

MASSES FROM 19th to 26th Aug 2018

Sun	26	9.30am	Winifred Busby (Anni), Sam & Anthonia Aikhionbare (Spl int)
		11.30am	Geraldine Deane (RIP)Patrick Cosgrove (RIP)
Mon	20	9.30am	Francis (Thanksgiving), Tony Smith (Get well)
Tues	21	9.30am	Ann Lane (RIP)
Wed	22	9.30am	Sean Osagie (B'day)
Thurs	23	9.30am	Sheila McLeany (RIP)
Fri	24	9.30am	Josephine Lobo (RIP)
Sat	25	9.30am	Jose Antonio Barradas (RIP)
Sun	26	9.30am	Dominic Tran Phuong (RIP)
		11.30am	Bridie McAndrew (Spl int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

19h Aug 2018

9.30am Elena Wood, Desma (R)
Sophie (E)
11.30am Julie, Honorine (R)
Loveness, Vera (E)

26th August 2018

Noah, Antonia A. (R)
Betty Osagie (E)
Aimie, Florence E. (E)
Serso, Marcel (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Mary Mulroney, John Curriston, Gerard Griffith, Jane Patalong, Maria Drabik, Kath Muldoon, Michael Clear, Patricia Waltho.

Anniversaries during this Week: Grace Philomena McSweeney, Patrick Christopher Kirwan, Nora Philomena Josephine Reilly, Elizabeth Pickett, Alfred Gibson, William Green, Andy Mooney, Johannah Ward, Desmond Patrick McTigue, Mamie Dunleavy, Pat Whelan, Pat Sheehan, Catherine Elliott.



Dates for your diary:

9th September Bereavement Mass;
16th September Welcome Mass for the University students;
17th November X'Mas Bazar from 1.00pm to 3.00pm;
29th November Confirmation.

Blessing of the Graves: The Deanery is organising the Blessing of the Graves again this year in September. The dates are as follows:

St Paul's - 9th September at 3.00pm; Canley - 16th September at 3.00pm,
Lenton's Lane - 23rd September at 3.00pm; London Road - 30th September at 3.00pm.

Thoughts to ponder: 'Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you; all things are passing. God never changes. Patient endurance attains all things. Whoever possesses lacks nothing; God alone suffices.' (St. Teresa of Avila)



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter- 20th Sunday in Ordinary time 19th to 26th Aug 2018

THE HEN CALLED UPON ME FOR HELP

After the long sessions of one meeting after another, we were asked to take a break for one day. Our principle house in Nairobi is surrounded by tall trees where an eagle has a nest with young chicks. It looks the chicks were very hungry, making noise every time; calling for food and for more food.

The previous day, the hen of Father Superior hatched 12 chicks which has brought a lot of excitement. After spending 21 days incubating her eggs, mother hen was very hungry, she needed to find food as soon as possible and to take out her brood to show them around. However, it was a dangerous territory with eagles hovering in the trees laying ambush to find food for their hungry chicks too. Mother hen was clever she invited me to take watch over her as she showed the new family around and tried to find food for herself. Since hens have better eye sight than human beings, every time she sensed danger she made noise to call me for support and protection. So I spent the day scaring away the eagle which I'm sure was very angry with me.

The two mothers were engaged in a serious battle which called for great responsibilities. If the eagle did not find food that day, her chicks starved to near death. As I sat there with my eyes everywhere in the trees, I was challenged to ask myself, '*who do I turn to and who do I put my trust in when there is danger?*'

The hen was so pleased have someone that day watching over her and her chicks. How much more happy we should be to know that in spite of the dangers hovering above us, God is with us always keeping an eye on us! Although I kept an eye on the hen with her 12 chicks, I did not take the danger away, the eagle was still in the sky. In the same way while God keeps watch over us, he does not take temptations and dangers away, that is why it is important to pray all the time and to endeavour to remain in good relationship with Him.

As dusk fell over Nairobi that day, I was so pleased that mother hen retired with all her brood in her possession. It could be the reason why Jesus rightly said that finding the lost sheep or the lost drachma gave much joy because it meant that the number was complete.

Sometimes it is amazing to see how nature shows that it has a sense of duty, responsibility and accountability. The mother eagle showed that she had the responsibility to find food for her chicks even if this would entail stealing the chicks of the hen, while the Mother hen showed that she had the responsibility to protect everyone of her brood from hungry eagles.

That is what responsibility is; a constant endeavour to do what is expected of us. Remember to call on the intervention of God above when you need protection just as the hen did. But also don't give up trying because despite the obstacles God finally gives the answer. So the eagle kept on trying again and again.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 210.03 **Non-Gift Aid:** £316.43 **Total :** £526.46

Counters : Elizabeth & Patsy

Mass Attendance : 408

Bonus Ball : No.

Second collection :

Forthcoming Second Collections September—October 2018 :

Sept 16 : CASE ; Sept 23rd : Father Hudson's Society.

Pious Devotions

Prayer for priests every first Friday of the month from 6 – 7pm.

Rosa Mystica on 13th of every month between 2.00pm & 3.00pm.

The Lady's Chapel is open from **8.30am to 4:00pm** throughout the week. You are all welcome to spend time in prayer before the Lord.

Church cleaning: 8.00am to 9.30am

Confessions : Every Saturday from 10am to 11.00am

Feast days during the week: 22nd Aug—Queenship of Mary; 23rd Rose of Lima; 24th St. Bartholomew Apostle.

RCIA— classes will begin on 10th September at 6.00pm. In the Lady's Chapel. Participants will meet weekly for nine months. If you are interested, please contact **Fr. Jimmy or one of the sisters on 07906124756/02476550848.**



Thought on marriage: Married Love

This love is above all fully human, a compound of sense and spirit. It is not, then, merely a question of natural instinct or emotional drive. It is also, and above all, an act of the free will, whose trust is such that it is meant not only to survive the joys and sorrows of daily life, but also to grow, so that husband and wife become in a way one heart and one soul, and together attain their human fulfilment.

Matters of Importance

Volunteers for Catechetical Instruction: I'm pleased to let you know that following my request to you to help with catechetical ministry in our parish, Miss Veronica Carroll, Mr. and Mrs James/ Anne Mapuranga, and Mrs Celia, have presented to me their names with the intention of teaching catechism in our parish. I thank them for their willingness to share their faith with others. Please support them with your prayers.

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) : Archbishop Barnard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is being conducted by an independent charity call SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As a part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and gave experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. If you are able to contribute to this import review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.uk or 020 77667374 or 07872602207) .

Baptism preparation class for parents who wish to have their children baptised will be on Monday 3rd Sept at 6.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. I encourage both the parents to be present for the class.

Preparation for children who are studying in non-Catholic schools or are eligible for Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation, please speak to Sr. Leena and Confirmation classes will begin from Saturday 15th September at 5.00pm in the Lady's Chapel.

Thank you for supporting Fr. Moses who climbed Mt. Snowdon in Wales last Thursday 16th of August. He was joined by Fr. Pontius from St. Osburgs and Fr. Nicholas Enzama AJ from Tawin in Wales. The parish of St. Mary's raised £400.00 in support of his charity walk to raise money for the training of priests in the Institute of the Apostles of Jesus. Thank you for your generosity.

Rugby Association of Our Lady of Walsingham. The Association is arranging for a coach to go to Walsingham on 16th September for the Dowry of Our Lady. The coach will leave St Maries Roman Catholic Church, Dunchurch Road, Rugby CV22 5EL at 7am prompt. You can bring a packed lunch (there is a cafe there but it gets busy). We leave Walsingham to come home at 5.30pm. It really is a very spiritual experience to be at Walsingham. We are taking a smaller coach this year so let us know as soon as possible if you would like to go. The charge is only £10, this figure has been substantially subsidised by the Rugby Association. In order to secure a seat please telephone Breda on 01788 331593 or Kathleen on 01788 334787.

Annual Bazaar: I wish to invite you for meeting on Tuesday 11th September to organise for the Parish bazaar. The meeting starts 6:00pm.