

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6.00pm	Geoffrey Potter RIP Anniv (Murray)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am	Des Allen RIP (Canny)
	11.00am	People of our Parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Monica	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	10.00am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine	
	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b>	
	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Special Intention (MB)

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Stan Holder RIP Anniv (FM)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Edwin Bruce RIP (Canny)-
September 2018	11.00am	People of our Parish
	12.30pm	Baptism Ralph Beckett

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE:** Saturday 11am to 12 noon & 5.15 to 5.40pm  
**MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE** 15 minutes before weekday Mass  
**BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME:** Frances Wells,  
Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd,  
Giovanni Borelli, Mark Toohey, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Roger Minnis,  
Fr Martin Knott and Fr Tom Jordan.

**Please inform a Priest or hospital chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill at home, in hospital or a home so they may have prayer and the Sacraments.**

**OFFERINGS:** Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £167.20 Loose £236.01  
**Standing Orders: £800. CAFOD 35.05. Thank you for your generosity.**

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*Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang  
Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa*

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B) 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Could we sometimes be thought to be 'half-hearted' in the practice of our faith? Are we tempted to relax our standards when it's inconvenient to adhere to them and when distractions draw us away from what should be our first priority in life.. At these times, we need to be firm with ourselves and maintain high standards of Catholic practice, both to please God and to encourage others to love him.

We live in a country where, for the majority of the population, comfort, wealth and entertainment are the prime constituents of good living. Whilst we all seek to lead a good life, we live in a country where our love for God and serving him as a first priority in life, is at odds with the common priorities of the nation at large. For most people, God takes his turn with what are seen as more appealing priorities

As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus was seen by many of his followers to be making apparently outrageous claims and they left him because they could not accept his standards or objectives. He then asked the Twelve Apostles: 'What about you? Do you want to go away too?' Jesus is asking each of us the same question today when we fail to maintain our standards of commitment to be good Christians – "do you also want to go away from me", he asks us? It is good to remind ourselves why our reply to that question should be the same as that given by Peter...."Lord, to whom should we go? You have the message of eternal life and we believe", and then we should set about adjusting our practices

Our whole life on this earth is but a moment in God's great plan for creation. He has created us to spend the whole of eternity with him in heaven when our earthly lives are ended. Surely, we should want to follow him faithfully in our earthly life to gain a joyful welcome into heaven when he calls us into eternity. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that we should not be half-hearted about the way in which we practise our faith. We need to be known as his constant and enthusiastic followers.

God bless.

*Deacon Duncan*

**WELCOME** to the priests of the Franciscan Priory at Woodford Green, who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend, as Fr John continues his holiday in Ireland until 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR:** We need a music co-ordinator for our parish from **1st September onwards** and are offering an opportunity for a parishioner with an interest in church music to take on this role. Please speak to Maggie Keeling or Fr John if you can help.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2019:** We need more parishioners to help prepare children for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion starting in September. Please contact Fr John if you can help. Our Catechists meeting will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** in the Priest's House. The first meeting for the parents of the children will be in our Church Hall on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm**. The first preparation session for the children will be in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 5.45pm** – and subsequent Wednesdays. Application forms are available at the back of the church and must be completed and returned to the Priest's House by **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**. It is essential that the children and their families consistently attend Sunday Mass in order to prepare for the Sacraments

**CONFIRMATION:** Bishop Alan will visit our parish and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people who have been prepared on **24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. Preparation will start in September for young people in school years 9 to 12 in Secondary school. Application forms are available at the back of the church and must be completed and returned to the Priest's House by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. We will also announce dates for meetings for those wishing to prepare for Confirmation

**OUR PARISH HALL** is available for bookings. Special rates for charities and parishioners. Please call Arnold Verrall (contact details on the back page of this Newsletter) for more information and to make a booking.

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:** Please be advised that Masses get booked well in advance, particularly the weekend Masses. Please book weekend Masses 3 months in advance, otherwise we may not be able to accommodate your requests for Masses to be said at specific weekends.

**SPONSOR A CONSECRATION CROSS OR CANDLE:** We will celebrate the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church on December 7<sup>th</sup>**, the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patron of our Church. To complete the apostolic number we will put up eight more candles and crosses, **all of which have now been sponsored**. We thank parishioners for their generosity. Please put the date of this celebration in your diary.

**TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** In September we start a course of talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming a Catholic or wishing to understand our faith or support family members' faith. It will be suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed, have not been practising, or wish to renew their faith. **They will be held in the Priest's House on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9.15pm until Easter**. There is no commitment involved by attending any or all sessions. Please contact Fr John if you would like to attend.

**APF RED MISSIO BOXES:** Please hand in boxes to the Sacristy or Priest's House ASAP. Please do NOT leave boxes with money in Church Porch. When emptied and counted, boxes are labelled and left in the Porch to be collected by the owners. **Your money helps Mill Hill Missionaries support poor communities overseas**. If you wish to have a Red Missio Box to give small change to this charity, please contact Elaine Garwood, our Missio Organiser, on [egarwood@live.co.uk](mailto:egarwood@live.co.uk). Every little helps! There are additional boxes in the Church porch - please take one if you would like to help - don't forget to put your name on your box..

**PARISH JUMBLE SALE:** Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 at 2pm**. Please start sorting out any good quality jumble for selling and leave it in the church porch.

**Celebrate the "official opening" of Walsingham House at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Near Brentwood, CM14 5SH), Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. Grounds open 11am; Mass with Bishop Alan at 12noon. Throughout the afternoon there will be live music and a bouncy castle. You are welcome to bring a picnic; Barbecued food, Cream teas and ice creams will also be on sale. Celebrate the refurbishment of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the prayer, peace and space that is here, and the youth ministry that welcomes 5,000 young people through the doors of the house every year. More information [www.bcys.net/WHAbbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/WHAbbotswick) and on the [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) events page.