

Notices for the week beginning 10 August 2014

Sunday 10 August 2014 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Thanksgiving (Joseph De Classa & Fletcher Ropes); 8.30 am Mary Sanger (Sick); 10.30 am Special Intention. 12 noon Baptism of Maeve Mahoney

Monday *St Clare*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Jane Frances de Chantal*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am People of the Parish

Thursday *St Maximilian Kolbe*

Mass: 10.00 am Intentions of Margaret Murphy

Friday **The Assumption of Our Lady**

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

7.30 pm Intentions of Mark McGrath

Saturday *St Stephen of Hungary*

Confessions: 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 17 August 2014 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish 8.30 am; 10.30 am

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Bertram De Souza, Jane Glassbrook, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Sheila McGrath, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Sylvina Rodrigues, Mary Sanger, Eileen Scotland, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Latently Dead:** Father Michael Archer; **Anniversaries:** Sr Mary Bernadetta, Archibald Frost, Tom Furlong, Alan Gray, Valentine Humphrys, Joyce Jackson, Theresa Kimura, Roger Lewis, Paula Medicott, Enrico Messeri, Mark Pomichalek, Nora Raftery, Nicholas Robinson, Harry Rogers, Mary Smith and Anna Watson. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2014		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
2/3 August	E	G Booth F Sherratt	A Halliday	P Apps A De Cesco
	R	J Lee Y Devereux	P Milton L Hutt	H Houston S Lewington
	W	M Miles	D Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: £258.65

Loose: £167.15

Building Fund: £46.59

PARISH NEWS

10 August 2014



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Times of Services

Sunday Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am

Holydays Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Weekday Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am

Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am
5.15 - 5.45 pm

Letter from Langdon Street

My dear people

Last Monday I attended mass at Westminster Cathedral to commemorate the start of World War 1. The Cardinal gave a very moving sermon and I have printed it to be distributed with this newsletter. One of the priests who was present was Mgr. John Armitage, Vicar General of the Brentwood Diocese. He is parish priest of Canning Town where out of the many people who went to war, over 400 were killed in battle. One was awarded the Victoria Cross and another the Military Cross. He told me that the list on the parish war memorial showed that time and time again, several members of one family were killed.

The picture on the cover of this newsletter shows a painting called The Last General Absolution of the Munsters. It recalls an event when Father Francis Gleeson, a priest of the Dublin Archdiocese, assembled the Royal Munster Fusiliers in front of a wayside shrine on 8 May 1915. It was the eve of the Battle of Aubers Ridge. At the end of his address he gave general absolution to the officers and men. The next morning at 5.30 am 500 soldiers went over the top to face the enemy. They succeeded in their quest to occupy a certain point on the Ridge but were then ordered to withdraw. One of many such wasted exercises. The next time the Munsters assembled with Father Gleeson in front of the wayside shrine there were only 200 soldiers. The other 300 had been killed or wounded

Last Monday the Cardinal spoke about the thirty-seven Westminster priests who served as army chaplains. All but one survived the war. Father Collins was killed while ministering to a group of wounded soldiers. A shell landed and all were killed.

The Great War began as a result of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in June 1914. A month later Austrian armies invaded Serbia. Russia joined in to support Austria and Germany joined in to support Austria. Finally on 4 June England and France went to war after Germany invaded Belgium and Luxembourg. The efforts of Pope Pius X and others had failed to keep the peace.

At mass today we are reminded of the encounter of the prophet Elijah with God. God was not in the earthquake or the fire but in the gentle breeze, the still small voice of calm. In the Gospel the apostles were battling against the wind but Jesus came to calm the wind and the sea and the apostles also experienced the still small voice of calm. The moral of the story for us today is that Jesus is loving and compassionate to us and that we in turn should be loving and compassionate to all those we meet today and during the coming week. We can become co-workers with Our Lord, ambassadors for Christ. We can do this because we have the Eucharist as food for our journey to eternal life, the Kingdom that has been explained to us in parables during the last few weeks at Sunday Mass.

As we think of the tragic events of August 1914 we cannot but think of August 2014 with the terrible things happening in Gaza and Iraq. These are explained in more detail later in this newsletter.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

TRAGEDY IN GAZA

We have all watched the conflict in Gaza escalate in recent weeks, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without food, water, shelter or medical care. Thousands have been killed and injured. CAFOD are working with their longstanding partners on the ground in Gaza, Caritas Jerusalem, Catholic Relief Services and Islamic Relief Palestine, who are working around the clock to get food, water, medicine, hygiene kits and emergency supplies to thousands of people, often at great personal risk. The really pressing need is for aid to get through to the most vulnerable families.

CAFOD is committed to working for long term peace and justice for the region. This is why they are asking us to call on our UK government to show stronger support for a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire, and a long term solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. CAFOD and the other major charities have launched a joint appeal to provide immediate relief to the people of Gaza. There will be a special collection next Sunday at each mass.

Our bishops also ask us to write to the Foreign Secretary, Philip Hammond, at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH, to push for a comprehensive ceasefire and humanitarian access, and long-term measures to end the suffering and deal with the root causes of the Israel-Palestine conflict. Alternatively, please sign a petition at the back of church.

Finally, please continue to pray for the people of Gaza.

IRAQ PRAYER APPEAL

Bishop Declan Lang, Chairman of International Affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, invites us to join with many people from across Iraq in praying for an end to the violent persecution that threatens to extinguish the ancient Iraqi Christian community.

Events in Iraq over the past few weeks have been disastrous. Christians have been systematically driven out of Mosul. A community of 60,000 before 2003 has dwindled over the years and is now down to almost nothing. For the first time in 1,600 years, no Masses are being celebrated in Mosul. Many Christians have fled to the surrounding Nineveh Plains and into Kurdistan as militants from the Islamic State, formerly the Islamic State of the Levant (ISIS), threaten those who do not subscribe to their fundamentalist ideology.

We are witnessing today an act of religious and ethnic cleansing toward Christians as well as many other communities such as Sufis, Shabaks, Mandaeans, Yazidis, Turkmen, let alone Shi'is and Sunnis, as extremists drive people out of the lands that have been their home for thousands of years; some churches have been converted into mosques, ancient monasteries lie abandoned and the homes of Christians have been daubed with signs that would mark them out as a target for the extremists.

Bishop Lang appeals for our prayers so that God may show the people of Iraq his infinite mercy - comfort the mourners, bind up their wounds and heal the broken-hearted in those biblical lands that have been a cradle of civilisation. There will be a special prayer in the Bidding Prayers at mass today.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 September Prayer Breakfast at St Martha's Methodist Church
24 September Parish Meeting to consider formation of a parish council

4 October Prayer Breakfast at **Corpus Christi Church**
1 November Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church

PRAYER BREAKFASTS 2014

4 January New Mill Baptist Church
1 February High Street Baptist Church
1 March St Martha's Methodist Church
5 April Corpus Christi Church, worried
3 May St Bartholomew's Church, Wigginton
7 June St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
5 July High Street Baptist Church
2 August New Mill Baptist Church
6 September St Martha's Methodist Church
4 October Corpus Christi Church
1 November St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
6 December New Mill Baptist Church

Breakfast is served at 8.30 am followed by prayer for local and world needs

WHEN MAKING YOUR WILL

A very valuable way for you to support our parish would be to make provision in your will for a legacy. There is a leaflet at the back of church, which you may find helpful when you next think of revising your will.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Last spring we had a Parish Mission. We were asked to consider the life of our Parish Family and the part we play in it. Two weeks ago you were given a questionnaire and you were asked to think of ways in which you could be part of our ministry of service to our parish family and also to each other. There are so many ways in which we can use our own gifts and talents. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Canon Berry.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

In case you are admitted to hospital please indicate when you enter hospital, or arrange for someone to do so on your behalf, that your details should be passed to the RC Chaplain. You should also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you. The Data Protection Acts do not allow hospital staff to reveal details of patients to chaplains or anyone else who is not a member of the hospital staff.

DENS FOOD BANK

We have boxes at the back of church to receive gifts of food for our local Food Bank. Their August appeal is for sugar (500g or 1kg), fruit juice (1L long life), puddings (tinned), cereal bars and pot noodles. DENS also needs of items to support their other services (DENS Night Shelter, DENS Move-On and DENS Rent Aid) so if you are able to help with any of the following it would be appreciated: strong black bags, antibacterial liquid soap, kitchen roll and single toothbrushes.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498, send an email to info@catholicsingles.org.uk. You are also invited to visit the Catholic Singles website at www.catholicsingles.org.uk. The organisation includes separated and divorced people and has A.S.D.C (Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics.)

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille offers a lifeline to troubled marriages. Backed by prayer, this programme has healed and turned around thousands of marriages on the brink of collapse and even brought divorced couples back together again. The next programme starts on the 27th -29th September 2013. Don't miss this lifeline if your marriage is painful – visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk or call or text 0797 338 0443 in complete confidence.