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Pope Francis: 'May 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris promote esteem and harmony'

Pope Francis sends warm greetings ahead of the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, expressing hopes for peace, unity, and harmony. He prays for blessings on athletes, spectators, and hosts, particularly the faithful in Paris. A Mass for Peace marked the start of the Olympic Truce, emphasising fraternity and welcoming attitudes. The Pope highlights the unifying power of sports, encouraging appreciation, dialogue, and overcoming prejudices. He calls for respect of the Olympic truce to promote peace and resolve conflicts. The Pope concludes by entrusting the Games to the patron saints of Paris and blessing all participants.

according to:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-07/pope-francis-greets-2024-summer-olympic-games-in-paris.html>

IOC President Thomas Bach welcomed the message from His Holiness Pope Francis, and said in a statement: “Thank you, Pope Francis, for your renewed and unequivocal commitment to the peace and solidarity mission of the Olympic Movement. Thank you for your strong support.”

according to:

<https://olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-president-welcomes-message-from-his-holiness-pope-francis-that-sport-can-build-bridges-of-peace-in-the-world>

Pope: The elderly are the 'firm foundation' of the future

In his Message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place on 28 July 2024, Pope Francis recognizes the situation of many elderly people today, and assures them: “God never abandons His children, never.”

'Loneliness' at heart of Pope's theme for 4th Grandparents Day

By Sr. Francine-Marie Cooper, ISSM

In his Message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis reassured the addressees that “God never abandons His children, never.”

He referred to the elderly as “the firm foundation” on which “new” stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. *1 Peter 2:5*).

In his message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 28 July 2024, Pope Francis addresses the loneliness many elderly people face, assuring them of God's unwavering presence.



He emphasises the elderly as the "firm foundation" for future generations, despite their frequent abandonment and societal neglect. Highlighting issues such as forced emigration and cultural prejudices, the Pope condemns the systemic decisions that lead to elderly isolation. He calls for a shift from self-centeredness to solidarity, invoking the biblical story of Ruth to illustrate commitment to the elderly. The Pope concludes with blessings and prayers for all grandparents and elderly individuals.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-message-world-day-for-grandparents-and-elderly-2024.html>

As the school year has ended and vacations have begun, I imagine that many of you will take advantage of this time for a well-deserved vacation. I would like to wish you pleasant and blessed days of rest, but do not forget that the soul does not have a holiday and we must take care of it daily and feed it.

I will also take advantage of this time and, at the invitation of a family from our parish, we will go on a pilgrimage, on foot, for a week, from Coimbra to Fatima, offering this pilgrimage for each of you. We again welcome Fr Jijo to our parish, who will take care of the parish activities during this period, until August 17, and we thank him for his kindness and generosity.

Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday), on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday before the Holy Masses. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer
Lectionary

Psalter Week 1
Sundays Year B: week 17 Ordinary Time

DEBORAH MESSER RIP

Her funeral will be held here on Wednesday 31 July at 11am and then to City of London crematorium. Please keep her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 24/25 **(Year 3+ in September 2024)**

Enrolment forms are in the porch. Deadline for returning the completed form is **15 September**. Please post them through the letter box at 7 Grove Crescent in an envelope. The new programme will commence in the Autumn. Parents should already be providing proof of

their children's attendance at Mass by completing a Mass attendance form found in the porch for their children **every Sunday**. **If you are attending Mass at a different Church or if you are on holiday, please ask the priest at that Church to sign the newsletter and hand it in to Fr Barto.**

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on Wednesday 31 July at 2pm in the hall.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Mike on 077157 582 260

Bingo Night Saturday 21 September from 7.30 pm. Bingo books £5 each. Bring own drinks and glasses.

LISTEN TO GOD- Lectio Divina

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

GIFT AID 23/24

Gift Aiders who would like a statement confirming their donations to the Parish for 23/24 please contact the gift aid coordinator, Anthony Collins

EVANGELIUM 2024

From 16th-18th August for young adults 18-35 at the Oratory School, Woodcote, Oxfordshire with excellent guest speakers. Half price bursaries for students available on application. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS **31st August, Walsingham House at Abbotswick**

We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY

On Saturday, 12th October, 9.30am – 5pm the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. The cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

VACANCIES

Walsingham House: Retreat Manager

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. This is not necessarily a "live-in" role but accommodation can be provided if required. See: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/>. Closing date is Friday 30th August.

Headteacher Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Chelmsford

Required from 1st September 2025. Group 2: L8 – L21 (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 218 (one form entry). Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon on Monday 30th September 2024. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school, please

Speak with the Admin & Finance Officer, Lindsey Murgatroyd for more information. For an Application Pack please email: lindseymurgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

Please also check the notice boards in the porch for other news and information.

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 29 July – 4 Aug

Ronald Alison, Alex Richards, John Kyndt, Mary Gould, Fr Michael O'Sullivan, Maureen Barker, Mary (Mona) Cox, James De Largy, Raymond Finney, John Woulfe and Madeline Pells, Lambertine Morris.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 237.

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Safeguarding Coordinator

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Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Mass Intentions 27th July – 4th August

Mass on Monday is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.

Saturday	9.30am	Fr Barto Ints
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30pm	Muneton family Ints
<u>17th Sunday - Ordinary Time</u>		
Sunday 28th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11am	David Squires (anniv)
	12.30pm	Holy Mass - Romanian Holy Souls
Monday		
Tuesday	7pm	Eugene Foo (ill)
Wednesday	9.30am	Ashwin Gerard Kumar - RIP
	11am	Deborah Messer RIP – Funeral Mass
Thursday	9.30am	Bob & Anne Power RIP
Friday	9.30am	Phelomena Teo RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Fr Jijo's Ints
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30pm	Mary Lynch RIP
<u>18th Sunday - Ordinary Time</u>		
Sunday 4th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11am	John Kyndt (anniv)

Intention for the week: "Let us pray for all those who are close to death, especially those who are alone, that they would always be treated with respect and have their human dignity upheld. Lord hear us".

OUR COMMON HOME

We have invited all parishioners to give feedback on which ideas we could follow, as a parish, to support Care for Our Common Home in line with the principles outlined by Pope Francis in Laudato Si - to care for the Earth and the Poor. You can vote on forms available at the back of church or by going to our website page <https://saintanneline.com/parish-action-on-our-common-home-your-choice/>