

MASSES FROM 29th July to 5th Aug 2018

Sun	29	9.30am	Nora Griffith family (Thanksgiving), Peace & unity in Nigeria
		11.30am	Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)
Mon	30	9.30am	Jim Meehan (RIP)
Tues	31	9.30am	Philip O’Gorman (RIP)
Wed	01	9.30am	Holy souls, Thomas Mooney (Anni)
Thurs	02	9.30am	Jim Meehan (RIP)
Fri	03	9.30am	Rissa Togoto (Thanksgiving)
Sat	04	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy & Family (Thanksgiving), Christy Fox (RIP)
Sun	05	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy (Spl int)
		11.30am	Richard Maimo (RIP)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

29th July 2018

9.30am Julia H, James M. (R)
Jarek (E)

11.30am Florence K., Honorine (R)
Serso, Frank (E)

5th Aug 2018

Veronica Carroll, Alex (R)
Barbara (E)

Vera, Loveness (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Tony Groogan, Bishop Edwin Regan Eileen McHugh, Tony McKiernan, Mary Mulroney, 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, Patricia Waltho.

Anniversaries during this Week: John Walsh , Imelda Mary Haddock, Una McCabe , Francis Felton , Tracy Rodgers, Marie Bernadette O’Reilly , Rose Roach, Maura Mulroney, Peggy Connors, James Cannon



Anecdote : *Once there was a merchant not well educated but much devoted to his regular prayers. Once on his journey he stopped at the time of prayer and spread his prayer mat bowed down and went through his bag to get his prayer book. To his surprise he had misplaced it and without it he could not say his prayers. So looked to heaven and said, God, you are the author of all and I know I cannot pray today because I have forgotten my prayer book. Look, I will do something now. I will slowly recite the alphabet three times. You know everything and you join them together into word and make them my prayer for you this evening. Then he recited the alphabet with his eyes closed. The God in heaven listened to his prayers and said, today this is the best prayer I heard.*



“The Eucharist is the heart of the Church, where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the Church will blossom.” (Pope John Paul II)



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 17th Sunday in Ordinary time 29th July to 5th Aug 2018

THESE CHRISTIANS ARE WORTH OUR IMMITATION:

During this week the Church gives us through its calendar three ordinary Christians who became great saints. The Church wants us to imitate them.

St. Ignatius of Loyola (31st July) a Spanish nobleman and a soldier who pursued military career until a bullet shattered his leg during the war against France in 1521. while recovering in Northern Spain he read a book about the Life of Christ and experienced profound conversion. He later founded the Society of Jesus commonly known as the Jesuits.

St. Alphonsus Liguori (1st August) During sixty years of Christian service in Central Italy opposition of every sort came to him. His father resisted his ordination. Powerful anticlerical battled his Religious Order of the Redemptorist . Jansenists denounced his book MORAL THEOLOGY that sought to correct them. People threatened him because of his reform as Bishop of San. Agata. Rheumatism bent his head into his chest a deformity he suffered for the last 20years of his life. A controversy between the Pope and the king of Naples over the Redemptorist Rule resulted in his exclusion from the community he founded; and for two years just before he died Alphonsus was assailed with the dark night of doubt, fear and anxiety.

St. John Vianney (4th August) the famous parish priest of Ars, he was not intellectual in worldly things but through his simplicity and prayer, extra ordinary grace converted thousands to God. The devil took notice of John Vianney for thirty years day and night he put up with intrusions he regarded as diabolic including noises, personal violence and even the mysterious burning of his bed.

John blended strictness and gentleness. He upheld the commandments with uncompromising severity and loved people with motherly tenderness. His preaching emptied the Pubs of Ars and restored the Sunday observance. The feasts of these saints occur during this week at the beginning of August. They were ordinary Christians like ourselves, they were assaulted by temptations and all of them were doubted by people. Some were literally put to the test.

The feast of a Saint is a reminder that we can make one. *“Remember your leaders who preached the Word of God to you and as you reflect on the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same today as he was yesterday and as he will be forever. Do not let yourselves be led astray by all sorts of strange doctrines” (Heb 13:7-9)*

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £207.00 **Non-Gift Aid:** £ 392.77 **Total :** £599.77

Counters : Vera & Phil

Mass Attendance : 504 **Bonus Ball :** No. 6 Mary Mulroony

Second collection :

Forthcoming Second Collections September—October 2018 :

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

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.

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

Thought on Marriage: The Precious Value of Marriage and of the Family

The very act of creation, marriage and the family are interiorly ordained to fulfilment in Christ and have need of His graces in order to be healed from the wounds of sin and restored to their "beginning," that is, to full understanding and the full realisation of God's plan. The Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family, ensuring their full vitality and human and Christian development, and thus contributing to the renewal of society and of the People of God. (...Apostolic exhortation, familiaris Consortio)

Matters of Importance

The Legion of Mary will be 100 years old in 2021. To mark this event the members of our Archdiocese are hoping to visit at least 100 young families in various parishes over the next 3 years in order to promote family prayer. Therefore a launch event for this prayer campaign will take place at St. Thomas More's Church Sheldon on Oct 6th 2018. Rt. Rev. Philip Pargeter, Auxiliary Bp Emeritus, will be the chief celebrant followed by Rosary procession. More details are on the notice board.

Social Care Institute for Excellenc (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 important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.uk or 020 77667374 or 07872602207) .

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, the Shrine of the English Martyrs will be on Sunday 2nd September. Harvington Hall brings to life the fascinating history of the survival of Roman Catholic families and clergymen during the Reformation of the late sixteenth century. Mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham.

World Meeting of Families, 21-26 August. The WMF is a major international event that is held every three years which brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Dublin will host the next world meeting, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World." Over 150 people from across the Archdiocese will be travelling to Dublin this summer to take part. Please take time to 'meet' the families representing our Archdiocese, and find out more about what they'll be doing, by visiting <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/world-meetingof-families-2018> and pray for them and the meeting

Annual Rosary Rally : 32nd Annual Rosary Rally is on Sunday 26th August, to be held at St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire. The Rally will start with Mass at 2.00pm, after which there will be refreshments, picnics, etc. in the beautiful grounds of the monastery. The second part of the Rally will consist of the crowning of a statue of Our Lady, a procession with Rosary and hymns with a choir, followed by the Blessed Sacrament, blessing of the sick and concluding with Benediction.

Second Saturday Catholic convension & Mass: Held every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am to 4pm at Bethel convention Centre. For details visit www.sehion.net

Lectors meeting will take place today soon after 11.30am Mass in the Lady's Chapel. You are requested to be present for the meeting.