

## MASSES FROM 22nd to 29th July 2018

Sun	22	9.30am	Esperito & Catharina (RIP), Henry Szurala (RIP) Nora Griffith family (Spl int), Clare & Doris (Spl int)
		11.30am	Russel De Lara (Thanksgiving) Deceased members of Maimo family ,
Mon	23	9.30am	Oliver Clear, Alwyn Lobo (RIP)
		10.30am	Funeral service of Thomas Mee
Tues	24	9.30am	McGorman family (Spl int), Josephine Lobo (Anni) Joseph & Benaditamma Richard Dominic (RIP)
Wed	25	9.30am	Liam (Good health), Jim Meehan (RIP)
Thurs	26	9.30am	S.S.A., Griffith family (Thanksgiving), William Hearne (Good health)
		6.00pm	Reception of Sheila McLeany
Fri	27	10.30am	Requiem Mass
Sat	28	9.30am	Mathias family (Spl int), Lydia Lobo (RIP)
Sun	29	9.30am	Nora Griffith family (Thanksgiving), Peace & unity in Nigeria
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### 22nd July 2018

9.30am	Elena, Nicholas (R) Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am	Patrick, Eche (R) Vera, Patricia (E)

#### 29nd July 2018

9.30am	Julia H, James M. (R) Jarek (E)
11.30am	Florence K., Honorine (R) Serso, Frank (E)

**Please pray for the sick of the Parish:** Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulrone, John Currison, Gerard Griffith, Diana Best, Tess Pearkes, Sheila Clear, Janie Patalong, Thomas Murtagh, Job Giles, Maria Drabik, Danny Diver, Michael Clear, Max Gorman, John Kerrigan, Phyllis Mulvey, Kath Muldoon, Ann Hanley.



**Anniversaries during this Week:** Owen Ferry, Margaret Wood, Josephine Duffy, Luz Alba Florez de Taylor, Mary Reid, Josephine Shanley, Nora Nugent, Elizabeth Call, Kevin Byrne, Michael O'Brien, Michael James Murphy, Joe Ryan, James Swan, Noel Dyas, Robert Dunham, Nancy Notaro, Minnie Byrne, Fred Billington.

*If any parishioner is sick or in hospital, please inform the Parish Priest or one of the Sisters. It is important that Catholics on admission to hospital ask for their religion to be recorded and request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain.*



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

### Parish News letter– 16th Sunday in Ordinary time 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29th July 2018

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND HE LIVED AMONG US:

Every time when I read the Bible especially the New Testament, I ask myself: "If the Bible was not an inspired Word of God, how could ordinary men who spent much of their time on the shores of the tiny Sea of Galilee, come up with such fundamental theological teaching and a theological language by which they expounded the mysteries of Christian faith?"

I soon realise that the first Christians did not want to complicate things but they explained them as they were perceived. For example, they spoke about Jesus things that no world leader would wish to be spoken about him: *Jesus was an immigrant (Matt 2:14), Jesus was hungry (Mk. 11:12), Jesus scattered people's merchandise (Jn 2:15), the family of Jesus thought he had gone crazy (Mk 3:21). Jesus wept (Jn 11:35), Jesus hid (Jn 8:59), Jesus was overcome by fear (Matt 26:37) Jesus was arrested (Matt 27:57) etc....* There is no world leader of any time that would like to hear such things spoken about him. Donald Trump must be a Commander in Chief, not a weak and humble man. These concepts do not evoke the qualities a commander in chief ought to have.

On 26th July we shall celebrate the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. The gospels say nothing about these saints but early Christian tradition without hesitation remembers their names as Joachim and Anne. It is easy to sing the praises of the Mother of Jesus and to forget the parents of the girl who was highly blessed to become the mother of the Redeemer. Those parents deserve our honour too because when their daughter consented to the Incarnation, she took upon herself the most important decision ever taken by any human being and the fact that she took it, is to a great extent the work of her parents Joachim and Anne. The Holy Spirit gave her the strength to take the decision but her parents' training gave her the wisdom to choose.

The Evangelists were not ignorant of the extended family of Jesus however they did not put much emphasis on it because in Jesus they saw a truly human person, not different from other people but in him they experienced the very presence and nature of God, such that they spent much time writing and preaching Jesus the Word of God who became flesh and lived among us. Jesus True God and True man. Let us remember to pray for our grandparents so that like Joachim and Anne, we may be blessed through their life.

### **The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburgs**

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### **Parish Development**

**Collection: Gift Aid:** £313.70 **Non-Gift Aid:** 402.10 **£Total :** £715.80

**Counters :** Elizabeth & Patsy

**Mass Attendance :** 511

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** 23rd July St. Bridget Religious and Patron of Europe; 25th July St. James the Apostle; 26th July Sts. Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Thought on Marriage:** Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgement, and self-mastery - the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the "material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones. "Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them.

### **Matters of Importance**



**Confirmation** will take place on 29th November in our parish. Children who are studying in other schools or are eligible for Sacrament of Confirmation, the classes will begin in September in our parish. The date will be made known to you later.

**RCIA**—The Rite of Christian Initiation is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. At St. Mary's the RCIA classes will begin on 10<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Lady's Chapel. If you are interested, please contact **Fr. Jimmy or one of the sisters on 07906124756/02476550848.**



**Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Just a polite reminder that anyone exercising a ministry within the Sanctuary of the Church should be dressed appropriately especially in the warmer weather.

**Feast of St. Anne and Joachim** Thursday 26th July is the Feast of St. Anne and Joachim, the parents of Our Lady, Grandparents of Jesus. This Feast Day is the Feast Day of our parish Sisters who belong to the Religious order of Sisters of St. Ann. We thank them for their generous service to us all. Let us keep them and the members in our prayers.



**Gift Aid** can be taken out at any time of the year. Thank you to everyone registered as it is valuable source of additional income to the parish. Anyone registered who changes the address please inform the office to amend your address so that we can continue to claim GA on your behalf.



**Vincentian Volunteers :** Are you aged between 18-35? Have you ever wanted to spend a year making a real difference in the community? Have you thought about trying to live out Gospel values in a faith-filled community? If the answer to these questions is yes, then become a Vincentian Volunteer - living in community, serving the needy in our society and living out your faith practically. Spend a year that will change your life. If you want to know more then visit [www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk](http://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk)

**Summer holidays** for Schools begin from 23rd July to 4th Sept I thank all the head teachers, staff and governors of the schools entrusted to the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries for all the hard work and support during this term. I wish them good rest and enjoyable holidays. Parents remember to keep an eye on your children for their safety during this time. Schools reopen on Wednesday 5th September .

**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 4.00pm;

29th November Confirmation.