

**MASSES— 30th Jul to 6th Aug 23**

Sun	30	9.30am	Catherin Ward (RIP), Greg, Mariam & Stephanie Osagie Spl int)
		11.30am	Avery De Vera, Jacintha Oyawiri & Tamara Tobuyei (Thanksgiving) Frank & Florence Kasibante (Thanksgiving) Mbie Michael Nzume (RIP) Obinna Ofili & family (Spl int), Victor & John Onye (B'day)
Mon	31	12.00noon	Apostles of Jesus (Thanksgiving)
Tues	01	9.30am	Lauren (Thanksgiving) Anna & John Mora (Wedding Anni.)
Wed	02	9.30am	Francisco Farias (Good health)
Thurs	03	9.30am	Nora Griffith & family (Spl int)
Fri	04	9.30am	Shahbaz Anjum & Monica (B'day)
Sat	05	9.30am	Apostles of Jesus Missionaries.
Sun	06	9.30am	Betty & Emmanuel Osagie & family (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Obinna Ofili & family, Acquah Family, Frank & Florence Kasibante (Thanksgiving), Mbide Michael Nzume. (RIP)

**Lectors**

**30/07/2023**

9.30am Anthonia O., Cath Slater (R)  
11.30am Ann Marie, Tasha (R)

**06/08/2023**

Elena, Filomena (R)  
Louise, Sharon (R)

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**30/07/2023**

**9.30am** Felix M. (E)  
**11.30am** Frank (E)

**06/08/2023**

Cath Slater (E)  
Florence K. (E)

**The sick of the Parish:** Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Chinasa Okosisi, John Crowford, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch., Lucia Drabik.

**Anniversaries during the week:** Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe, Francis Felton, Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O'Reilly, Rose roach, Maura Mulrone, Peggy Connors, James Cannon, Maura Mulrone, Peggy Connors, James Cannon, Vincent McHugh, John Hoban, Peter Hallinan, Patrick John Keegan.

***Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of August: For World Youth Day. We pray the World youth day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives***

***To Reflect on...***

*When God looks at you, He sees His perfect expression manifested in you.  
He has no need to see your past, or imagine your future, that which is perfect  
Simply is, and will always be.*



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

**Parish Newsletter –17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th Jul to 6th Aug 2023**

**“GIVE YOUR SERVANT A HEART TO UNDERSTAND”**

The readings today are a conclusion of the long teaching of Jesus by using parables. To understand the meaning of a story, you need to pay some attention. Its full meaning and purpose is achieved when someone interprets it in his personal life.

The first reading and the gospel speak about wisdom. It is one of the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. A young Prince without experience Solomon, found himself the new king of Israel. God led him into the gift warehouse and asked him to request for anything he wished. What a vast choice Solomon had? Wealth, fame, power, long life were all at his disposal. Solomon surprised Yahweh, he asked for the gift of wisdom to know, as a leader, *how to distinguish between good and evil*. Solomon was asking to have the life of God in him, to love good as God does and to hate evil in the same way.

When we have God in us, we have everything and when we ask God for the gift to know and to love him more, he gives us even those things that we have not asked for. Try to put yourself in the shoes of Solomon, from time to time, Jesus tells us to ask, what do you ask God for, is it to know him more or to have your enemies crushed into hell?

The Gospel gives us two practical situations in which wisdom is put to test. In ancient Israel, people hid their treasures in pots placing them in a hole somewhere in their land. On one occasion, a tenant found it accidentally. He was not prepared to find it, but he did.

The other example is of a merchant whose trade was to look for pearls. One day, he came across one of great value. Both men had to act on their discoveries. While the finding was accidental or after a long search, the possession and keeping of the treasure demanded a personal decision.

These examples give us some homework to do which is to seek God in everything and as the highest good. When our life seeks God and we let him direct our life, we are filled with wisdom and grace.

As you return home today, remember that God will tell you from time to time: 'ask me anything.'

For parents, ask for wisdom to discern between good and evil for your children. For young people, ask for wisdom that you may learn how to discern between good and evil as you grow up. And all of us as a parish family, we pray that as a pilgrim people, we may be filled with wisdom to discern between good and evil and seek for God in everything.

