

Notices for the week beginning 24 August 2014

Sunday 24 August 2014 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 117

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish 8.30 am Georgina Wright (Lately Dead);
10.30 am Mary Sanger (Lately Dead)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Monica*

No Mass

Thursday *St Augustine*

No Mass

Friday *The Passion of St John the Baptist*

No Mass. Communion Service : 10.00 am

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward*

Confessions: 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 31 August 2014 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Mary Miles 8.30 am; Mary Sanger (Lately Dead)
10.30 am Mary Sanger (Lately Dead)

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, Eileen Scotland, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Mary Sanger and Georgina Wright; **Anniversaries:** Thomas Beary, Tom Blackbourn, Michael Code, Mary Cronin, Norman Fisher, Thomas Gibney, Mick Kennedy, Elizabeth Knight, Vincent McInerney, Catherine O'Shaughnessy, Joseph Scarborough, Sylvia Simmonds, Clement Stevens, Joseph Tanti and Chris Willey. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2014	6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
23/24 August E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	H Houston D Long
R	Y Devereux J Lee	L Hutt S Wright	G Maloney P Apps
W	M Miles	S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: £411.60

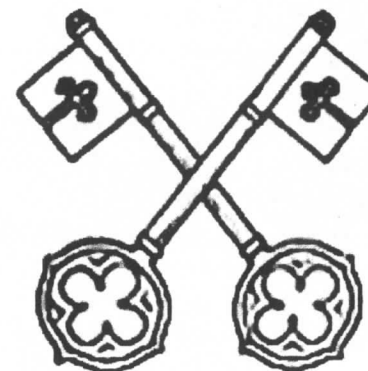
Loose: £78.92

Building Fund: £73.50

CAFOD Appeal for the people of Gaza: £266.56

PARISH NEWS

24 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

Pope Francis spent five days in South Korea last week. It was his first visit to an Asian country. On one journey he travelled by high-speed train instead of by helicopter. The 500 passengers got quite a shock when the man in white climbed aboard. Even more so when he found time to speak to some of them. At the Shrine at Solmoe he met young Asians before heading back to Seoul. On his way to the Apostolic Nunciature he changed the route to call in on his fellow Jesuits for another unscheduled stop. The visit was described as one of incredible simplicity, a sense of home, of family and normality, a relaxed and informal meeting, more like a celebration.

These are some of the thoughts that Pope Francis shared with his fellow Jesuits:

The need for priests to bring consolation to the people, rather than castigate them for their sins. God's people are seeking and needing to be consoled.

The Church has many wounds, some of them caused by priests and practicing Catholics. Our clerical attitudes have done much damage to the Church.

There are no wounds that cannot be consoled by the love of God. Priests are called to tend these wounds with the certainty that God will always bring forgiveness and hope.

Priests are not state altar boys but pastors. They must act like pastors with people who come to confession. Be merciful and always remember that God never tires of forgiving us.

Pope Francis will never cease to surprise us with his wise and consoling words and actions. He is forever dipping into the Holy Scriptures to remind us of the incomprehensible wonder of God's wisdom and providence. This is something St Paul is talking about in today's epistle, the Letter to the Romans. We learn that we have nothing to fear from God. One of our modern hymns is based on words from the Prophet Isaiah: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name, you are mine.

In the scriptures names are important. Jacob fought with an angel and demanded to know his name. Moses saw the burning bush and asked the voice who he was, what was his name. In today's gospel Jesus gave Simon son of Jonah a new name, Peter. To have a name is an integral part of being a human person. A change of name sometimes denotes a change in a person's relationship with God. When new popes are elected there is often something significant in the name chosen by the new pope. Last year the Jesuit Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Joseph Bergoglio, was elected Pope and chose the name Francis. He explained this choice because he wanted his pontificate to be influenced by St Francis of Assisi.

Ever since Pope Paul VI began to travel by plane to overseas countries, it has been the custom of the Pope to send a telegram to the leaders of the countries he will fly over en route to his destination. When Pope John Paul II travelled to Japan, he was refused permission to fly across China. Pope Francis was allowed to fly across China on his way to South Korea. He sent this telegram to the President of China: "I extend my best wishes to your Excellency and your fellow citizens and I invoke divine blessings of peace and well-being upon the nation." On his way back to Rome he sent a further telegram: "Your Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, Returning to Rome after my visit to Korea, I wish to renew to your Excellency and your fellow citizens the assurance of my best wishes, as I invoke divine

blessings upon your land." These telegrams may not at first seem important to us but in diplomatic terms, every letter is important. The first telegram was ignored but the second one was acknowledged. Three hundred young people travelled from China to Korea to attend the Youth Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. This brings me to the final surprise of all. Pope Francis at last spoke publicly in English – to the young people. He spoke with a strong Spanish accent but the young people loved it, especially the few off-the cuff remarks.

I am going on holiday later today. I shall be away for just over two weeks. A Nigerian priest, Father Jude, who is at present working in Derby will be here for both weekends. I am sure you will give him your customary welcome.

Yours sincerely

Vincent Berry

Parish Priest

GAZA APPEAL

Many thanks for your response to the appeal for the people of Gaza. The collection came to £266.56. Further gifts will be received today.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The preparation programme will begin in October. Application forms are available at the back of church. Parents are asked to attend the Registration on Saturday 20 September, from 10.00 to 11.00 am. Please bring the completed registration form together with your child's baptism certificate (unless the child was baptised at Corpus Christi).

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents who wish to arrange for the baptism of their children should arrange to meet Canon Berry to complete an application form. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism talk which takes place once a month. Baptisms take place normally on a Saturday or Sunday. At least one godparent must be a Catholic.

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.

CHRISTIANS IN THE WORKPLACE

Pope Francis tells us "The witness of the faith that each Christian is called to offer leads us to say with St. Paul: 'Not that I have already obtained this, or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.' (Phil. 3:13-14)" On Saturday 13th September you are invited to a day of recollection, from 10 am – 3 pm, with Sister Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver at the Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heat, Herts. WD23 4EE. Tea/coffee provided; please bring packed lunch. No need to book. Information on 020 8950 4000 or bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk.