

## Notices for the week beginning 20 August 2015

**Sunday 20 September 2015 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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6.00 pm (Vigil) Eugene McCaffrey; 8.30 am Jane Phooks; 10.30 am Thanksgiving

Monday *St Matthew*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

Mass 10.00 am Hannah and Harold Foster RIP

Thursday *Our Lady of Walsingham*

Mass 10.00 am Thanksgiving

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Sheila McGrath (Sick)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Cosmas and St Damian*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

**Sunday 27 September 2015 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6.00 pm (Vigil) Special Intention (Julia); 8.30 am ; Intentions of Lucy Hutt;

10.30 am Bridie O'Neill (Anniversary)

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, Maria Breen, Rob Court, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Frank Dalton, Melanie Edwards, Jenny Fulcher, Claiore Garlick, Gwen Herbert, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Charlie Lynch, Sheila McGrath, Colin McHugh, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Gill Rollsprayer, Charlie Rossley, Claire Sutton, Roy Underill and Naomi Wadling.

**Lately Dead:** Barbara Clarke **Anniversaries:** Anne Brown, Vera Everett, Hannah Foster, George High, Win Hill, Margaret Jennings, Nonie Jones, Mary Lynch, Marion McHaffie, Patricia Morgan, Hermione Mostyn, Helen Murphy, George Oakley, Denis Ryan, John Schauber, Mollie Shepherd and Barry Williams. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
5/6 Sept	E	F Sherratt O Conway	A Halliday	P Apps D Long
	R	D Leadbeater M Sherratt	P Milton S Wright	S Lewington H Houston
	W	M Miles	D Kerr	

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £265.62 Loose: £184.36 Building Fund: £28.15

August Standing Orders: Offertories £2,393.00 Building Fund: £129.00

## PARISH NEWS

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20 September 2015



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### Times of Services

Sunday  
Holydays  
Weekday  
Saturday

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

Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am

5.15 - 5.45 pm

## *Letter from Langdon Street*

My dear people

I have just got back from two weeks in Italy where the weather was wonderful. It had not rained for ten weeks until a week ago and we had two inches of rain in twenty four hours. My journey back through France was accompanied by wind and rain. On Wednesday I arrived in Calais and it was really sad to see the new fences put up around the Channel Tunnel entrance and even worse to see make-shift camp sites in different parts of Calais. Pope Francis has made appeals on several occasions and challenged us to be generous in supporting people who have been forced to flee their homes. Cardinal Nichols issued an appeal on our behalf to urge the government to respond to the crisis and provide assistance for these desperate people who are refugees who have fled for their lives, not economic migrants who are merely seeking a better way of life. There is a notice at the back of church about a group of local people who want to take emergency supplies to the refugees in Calais. Please help in every way you can.

Last Sunday we had an appeal for the Xaverian Foreign Mission Society and you generously contributed £562.40 to their work.

Today is Home Mission Sunday when we are asked to support the work of evangelisation in our own country. It is celebrated each year in September and its theme this year, inspired by Pope Francis, is PROCLAIM GOD'S MERCY. We are encouraged today to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, especially for those people who are distant from the life of faith. We are also asked to support the work financially. There will be a second collection at mass today. You may also contribute on line at [www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations).

Bishop Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth, is Chairman of the Bishops' Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, has written the following message to us: "Pope Francis has written recently: "May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst. The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the bearing heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person." The bishops of England and Wales have this year chosen two themes for Home Mission Sunday – proclaim and God's mercy. **Proclaim:** That as a fruit of prayer every Catholic and every parish will take a new step to share their faith more joyfully and confidently, and so build missionary parishes. **God's Mercy:** That Catholic individuals and parishes will consider afresh how they will present "the balm of God's mercy" to others, in response to Pope Francis' announcement that there will be a Jubilee Year of Mercy, starting in December.

Research suggests that the majority of baptised Catholics rarely have contact with their local parish. Further, that the number of people who identify themselves as having "no religion" is on the rise. Please help us to develop new resources and strategies to reach out to people with the message of God's unconditional love and mercy."

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

## **ASSISTED SUICIDE**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September the House of Commons debated and voted on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. The Members of Parliament on both sides of the argument discussed the whole issue and 72 per cent of those who voted rejected the Bill. They recognised that the Bill would put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop Smith have expressed the thanks of all the bishops for the response of ordinary parishioners to their appeal for them to contact their local member of parliament. It just shows that if we put our minds to it, we can influence discussions in parliament and even persuade government ministers to change their minds.

## **FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016**

We have begun our programme of preparing children in the parish for their First Holy Communion next spring. Application forms are available at the back of church. There will be a parents meeting next Saturday, at 10.30 am and the children will have their first class on Saturday 3 October at 10.30 am.

## **OUR MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

We have a number of activities for children and young people and these are starting up again:

The Youth club meets on Monday evenings, from 7-9 pm; SPOG, (Small People of God) meets on Friday evenings, from 5.00-6.00 pm. There will be a monthly Film Club for children (School years 3+) and the first film is on Monday 5 October, from 4.30-6.30 pm. Messy Church meets once a month. The next Messy Church is on Sunday the 18th of October, from 3-5 pm.

## **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP**

The Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) meets on Friday 25 September, from 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Dom Dominic Taylor, OSB will speak on the Benedictine charism. For more info contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

## **MINISTERING MERCY**

"Ministering Mercy" is the theme of a "Come and See" retreat day on Saturday 24 October at Allen Hall seminary for men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood. It is essential to register in advance. For more info contact Fr Graham at [GrahamStokes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:GrahamStokes@rcdow.org.uk)

## **RETRouvaille**

Retrouvaille is a service from the Catholic church to couples who are experiencing difficulty, conflict or crisis in their marriage. Since Retrouvaille recommenced in 2009, approximately 170 couples and 3 priests have attended the programme. 87% of these couples are now back together in a stable marriage. On their behalf, we thank you for your part in making the lives of nearly 500 children more settled and secure.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 1 October, 12.30 pm, Pray and Fast at High Street Baptist Church

Saturday 3 October, 8.30 am, Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul Church at 8.30 am

Saturday 5 October, 8.30 am Prayer Breakfast at New Mill Baptist Church at 8.30 am

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