



1. **Sea Sunday.** Sunday 11th July is **SEA SUNDAY**, when we pray especially for seafarers and there will be a collection for the '**Apostleship of the Sea**', a Catholic charity offering spiritual and material aid to those who work at sea. As we were reminded in the early days of the pandemic, with shortages of food and long queues at the supermarket, we are an island nation which depends very much on maritime trade – 90% of the goods entering the UK arrive here by ship. But seafarers often work long hours, in poor conditions, far away from family and loved ones. By supporting the Apostleship of the Sea, we show our gratitude for all they do. PLEASE NOTE – envelopes for your donation will be available this coming weekend (3/4 July) which you can then return the following week.
2. **Mary's Meals.** On Sunday 25th July there will be an appeal for the charity 'Mary's Meals' – more details to follow.
3. **Stewards needed for July.** Once again, we are appealing for volunteers to act as stewards for Sunday Mass, **this time during the month of July**. There is a 'Doodle' where you can sign up to help, and the link is below.

<https://doodle.com/poll/wevieppkn43yqcs2>

Although life is, in some ways at least, returning to some degree of normality we do still need stewards to ensure our church is a safe environment and to make sure we can continue to offer the Mass and Sacraments to our parishioners. So, we remain extremely grateful to those who give their time and effort to help in this way, which really is of enormous benefit to our whole parish.

4. **Summer schedule** – over the summer both our priests will be taking a break, and catching up with family after a long time. Fr Richard will be away from 19th July until 14th August, and then Fr Giovanni will go back to Italy until 13th September. As, during the current pandemic, it is not possible to get overseas supply priests to help, there will be need to be a slight reduction in our weekly services during this period. **Therefore, please note – from Sunday 25th July until Sunday 12th September inclusive there will be no 8.00 am Sunday Mass. Likewise, there will be no Holy Hour on Sunday afternoons.** Other services continue as usual. A full schedule will resume on Sunday 19th September.

5. **Children’s Liturgy.** We hope to be able to reconvene our Children's Liturgy (traditionally offered during Term time at the Sunday 9.30am Family Mass) starting in September, so long as COVID regulations permit. We would like to first gauge interest and are requesting parents of eligible children to complete and submit a brief registration form. Forms will be made available in the church foyer this Sunday and for the next few weeks. Please contact HGChildrensliturgy@gmail.com with any questions. This will be very much a ‘new start’ which will need lots of help and support to get it going. We will be sending more information very soon, so please keep an eye out for further updates!

With prayers and best wishes,

Fr Richard and Fr Giovanni