

ST BONIFACE CATHOLIC PARISH, TOOTING



185 Mitcham Road, London SW17 9PG
Tel. 020 8672 2345 Tweet at: [@BonifaceTooting](https://twitter.com/BonifaceTooting)
E-mail: parishpriest@stbonifacetooting.org.uk
Website: www.stbonifacetooting.org.uk
www.facebook.com/stbonifacetooting



Priests: Fr Shaju Varkey, Canon John O'Toole
& Fr Peter Audu

St George's Hospital Chaplaincy
Fr Mark Higgins
020 8725 3069 (Office)
020 8672 1255 (Switchboard)
mark.higgins@stgeorges.nhs.uk

St Boniface R.C. School
Undine Street, Tooting, SW17 8PP
020 8672 5874
Acting Head Teacher: Mrs L. Platts

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

"No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place, ... For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus was once invited to a supper. During the supper he commented on how guests were fighting for the places of honour. We are invited this weekend to spend time and reflect on the virtues of simplicity, humility and meekness especially for those in high places. The first reading praises the person who is humble. Such a person will find favour with God, with his friends and his neighbours. Pride is a barrier in any relationship be it with the divine or humans. We should not allow it destroy good neighbourliness as we strive to build a just and more humane society.



Jesus is inviting us to his dinner. He is the host and we are the guests. Honour comes from him, the host and not from you the guest. It is God who confers honour on those who are humble.

The Church marks today as the World Day of the Poor. That is a call. A call to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet them, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude (Message for the World Day of the Poor, No.3).



www.facebook.com/stbonifacetooting

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.'

LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11*

R. In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
They shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;

Rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence .**R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
Such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;

He leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:

When your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,

Prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.*

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever

Behold the Lamb of God...

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is your goodness Lord, that you keep for those that fear you.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

**A DAY
WITH JESUS**

The second Saturday of each month. The next one will be **SATURDAY 8th September** starting at 9.15am.

FR. SHAJU GOLDEN JUBILEE: FR. SHAJU INVITES EVERYONE FOR HIS BIRTHDAY GOLDEN JUBILEE COMBINING WITH THE EUROPEAN DAY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY 21ST SEPT 2019.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: Sorry for the delay to bring more details about the Pilgrimage to Holy Land in 2019. As there are many people interested to travel, we have to organise two trips instead of one.

First Option: 9-days to Holy Land (Galilee, Mount Tabor, Capernaum, Bethany, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem) 23-31 March 2020 cost: £1245

Second Option: 12 days to Holy Land & Jordan 24 May– 4 June Cost £1899 includes all entry fees, Portage, Gratuities for Guide, Driver and hotel staff. Parish Office will soon contact all those who have given their names to find out which pilgrimage you wish to join in.

VISIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA TO ST BONIFACE: Our Lady of Fatima will visit us *on the Second Saturday 14 September 2019 from 9am.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE MASS 2019: all those who received their First Holy Communion in June this year are requested to come for their Certificate Mass on **Sunday 29th September at 10.30am.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS 2020: the registration will be on Friday 1st November and 8th November 4-6pm & 7.15-8pm in the Parish Office.

Eligible candidates for First Holy Communion are those who will start **year 3 in September 2019** and for Confirmation **year 8 or above in September 2019.**

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes will start on **Saturday 18th January 2020.** The classes will be on Saturdays: First Holy Communion at 9.50am and Confirmation at 11.15am.

EUROPEAN DAY: *is on 22nd September.* For the Mass: *Entrance hymn in English & French speaking community, Offertory hymn by Irish Community, Communion Hymns by Polish and Spanish speaking community. Readings by Ukrainian & Italian community, and Bidding prayers by Portuguese community.* Any other nations wishes to take an active role in the Mass, please speak to Fr Shaju. **Communities which are leading the singing at Mass are requested to practice the hymns.**

After the Mass, we will have *an European Food Festival* to which all the communities are requested to bring food(*one or two items only*). All the communities are requested to have a meeting to decide what dish they prepare. Many thanks.

FRENCH SPEAKING COMMUNITY MEETING: all the French speaking parishioners are requested to come for a meeting on *Sunday 8th September after 10.30am Mass* in the Hall.

SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY MEETING: all Spanish speaking members of the parish are requested to come for a meeting on *Sunday 8th September after 12:00 Mass in the Hall.*

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS: will meet on *Monday 23rd September at 7.15pm* in the Parish Office.

AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY: will meet on *Sunday 15th September after 12:00 Mass.* All are invited.

BIBLE STUDY: Parish is starting a Bible Study evenings on **First & Third Mondays of month 7.15-8pm.** The first one will be on *Monday 16th September 2019*

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION: every year, the Parish runs a programme called "RCIA" for any person who was never baptised, or was baptised in another Christian tradition and would like to become a Catholic, or any Catholic adults who have never been confirmed. Please come for an informal open house on **Monday 14th October at 7.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).**

READERS ROTA: Please collect your new Rota from the notice board.

FOOD BANK: the box for Food Bank contributions is in the Coffee Shop.

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN: Sessions have stopped for the Summer break and will resume on the **8th September 2019 at 10:30am**

MOTHER MARY BIRTHDAY: 7th September after 6.30pm Mass there will be a get together in the Function Suite along with refreshments.

COMMUNITY DAYS: European Day—22nd September & All Nations Thanksgiving Day—24th November.

INFANTS BAPTISM: Any parents who wish to baptise their children should register in the parish and attend the Mass regularly for at least six months. Those who moved recently to the parish should get evidence of the catholic practice. Fr Shaju will be happy to talk to you during Parish Open house if you have any queries.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to all who have volunteered to look after the Church. It is encouraging to see more people are joining for the cleaning under the care of group leaders. Well done! This Monday is Team 1 at 10am.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:

If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm– 6pm. No appointment needed

HOSPITAL VISITS :

For any person admitted in St George’s Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Lizzie Lynch, Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O’Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando & Michael Andrade.

Anniversaries: Constance Yates, **Rev Fr Ambrose Timon**, Archibald Beale, William Carroll, Mary Hickey, Brian Connolly, Patrick Mulroe, Baby Ify Odjegba, Dorothy Leonard, Delia Kelly, Annette Creegan, Mari-Lise Maclean. Lucia Laidlaw, Susan Colton Smith, Nick Pullenger and Margaret Newton.

May they rest in peace – Amen.

	31st August & 1st September	7th & 8th September
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Antoine Englebright, Nancy Biney	Mathew D’Souza, Lucinda D’Souza
09.00	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Rexon Rebidelmo	Angela Lum Wai, Mary Donoghue
10.30	Lola Lawrence, Christi Anoop	Josie McCarthy, Fortune Musonda
12.00	Tess Vallo, Ann Mary Kuriakose	Keoni McGowan, Callum Fernandez
18.30	Padriag Cronin, Ivon Kandiah	Susan Daniel, Philippa Keeling
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Juliana De Souza, Ethan Power, Michael Soupraya	Stephanie Flaherty, Lucinda D’Souza, Mathew D’Souza
09.00	Kuriakose Anthony, Farrah Jacob, Angus Xavier	Rita Lobo. Anoop Kurian, Sophi Anoop
10.30	Ann Lusena, Srikanth Lusena. Therese Onyebalu	Mary Sagoe, Anita Bennett, Lola Lawrence
12.00	Angelo Aningalan, Rosemary Kana-garatnam, David Lobo	Carmelita Henson, Karen Lee-Hudson, Pamela Fernandes
18.30	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Thiviya Robenet	Agnes Babu, Virginia Corpuz, Michael Rajcoomar
Church Cleaning:	Wk1: Mon 2nd Sept @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 9th Sept @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection.

<u>Sunday 1st September 2019</u> 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C) World Day of Prayer for the Care	09.00 10.30 12.00 15:00 18.30	Mariyakkutty Antony Simon O'Donnell RIP Theodore, Jouany & Domingue Families Baptisms Ashley Dawes RIP
Monday 2nd September Feria	09:30 18.30	Pastora Capera Marie Collins RIP
Tuesday 3rd September Saint Gregory the Great	09.30 18.30	Sapiencia Maria Noronha RIP Joan Arellano Ints
Wednesday 4th September Saint Cuthbert	09.30 12:30 18:30	Sarah Kelly Funeral Margaret Horan Michael Keane RIP
Thursday 5th September Feria	09.30 18.30	Patricia Connors RIP Sharon Shillingford Birthday Ints
Friday 6th September Feria	09.30 18.30	Pro Populo Jack Mendes RIP
Saturday 7th September Feria	09:30 18:30	FM- Joseph Forsyth RIP Mother Mary's Birthday
<u>Sunday 8th September</u> 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C) Collection for the Catholic Education Service	09.00 10.30 12.00 15:00 18.30	Our Lady's Birthday Thanksgiving Thomas Mannion RIP Vera Verona Ashley RIP Pere Laval Annual Mass Thanksgiving Babu & Family

<p><u>Monday</u> Padre Pio Group (9th Sept)</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> Charismatic Prayer Group (10 Sept)</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> Rosary Prayer Group (11th Sept)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 8th August</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church) 50+ Club (13th Sept)</p>	
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>	
<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>