

MASSES FROM 26th Aug to 2nd Sept 2018

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| Sun | 26 | 9.30am | Dominic Tran Phuong , Roman Smolinski, Aleksander Janczaruk (RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Bridie McAndrew (Spl int) |
| Mon | 27 | 9.30am | Francisco Gomes Cabral (RIP), Tony Smith (Get well) |
| Tues | 28 | 9.30am | Sheila McLeany (RIP) |
| Wed | 29 | 10.30am | Requiem Mass - Angela Irene McGrane |
| Thurs | 30 | 9.30am | Tose Aikhionbare (B'day) |
| Fri | 31 | 9.30am | Holy souls |
| Sat | 01 | 9.30am | Phil Dunleavy (RIP) Grace Roberts (RIP) |
| Sun | 02 | 9.30am | Elizita Cabral, Christopher Dominican (RIP) |
| | | 11.30am | Mary Mangwa (RIP) |

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

26th August 2018

9.30am Noah, Antonia A. (R)
Betty Osagie (E)
11.30am Aimie, Florence E. (E)
Serso, Marcel (E)

2nd Sept 2018

James M, Veronica Carroll (R)
Jarek (E)
Noreen, Patrick (E)
Vera, Frank (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: Catherine Elliott , Frances Smyth , John Sheehan , Bridget Mulrooney , Janey Walsh, P.J.McGrath , Michael Flahive, Eileen Nora Clarke , Margaret rose Mullins.



Dates for your diary:

9th September Mass for bereaved families
23rd September Welcome Mass for the University students;
17th November X'Mas Bazar from 1.00pm to 4.00pm;
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: 'Any time spent before the Eucharistic presence, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives' St. Catherine of Genoa



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter– 21st Sunday in Ordinary time 26th Aug to 2nd Sept 2018

THE PROPHET MUST COME FROM WHERE WE DO NOT KNOW

On the morning of 3rd August, this year, I was sitting in the chapel of the principal house of the Apostles of Jesus in Nairobi –Kenya making meditation on the Word of God. The Gospel was talking about the visit of Jesus to his home village of Nazareth. He came into the synagogue and joined the worshippers in the prayers. It is not common to invite late comers to read important messages, therefore it is certain that unlike many Christians who go to church late, Jesus was there in good time. He was asked to take a reading but not necessarily to explain or to interpret what it meant. That work was reserved to the recognised rabbi or to their scribes.

The people were at home with the reading and with Jesus as a reader but they were agitated when he applied what he read to himself. *“This text is fulfilled as you listen”* he said. Yes the text could be fulfilled but in somebody else, from someone they did not know or from somebody much better than themselves, they thought. But a prophet to be someone they knew was impossible to accept by the people of Nazareth.

Meditations bring many thoughts in our soul searching exercise. At that moment I thought of the times when some people out of good motive tried to correct me, to warn me or to help me to become a better person but I brushed them off simply because I thought they were not better persons than myself. May be the same thing has happened to you when you refuse to listen to someone or to seek advice from somebody simply because he is too familiar. The truth is that prophets are among us. I'm sure there is somebody in your life who has ever spoken to you asking you either to correct an attitude or to encourage you to continue doing something. It does not matter who the person is, all of us are guided and governed by what other people expect from us.

In family life the first prophet is your spouse. He or she will speak to you about things, behaviours and attitudes you need to change or about things you need to carry on because they build your lives and family. Unfortunately, we do not pay attention to these prophetic voices because we think that they are spoken by people we know very well who have nothing to contribute to our lives. It is normal and natural to have feelings of shame and guilt. Persons who have no feelings of “shame” or who are not sensitive on upholding their good reputation cause a lot of pain to others.

In our time, people are desperately looking for prophets and miracle workers, remember that you have people who have challenged your behaviour for your good. Listen to them. It may be your spouse, your child or your colleague at work. Every prophetic voice is meant to make us better persons no matter how painful the process may be.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 255.00 **Non-Gift Aid:** £361.45 **Total :** £616.45

Counters :

Mass Attendance : 405

Bonus Ball : No. 36 M. Hogan

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: 27th St. Monica mother of St. Augustine, 28th Augustine Bishop of Hippo, 29th martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, 30th Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward female martyrs of English Reformation.

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.



Thought on marriage: Married Love

It is a love which is total—that very special form of personal friendship in which husband and wife generously share everything, allowing no unreasonable exceptions and not thinking solely of their own convenience. Whoever really loves his partner loves not only for what he receives, but loves that partner for the partner's own sake, content to be able to enrich the other with the gift of himself....(Humanae Vitae, 1968)

Matters of Importance

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.

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

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of their patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Saturday 15th September 2018 at 430pm in St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU. Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Fr. Moses wrote: "On Thursday 16th August 2018, Fr Moses, Fr Pontius, Fr Nicholas and five other Christians, successfully completed their journey to the top and down of Mount Snowdon. Being the first time to many of us, it was tough, but also a great experience to be on top of the highest mountain of England and Wales. But we did it for a charity, and we are grateful to you all for sponsoring us. Those who took the form of sponsorships and pledges are asked to return them not later than 15th September 2018. Details information will be given to you after 15th September."



Finance Committee Meeting: members of the Parish Finance Committee are requested to attend a meeting on Thursday 30th August 2018 at 6:00pm in the presbytery. Parishioners who would like to give suggestions about the management of parish finances are requested to do so through members of the finance committee (Mrs Vera Dunnion, Bill Flynn, Damian Curristan, Elizabeth Hancock and Fr. Jimmy the Parish Priest).

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.**