



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel and
St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church**

8A Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4FE

Tel: 0207 622 4282 Mobile: 079365 40280

e-mail: batterseapark@rcaos.org.uk

www.ourladyschurchbattersea.org.uk



Parish Team

Fr. Peter Pagac SDB
Fr. Anthony Lobo SDB
Rev. Fidelis Chukwu
Rev. Michael Kennedy

HOLIDAY BREAK It is the time of year where people will be going away on holiday. For those going away, we wish you a good and relaxing break. Please remember to try to get to Mass. Please pray for us. We will keep you and your family in our prayers

Mass Times, Intentions and Information

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST 2022 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY YEAR C
10am: Zenni Pinnock Birthday Thanksgiving
12:00: Frank Fitzpatrick RIP

THURSDAY 25th AUGUST 2022 – St. Louis
9.30am: Rosary
10.00am: Catherine Saunders (FM 21)

MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 2022 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am: **No Eucharistic Service**

FRIDAY 26th AUGUST 2022 – Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest
10.00 am: **No Mass**

TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST 2022 – St Rose of Lime, Virgin
10am Lucila Tugadi Bersamin RIP

SATURDAY 27th AUGUST 2022 –St Monica
10.00am **No Mass**

WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST 2022 – St Bartholomew, Apostle
10.00:am **No Mass**

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST 2022 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY YEAR C
10am: Jose del Carmen Mendez RIP
12:00: People of the Parish

Mass at Sacred Heart Parish: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10am

HOSPITAL CONTACTS If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know. **St George's Hospital:** Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069). **St Heliers and Epsom Hospital:** Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000) **Kingston Hospital:** Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711 **Guy's and St. Thomas Hospital:** Fr Jake Dicto (020 7188 5588) **Chelsea and Westminster Hospital:** Call the Chaplaincy (020 3315 083 Emerg: 07659 140 566)

CARD MACHINE: The New Collection Card Machine is now active at the back of the Church. Make your donation with your credit or debit card. It is easy to use. Don't worry if you forget or have no cash, you can still make your donation to your parish

Offertory collection Sunday 7th August 2020: First Collection: £497.46; Second Collection: £116.58. Sunday 14th August 2022. First Collection: £717.47; Second Collection: £138.59. Today's Second Collection is for the good of the Parish. We are grateful for your Support and help to the Parish

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? If you are new to the parish then we extend a very warm welcome to you. Please complete the 'New Parishioner Enrolment Form' and post it to the Parish Office or hand it in during Mass. Hard copy forms are available in the entrance of each church

SAFEGUARDING: If you want to take up a ministry in the parish premises working with children or adults, you must have a DBS clearance-this is an essential safeguarding procedure that we must follow by British Law. Only Readers are excepted

Parish Seniors: Thank you all who have signed up for a Day Trip to Brighton on Saturday 10th September 2022. The Train cost as a Group and using your Freedom Pass is £13.35p for a Return Ticket

WE SHALL DEPART FROM VICTORIA TRAIN STATION
The Money for Tickets will be collected on Sunday 21st August and 28th August 2022. We pray and hope that the strikes will not affect us the 10th September 2022

OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office is closed till second week of September. The office is also open every day from 10.30am till 7pm except Wednesdays in case you want to speak or see someone urgently

CONTACT THE PARISH PRIEST: If you want to have talk with Father Peter, the Parish Priest, he is on leave till September. In emergency please contact the office to arrange for another priest.

COVID 19. Please note that in this church facemasks and hand sanitiser are in use. Clearly parishioners who care for the health of their neighbour, as well as their own, will consider very carefully the advantages of continuing to sanitise their hands and of wearing a mask in church, it must be a mask covering nose and face. Whatever you think, thank you for thinking of others before yourself.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST For small businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: Please continue to support our Parish with your monthly donation pledge. This is a continuous donation, and the envelopes are at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Secretary or the Sacristan

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 The relic will be at Westminster Cathedral from 11:00am on Saturday 3 September 2022 to 9:30am on Monday 5 September 2022. For other venues please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relictour-2022/> or <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>.

Parish Diary and Reflection

Sunday – El Shaddai Prayer – 1:00 – 3:30pm	Saturday - Youth Practice 1:00 - 3:00pm Choir Practice:1:00 - 5:00pm
First Friday of the Month: Adoration & Benediction	Tea and Coffee: Cancelled until further Notice

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C



This Sunday, the church reminds us of the reunion of all God's people at the feast of His kingdom. It is not only Jews and Christians that the Lord will gather unto himself. He will also gather people from all nations, all those willing to submit to his loving care. The readings of this Sunday, especially the first and the gospel, are closely related. Both bear a powerful message of hope. That is the reunion and restoration of the people of God.

The first reading is a prophecy about the return of God's People to Jerusalem. It is an assurance that God will fulfil his promises to us. Here, the prophet makes three essential points. The first is that God will soon fulfil his promise of restoring us to himself. He will surely do this to show his saving power. The second reading from Hebrews reminds us that obedience and discipline will help us respond and effectively return to the Lord. The path to this return will definitively not be an easy one. In it, we shall encounter thorns and pains. As a loving father, God will also reprimand and punish us. However, this is in order to correct and guide us through the right path.

In today's gospel, Jesus answers a challenging and tricky question: Sir, will there be only a few saved? His response was straightforward, clever, and of course, an intelligent one. He replies, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door!" So, rather than occupy oneself with arguments about the number of those to be saved, it is better to work hard for one's salvation.

Through this, Christ reminds us that the invitation to His feast is open to all. However, each person must struggle to be there. We must do what we have to do by playing our roles well. This is the only way we can be guaranteed a place in the feast of the kingdom of God.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: If you have made your First Holy Communion and interested in serving Mass (Membership of Guild of St Stephen) Please contact the Clergy or Dorna – Parish Secretary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM To baptise your child please hone the Parish Office to book for the class, arrange a date and time of baptism. We request ALL PARENTS, who wish to get their child baptised, to bring their own baptism certificates as proof that they are Catholics, a copy of their child's birth certificate and proof of address along with the Baptism Form collected at the back of the church. GODPARENTS will need to bring their baptism certificate to proof they are practicing Catholics

A DAY FOR MARY: At St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1. On Saturday 27th August 2022. Starts at 10.00am with procession of Our Lady. Next date is on 3rd September 2022 at Our Lady Mother of God, Ponders End

Marriage Papers/Preparation: All couples planning to get married in the UK or abroad are required to notify the Parish Priest at least 6 (Six) months before the date of the wedding.

How To Have A Mass Offered: Please fill-in a Mass Intention envelope which you will find at the back of Church or alternatively you may ask a member of the parish Clergy for one. Once completed, place in the Collection bags on Sunday or hand it to any of the clergy, Parish Secretary or the Sacristan, or if during the week put it through the Priest's House letterbox. It is important that you use the pre-printed Mass Intention envelopes so that we know who has requested the Mass. Charity Number: 1173050 (PLEASE STOP COMING TO THE OFFICE ON SUNDAYS TO BOOK MASSES – USE THE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)