



1. This weekend we celebrate the **Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The readings can be found on page 105 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. **Some plates, dishes etc. were left behind** after our recent Parish Hog Roast: these are now in the church porch – please claim them this week if they are yours.
3. **This coming Saturday – 2nd July – Holy Ghost School celebrates its Summer Fair**. We are planning a fun day of entertainment, a Funky Moves dance class, bouncy castle, games, face-painting, music, fancy dress, Raffle, a barbecue, home-made Paella, bar and lots more - there is something for everyone to enjoy! All funds raised go to the school, and our target this year is to replace outdated computers, continued support of "Place to Be" and to build a living wall and veggie garden that the school's children can cultivate and tend to. If you would like to sponsor any of the events or would like to donate to the auction or raffle, please contact the PTA on hgpta@hotmail.co.uk . **All are very welcome – do come along!**
4. **We are currently undertaking a new parish census**, as our present records are out of date. **If you have a smartphone, you can scan the QR code and fill out the form online, which saves us time and is more accurate**. However, if you do not have access to technology, you can still fill out a hard copy of the census form, which are available in church.

5. Seafarers and fishermen play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult and hazardous conditions. The Catholic charity 'Stella Maris' ('The Apostleship of the Sea') provides chaplaincy and practical help to all those who work at sea. **There will be a retiring collection for this charity on 'Sea Sunday' (9/10th July)** and envelopes are available in the porch now if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.
6. As you will know, Susan Lawless, the Headteacher of Holy Ghost Primary School will be retiring this July. Miss Lawless has made a huge contribution to our school and parish, and several generations of parish children owe her a huge debt for the excellent education and Catholic formation which Holy Ghost School has provided. **There will be a special Mass to mark Miss Lawless' retirement at 1.30 on Friday 15th July**, starting at 1.30 pm. Afterwards, there will be refreshments and further celebrations in the grounds of Holy Ghost School. All are very welcome as we give thanks for all Miss Lawless has achieved during her time at Holy Ghost.
7. Miss Lawless will be succeeded by **Bronagh McCann**, who is currently Deputy Headteacher of a Catholic Primary School in Westminster Diocese, and will take up her post here in September. We look forward to welcoming Bronagh and we pray for both her and Miss Lawless in the months ahead.
8. For those using **GIFT AID ENVELOPES** – new boxes of envelopes can be collected from the table near the Confessionals (at the back of the Lady Chapel)
9. **We always welcome more volunteers to be welcomers at Mass.** Please see this link:

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/eZ4gV4gb>
10. As parents, it is not always easy to talk with our teenagers about relationships, sexuality and love. **Teen STAR runs Courses for teenagers** on these subjects, one of which will be offered to young parishioners of the Holy Ghost Parish, starting in September 2022. Please visit www.teenstarcourses.org.uk for more information and/or get in touch with us: Anais 07874909133.
11. **The Backpack programme** helps build human and spiritual development. It has been run in schools, parishes, youth groups, and used with addiction recovery. The backpack program is a resilience initiative. The contemporary formation provided is described by participants as a life-changing. The lessons offer skills in emotional self-regulation, with practical tools for mind and body calming. People flourish as they develop increased self-awareness and learn to instil boundaries for healthier relationships. Contemplative prayer cultivates their choice to make their relationship with God both private and personal. A virtue-based approach in contemporary society builds resilience and peace, which are more essential than ever before. **The backpack for Adults is available from September in our parish !** 11 sessions of 2

hours in the Plunkett room, starting the last week of September, day and time to be confirmed. Price is £140. Don't let money be a problem, just contact Laetitia at: laetbery@yahoo.fr You can also do the course online on <https://thebackpack.life/>

12. **The annual 'March for Life' takes place in London on Saturday 3rd September**, praying for an end to abortion and a new respect for the sanctity of human life. There will be a Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 11.00 am, as well as morning events at the Emmanuel Centre Westminster, before the March itself begins at 2.00 pm (ending in Parliament Square at 4.30 pm). More details to follow.

With our prayers and best wishes,

Fr. Richard and Fr. Giovanni