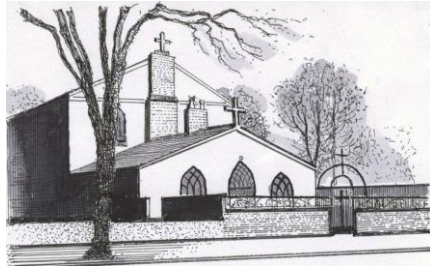


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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5 SEPTEMBER 2021
(Prayer of the Church Week 3, Parish Mass Book pg.129)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday	5.30pm	Eileen Lynskey
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Margaret Briody
Tuesday	9.00am	Brian Gaskell
Wednesday	9.00am	Sean McGuinness
Thursday	9.00am	Mary McAdams
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	5.30pm	Jim & Dorothy Garvey 60 th Anniversary
Sunday	10.00am	Norah Platt

Novena	No novena this week
Meditation	No meditation this week

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

During the Season of Creation, you might like to dip into Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*. The title is taken from the first line of the encyclical, "*Laudato si', mi Signore*" ("Praise be to you, my Lord"). These words come from the beautiful *Canticle of the Creatures* by St Francis of Assisi. The subtitle of the encyclical, '*On Care for our Common Home*', explains what the letter is about. Pope Francis urgently appeals "for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affects us all" (14). He challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us. Quoting Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Francis reminds us that, as Christians, we are called to be responsible custodians of creation: "Christians in their turn 'realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith'" (64). Although quite long, the encyclical is easy to read and can be downloaded from CAFOD's website which has lots of helpful resources exploring the encyclical: www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical

CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES ACROSS THE WORLD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

MILL HILL MISSIONARY RED BOX COLLECTION

Ann Fidler and I, Jan Fitzpatrick, have been busy bees collecting and opening the red boxes and counting the money. To date we have collected over £2,137 and are still counting. Thanks to all who have contributed in any way.