

Parish Centre Cleaning week commencing

Church Cleaning this week
Sheila Malone & Tina Cipolla

Last Sundays Collection

Envelopes: £209.02 Loose: £197.21 Standing Orders: £420
Money Counting Team 4 this week

From the Parish Registers

Eucharistic Ministers for 15th September 2019

Saturday	6.30 pm	Michele Beer	Gill Langan
		Mary Hallett	Kate Corcoran-Snowden
Sunday	8.30 am	Pam Raven	Paul Raven
		Diana Alderman	Tina Cipolla
	10.30 am	Carmel Chapman	Jan Woodford
		Anna Cooper	Sam Ewing

Readers Rota for 15th September 2019

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	Emma Faulkner
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8.30 am</i>	Margaret Payne
	<i>10.30 am</i>	Michael Woodford
		David Geer

Newsletter Items

Items for inclusion in our parish *Newsletter* need to be at the Parish Office in writing or e-mail by 9.00 am Wednesday with your name and Phone No. Thank you.

Registration forms for all parishioners If you have recently moved to our parish then please obtain a form, from the parish office. If you live & worship in our parish it is essential to be registered if you wish us to be able to support you in your pastoral needs.

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8th September 2019 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Being Successful

We Christians tend to gloss over the most startling one-liners passed down to us from Jesus such as the one that closes today's Gospel: "None of you can be my disciple if he does not renounce all his possessions." T

he statement shocks, and yet it reflects that basic human wisdom which tells us that "the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns."

The issue, then, is true freedom, the ability to follow Onesimus (Second Reading) out of slavery. The other issue involved here is true worship, the question of priority in our lives: who or what is more important. God or our possessions?

Today's liturgy encourages us to put God first, to long for God "like a deer that longs for running streams," and to recognise that "in every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."

It is not evil to want God to prosper the work of our hands. It is evil to make a god of creatures and to replace worship of the true God with worship of worldly possessions. It is not merely a matter of 'giving from one's surplus,' but of helping entire peoples, who are presently excluded or marginalised, to enter into the sphere of economic and human development. For this to happen, it is not enough to draw on the surplus goods which in fact our world abundantly produces; it requires above all a change of lifestyles, of models of production and consumption, and of the established structures of power which today govern societies

There are some people—the few who possess much—who do not really succeed in 'being' because, through a reversal of the hierarchy of values, they are hindered by the cult of having. ...The evil does not consist in 'having' as such, but in possessing without regard for the quality and the ordered hierarchy of the goods one has. Quality and hierarchy arise from the subordination of goods and their availability to man's 'being' and his true vocation

*Pope John Paul II, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 1987: 28
Gerald Darring*

Readings for today - Mass Book page 133

- First Reading:** Wisdom 9:13 - 18
- Psalm Response:** **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**
- Second Reading:** Philemon 9:10, 12- 17
- Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia!**
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**
- Gospel:** Luke 14:25- 33

Times of Services this week

Saturday	7th	11.00am- 11.30am Confessions 12.00 noon Baptism: Aria Morretto 5.30pm - 6.00pm Confessions 6.30 pm First Mass of Sunday
Sunday	8th	8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Mass - Mary Shearing RIP
Monday	9th	9.15 am Mass in Sacred Heart School for start of new term.
Tuesday	10th	10.00 am Mass - Marion Forte RIP
Wednesday	11th	10.00 am Mass here in Church
Thursday	12th	10.00 am Mass here in Church
Friday	13th	No Mass today (Church closed on Fridays) 8.00 am Mass at Carmelite Monastery
Saturday	14th	6.30 pm First Mass of Sunday
Sunday	15th	8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Mass

Other Events

Thank you to Fr. James Ereahionania who has looked after our parish during August.

Mass at Sacred Heart School Fr. Charles will celebrate Mass at 9.15 am in School on **Monday 9th September** for the start of the school year.

Change of Mass Time in response to requests from parishioners, as from **Monday 7th October** the weekly Monday Mass will change from 10.00am to 7.00pm to enable those that work during the day to have an opportunity to attend a weekday Mass.

Prayer Group to meet on **Monday 9th September** at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

Evangelisation Meeting on **Tuesday 10th September** at 7.30pm in the parish hall, all welcome. We look forward to October which Pope Francis has designated an 'Extraordinary Missionary Month' please do come along.

Just Friends Group will meet on **Wednesday 11th September** at 10.30am in the parish hall for coffee.

First Communion Parents there will be a meeting for parents only of our First Communion children on **Thursday 26th September** in the parish hall. At this meeting details of the programme will be given to all parents.

Hertford & Ware District Foodbank thank you all for your fantastic support of the foodbanks request over the summer holidays, the items have all been delivered and are being used to help people in crisis in Hertford, Ware and the surrounding villages.

Holiday Photographs we hope everyone had a great summer break. You will remember we asked for Photographs of Catholic Churches from the places which you visited. Now is the time to bring them to Church & we will put them into a collage. There is a basket, on the table, at the back of Church please place your photo there before the end of September. If you've forgotten perhaps you could visit & photograph the altar of the Church in Hertford, Hoddesdon, Waltham Cross or Bishop's Stortford or you have a picture of the Chapel at Carmel (especially if you went there after your First Communion.) If you saw your Holiday Church but forgot to take a photo you might find a picture on the net which you would like us to use. Thank you.

Global Healing - an evening looking at how we

can respond to Pope Francis' call for us to 'Care for Creation'. On Tuesday 17th September at 7.30pm in the parish hall. All welcome.

Mass Intentions If you would like a Mass offered for a particular intention, in remembrance of someone you know who is deceased or a special anniversary or for someone who is ill; please contact the parish office with the details & date you would like the Mass to be offered, your intentions will be printed in our newsletter

Beds & Herts Historic Churches Sponsored Walk & Cycle Ride Saturday September 14th 9 am - 5 pm Sponsorship packs including details of churches open so you can plan your route are available now at the back of the church. Half of the money raised goes to our church building funds and half to the trust. If you are willing to take part in this event cycling, walking or manning the church on the day contact Judy King 01920 467223

100 Club September Winners

- 1st £50 Jan Woodford
- 2nd £30 Judith King
- 3rd £10 Paul Raven
- 4th £5 Fr Charles
- 5th £5 Michelle Beer

Thank you to all who take part in this fund raising activity for our parish & to Tom Stapleton, who organises it. If you haven't yet collected your prize please speak to Fr. Charles after Mass or call at the parish office during the week

100 Club If you would like to join our 100 club please speak to the Parish Office. It is £26 for 6 months or £50 for 12 months. Cheques payable to Ware Catholic Church. The draw is made on the 1st Sunday of the month in the hall after 10.30am Mass 1st Prize £50, 2nd £30, 3rd £10 & 4th & 5th £5. Do please support this parish fund raiser.

Faith Sharing Group Leaders & Members are invited to a meeting on Saturday 24th September from 7.00pm-8.30pm at Vaughan House, SW1P 1QN .There will be an introduction to the season by Fr. Philip Knights & an opportunity to share ideas & experiences. To register call 020 7931 6078 or email smallgroups@rcdow.org.uk