



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A, 23 JULY 2023

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

#### Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

#### Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

#### Confessions

Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

The parables continue, and for the first time Jesus says explicitly that they are about ‘the kingdom of heaven.’ They are all vivid stories which would have appealed to people used to farming and domestic life; the second and third concern a man and a woman doing normal, everyday tasks, sowing and breadmaking. The first one, about the darnel, is the most substantial and the one which Jesus explains to his disciples at their request. It contains another harsh-seeming message, about the blazing furnace and weeping and gnashing of teeth. This message is eagerly embraced by some who call themselves Christian, as a reason for shunning people who are considered sinful; the Church must only contain ‘saints’. This is not justified by the parable, though, which says unmistakably that the darnel and the wheat (sinners and saints) are to be left until the harvest when the Son of Man will send his angels to separate them. The 1R and Psalm give great reassurance that we are not threatened by a cruel and demanding God. Wisdom tells us that God’s lenience is meant as a lesson to us. Being strong does not mean that you have to be hard on people. Like God, we should be kindly to others, and if we sin we are granted repentance. The third stanza of the psalm would make an excellent prayer to the God who knows everything in our hearts (2R). *Liturgy Planner*

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### For Today Mass

#### Responsorial psalm

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

#### Gospel acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Przypowieść o chwaście wśród zbóż ukazuje wielką cierpliwość i troskę Boga o nas wszystkich. Bóg okazuje miłosierdzie wszystkim grzesznikom, nie chce ich wyniszczyć. Daje czas na nawrócenie i przemianę serca oraz myślenia. Któż ostałby się przed Bogiem, gdyby Bóg nie dał czasu na nawrócenie, reagując zbyt pochopnie? Nie należy od razu niszczyć człowieka, gdy popełnia błędy. Zbawienie wiąże się z łaską i czasem danym na nawrócenie, by w końcu przynieść zbawienne owoce. Nie należy ulegać pokusie niecierpliwości, innymi słowy, chęci natychmiastowego uporządkowania wszystkiego, położenia nacisku na błyskawiczny sukces. Bóg nie działa w ten sposób, nie oczekuje natychmiastowego wzrostu. Przypowieść o ziarnku gorczycy ukazuje dynamikę wzrostu wiary, a zarazem konieczny czas do tego rozwoju. Nie możemy oczekiwać natychmiastowych sukcesów ewangelizacji, ale z pokorą i skromnością umożliwić wzrost choćby najmniejszego ziarenka, jak ziarno gorczycy. *Mateusz.pl*

**SAINTS DAYS  
and SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES THIS  
WEEK**

Monday 24th July  
**16th Week of the Year**

Tuesday 25th July  
**St James**

Wednesday 26th July  
**St Joachim and Anne**

Thursday 27th July  
**16th Week of the Year**

Friday 29th July  
**16th Week of the Year**

Saturday 30th July  
**St Martha, Mary &  
Lazarus**

**PRAYERS**

Please pray for the  
repose of the soul of  
those whose  
anniversaries occur  
about this time

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls,  
O Lord. May they  
rest in peace. Amen.**

**SUNDAY MASS  
30 JULY and  
6 AUGUST  
12.00 noon**

**PIERWSZA KOMUNIA  
2025**

ZAPISY DO  
PIERWSZEJ KOMUNI  
NA ROK 2025 NA  
PARAFIALNEJ  
STRONIE NA  
FACEBOOKU

**FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION 2025**

REGISTRATION FORM  
ON PARISH  
FACEBOOK PAGE

**ST CHRISTOPHER**

25 July is a Saint  
Christopher memorial -  
the **patron saint of  
travellers**, including  
motorists, who sometimes  
hang a small image of him  
in their vehicle for luck.  
According to legend, he  
was crossing a river when  
a child asked to be carried  
across. Next Sunday we  
will pray for all drivers of all  
kinds of vehicles.

**WYD LISBON 2023**

Fr Piotr is going to  
Portugal for World Youth  
Day from 25 July to 7  
August 2023.

**During Fr Piotr absence  
there will be only  
Sunday Mass at 12.00**  
celebrated by Fr Emmet  
O'Dowd. Other Masses  
are cancelled.

In emergency please call  
Fr Colin – 01343 542280

**WORLD DAY FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND  
THE ELDERLY**

Pope Francis has decided  
to institute a Church-wide  
celebration of a World Day  
for Grandparents and the  
Elderly. It will be held on  
the fourth Sunday of July,  
close to the liturgical  
memorial of Saints  
Joachim and Anne, the  
grandparents of Jesus.

**COLLECTIONS**

Sunday's Collection  
9 July 2023  
Cash – £220.00  
Gift Aid – £40.00

*Thank you for your donations*

**JUNE 2023 FINANCES**

Income: £2754.70  
Expenses: £1684.36  
**Balance: £1070,34**

Bank account: £4960.30

**TEA AND COFFE  
AFTER MASS**