEAST

10am – Mass *Irma Joseph+*

10:30am - Novena to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

Thursday 9th September: Feria

10am – Mass *Lionel Sellers*

Friday 10th September: Feria

10am – Mass – *Geraldine O'Mahoney+*

10:30am - Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 11th September: Our Lady on Saturday

10am – Holy Rosary

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Geraldine O'Mahoney+

SUNDAY 12th September: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Mass *Pro Populo*

10:30am – Live-stream *First Holy Communion Children*

12:00nn – Outdoor Mass – *Couples for Christ Peterborough*

If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from one of our ushers or from the parish clergy. You may also send an email to Fr Jude:

jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7

While Israel was still in being, the Day of the Lord was a threat, a day of expected punishment. Once the axe of the Babylonian exile had fallen, and disaster had come upon the whole of Israel and Judah, the Day of the Lord becomes a promise of salvation. Hence this lovely, joyful poem, looking forward to the coming of the Lord to heal Israel and take vengeance on her tormentors. It looks forward to the coming of the Lord himself, not of his representative. We call it 'messianic', as though it concerned the coming of the Lord's anointed. But in the expectation of the deliverance of Israel, even up to the time of Jesus, it was not clear whether God would visit the earth personally (whatever that would mean) to effect the total reversal of all things and the healing of all misery, or whether his messenger and herald would come first. In the late prophecies of Malachi, not long before the Incarnation, the prophet Elijah will come as the Lord's herald, to prepare the way. So was John the Baptist this Elijah-figure, preparing for Jesus? Or is Jesus preparing for the Lord? Or is the coming of Jesus the coming of the Lord?

YOUTH CATCH UP!!!

We are inviting the youth (secondary school age) to join us at Ferry Meadows for some rounders, football, music jams and pizzas - just to have fun! Bring your own friends but also meet and make new ones too! :D

See you all there!

THURSDAY 9th SEPT, 6:30-8PM at Ferry Meadows (Nene Park Visitor Centre, Ham Lane, Peterborough, PE2 5UU). In case of inclement weather, we will hold the gathering at St. Luke's church instead. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries: Matt – 07725742765 Sr. Erika – 07506114199 or Lara -07840806559

BACK TO SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY

Prayers, support and good wishes to all of our children and young people as they return to school and university. The past two years have been tough for them but they have been amazing! If going to university please seek out the excellent chaplaincy teams which provide support, advice, social events and times for Mass and worship:

www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

NIGHT SHELTER/GARDEN HOUSE/ LIGHT PROJECT

Light Project Peterborough, a Christian Charity with whom we work have a place on their board for a trustee with legal knowledge/specialism. Please speak with Fr Jeffrey if interested.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2021-22

We are now accepting registrations for the next Confirmation course due to begin in the autumn. Please email info@saintlukesparish.org.uk for application forms and keep an eye on the newsletter & webpage for more information about class dates in due course.

SEASON OF CREATION

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September began the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts one month and four days. During this time we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth which we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the land and the cry of the poor. More here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22

Applications for this year's course, which has been advertised widely for two months, have now closed and the course is full. Please pray for and support our children on this journey in faith.

MASSES FOR MISCARRIAGE & INFERTILITY

Celebrated by Bishop Alan, at the Catholic Church in Newmarket. For more information see:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/couples-with-miscarriages-or-infertility-are-not-alone/>

For those who have experienced **miscarriage**: Sunday 10th October 2021, 12 noon. Families are welcome, refreshments afterwards. For those affected by **infertility**: Saturday 6th November 2021, 11 am. Followed by a talk on treatment options for Catholic couples by Dr Phil Boyle, President of the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine and founder of NeoFertility. We respectfully ask that children do not attend this November Mass.'

FILIPINO MASS & CELEBRATION

Sunday Mass on September 5th, 12nn will be a Parish English-Filipino Mass. Liturgical music will be ministered to us by

Couples for Christ Choir from Norwich.

There'll be stalls of food, games, entertainment, BINGO, raffle and many more. All proceeds will go to the parish funds.

We thank our Filipino parishioners for organising another community event.

SPONSOR FR JUDE TO DANCE ON SEPT 5!

Fr Jude is going to dance "TINKLING" – a Filipino folk dance.

The dance involves two people beating, tapping, and sliding bamboo poles on the ground and against each other in coordination with one or more dancers who step over and in between the poles in a dance. Fr Jude is determined to be able to dance this difficult folk dance on September 5 during the Filipino Food and Culture Celebration at St Luke's grounds. If you would like to support Fr Jude, please see our ushers, speak to Fr Jude or look at his online appeal on our social media and website. Proceeds will go to Parish Projects.

LOVE CHRISTMAS

Looking for a way for your parish to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative to do just this. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated.

By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK.

It is easy to take part and it is an effective way of reaching out to those around us. Join the **Love Christmas**

webinar on Wednesday 6 October, 11am – 12pm to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Please let Fr Jeffrey or Fr Jude know if you would like to lead this in our parish.