

# The Parish of St William *served by* the Churches of St John & St Patrick

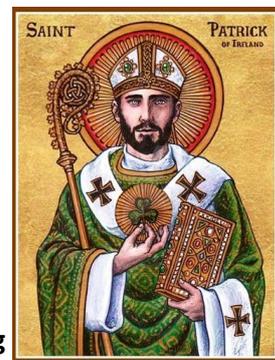
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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

I tell you, not seven times, but **seventy-seven** times. - Jesus

*Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'*

**Matthew 18:21**

### Mass Intentions for this week

Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am Mass <b>St John's</b> 11.00am Confessions <b>St John's</b> 3.45-4.15pm Mass <b>St John's</b> 4.30pm	Julie Marie Hughes Philomena & Francis Dorgan (A) Parishioners
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>The Exaltation of the Cross</b>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 8.30am	Hilda Longshaw
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	Confessions <b>St Patrick's</b> 6.45-7.15pm Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 7.30pm	Peter Higham
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Saints Cornelius and Cyprian</b>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 10.00am	Peggy Flynn
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am	Marion Hughes
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Friday of Week 24 Ordinary Time</b>	Mass <b>St John's</b> 10.00am	Sr Catherine Vose
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>Saint Theodore of Tarsus – Archbishop of Canterbury</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am	Rowena Rowlands LD
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mass <b>St Patrick's</b> 9.15am Mass <b>St John's</b> 11.00am Confessions <b>St John's</b> 3.45-4.15pm Mass <b>St John's</b> 4.30pm	Fr Ron McGivern (A) Parishioners Thanksgiving (MST)

**Please remember in your prayers:** Katie Price, Betty Whyte, Rosalind Richardson, Michael Cunniff, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Michael Nieland, *and all our sick relatives and friends.*

**All who have died recently:** Betty Lloyd, Maureen Foy, Rowena Rowlands, Ann Lawton, Sheila Purcell

**Anniversaries: St John:** Margaret Collier, Albert Summers, Paul & Mary Gaskell, Philomena & Francis Dorgan

**Anniversaries: St Patrick:** Anthony Winstanley, Mark Fairhurst, Mary Jane Gregory, Walter Heyes Hill, Michael Gannon, Joseph Ellis Green, Anthony Walsh, William Foster, Kathleen Brindle, Rosalind Yates, Margaret Gallagher

**Mass intentions received:** Betty Lloyd, Ann Lawton, Sheila Purcell

**YOUR OFFERTORY DONATIONS AND MASS INTENTIONS:** there are boxes and baskets at the back of both churches. Please place envelopes etc. in these for either church. If you have not yet picked up your envelopes they can be found at the back of each church. **ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'ST WILLIAM'S PARISH'.**

**CHURCH TIMES:** Now that St John's boiler is complete normal Mass times will resume in both churches. **PLEASE NOTE MONDAY MASS IS ONCE AGAIN AT 8.30AM.** Confessions will be before Mass on Tuesday evenings at St. Patrick's and Sunday afternoons at St. John's.

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH FEATURED IN NEW BOOK:** Elena Curti, writer and assistant editor of the Tablet, will have her book 'Fifty Catholic Churches To See Before You Die' published on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Describing the architecture of Westminster Cathedral, the poet John Betjeman wrote of being "Surprised by Joy". Elena Curti has been surprised by the same joy as she recommends her favourite fifty churches. Readers will be moved by the history, the sacrifice, the architecture and artefacts contained within these sacred spaces. All who visit these churches, and all who read this seminal book, will surely be reminded of the words of T. S. Eliot on visiting the church in the Huntingdonshire village of Little Gidding:

You are not here to verify,  
 Instruct yourself, or inform curiosity,  
 Or carry report. You are here to kneel  
 Where prayer has been valid.

*(Little Gidding 1:43-46)*

One of the fifty churches is our very own St John's! If you would like to pre-order this book you can do so through Gracewing Publishers – follow the link from St John's Facebook or on our website.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** All Saints Travel have contacted me regarding our planned trip to the Holy Land. They have asked me to inform people that there will be an option to rearrange and transfer flights to a later date or to have deposits returned. However they have to wait until the airline cancels before they can refund the money and sometimes this can be only a couple of weeks before the flight date. They said not to worry they will honour refunds for those who want that option but unfortunately that may not be until October. These are unprecedented times and they apologise for any inconvenience. Thanks Maureen O'Bern

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2020:** After advice taken this year's Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham has been postponed. The date has been moved forward twelve months to **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. Those who are already booked on the trip and paid a deposit don't need to do anything at present. There are still a number of places available for next year – there are only twin ensuite rooms available though. More details to follow. If you have any questions or would like to put your name down for next year please contact Chris on 07712 552410.

**Saints celebrated this week:**



**The Exaltation of the Cross** Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on." To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

**Our Lady of Sorrows** John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church; the beloved disciple represents all believers. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, he handed over his Spirit. Mary and the Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God—almost an echo of Luke's account of Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history.

**Saints Cornelius and Cyprian** Two early saints who preached about reconciliation and mercy throughout their lives.

**Saint Robert Bellarmine** who died in 1621, devoted his life to the study of Scripture and Catholic doctrine.

**Saint Theodore of Tarsus** later became the Archbishop of Canterbury, bringing unity and organisation to the English Church.