

Our Lady Help of Christians

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22nd August 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions: Thursday and Friday 12.00pm – 12.30pm

TAKING LITURGY SERIOUSLY is the title of a full course being offered on Zoom by the Society of St Gregory from September 2021 until July 2022. It is an introduction to the Liturgy of our church and is aimed at anyone who wants to develop their knowledge and ability in the way we worship. You can find all the details at ssg.org.uk. You can apply for matched funding in this diocese by contacting Liz Clark of the Liturgy Commission at liz.clark4@btopenworld.com

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. 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.]

[More detail about CAFOD's response:](#)

On Saturday 14 August, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. More than 1900 people have been killed and at least one million more people are affected. Tropical storm Grace has now hit Haiti, exacerbating the already serious emergency..

In Afghanistan, we are shocked and gravely concerned by the Taliban take-over of the vast majority of the country. As you will appreciate, the situation in Afghanistan is uncertain and changing rapidly. Our Emergency Response Team are assessing how best to respond. Please keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers.

We are also responding to serious food shortages in Africa – in Ethiopia’s Tigray region, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. Families across these three countries face extreme hunger because of a deadly combination of Covid, climate change and protracted conflict.

Loving Lord,

For those who have died, give them eternal rest. For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them. For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.

Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.

Heavenly Father, be with us now and always.

Amen.

FREE ONLINE COACHING AND SUPPORT PACKAGE:-

For people who find themselves out of work as a consequence of the pandemic and have little or no access to onward support, please contact www.vitaeopus.co.uk

Understanding the Heart of the Mass - Before Father Dariusz begins Mass at 5pm on a Sunday, we will listen to a recording from Fr Mike Schmitz explaining the Mass step by step.

05/9/21 - 4:40 - 5pm - Liturgical Colours and Introductory Rites

12/9/21 - 4:40 - 5pm - Liturgy of the Word & Liturgy of the Eucharist

19/9/21 - 4:40 - 5pm - Communion Rite and Concluding Rite

Please come along and invite your relatives and friends to hear a recording of the talks by Father Mike. These talks will give you a greater and deeper understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

When the Eucharist is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar – St John Chrysostom

TIME FOR PRAYER

POPE FRANCIS asks you to PRAY with him in August for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.