

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO BE PRAYED FOR BY THE PARISH PLEASE COMPLETE A CONSENT FORM (available from the Sacristy, Piety Stall and website (under *Parish Groups, Outreach, Visits to the Sick*) AND GIVE IT TO THE PARISH PRIEST, A PARISH SISTER OR A CHURCH WARDEN



Funerals: Betty Grice Wednesday 8th August 11.30am followed by burial (North Walsall) reception into Church Tuesday 7th August 4.00pm

Please pray for those who have died: Ann Marie Povey, Francis Terry, Betty Grice

Please keep in your prayers: John O'Neill, Helen Walsh

Pope Francis' July Prayer Intention: That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests

Baptisms: O'Hare (Sun 5th Aug)

This year's Weddings: SCOTT ROBERTS & AMANDA HARBAN (04/08/18), DOMINGOS ROSARIO & TANIA FERRAO (25/08/18), SEAN HASKETH & DOMINQUE JONES (08/09/18)

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA—'THANK YOU'

The Apostleship of the Sea have sent a 'thank you' letter to St. Peter's for the £237.31 raised for the Sea Sunday Appeal. Knowing that strangers support then gives seafarers great solace in what can be hard, dangerous and lonely lives.

FOOD BANK—VOLUNTEERING Can you spare a few hours? Volunteers are needed for the Bloxwich and Blakenall Foodbank. **Please sign-up and help feed local people in crisis** The sign-up sheet is in the Sacristy. The Volunteer Descriptions are on the Notice Board (High St. Side Entrance) and on our Parish Website (under *Parish Groups, Outreach*). See www.bloxwichblakenall.foodbank.org.uk or call 0774730174.

CONFESSIONS: Sat 10.00 to 10.45am or by appointment

ADORATION: Fri 9.00am—9.45am ('Prayer for Priests' & Rosary for the Pastoral Care Project (those who suffer with dementia)) & Sat 9.45-10.45am

BAPTISMS: Sun at 11:45am by appointment **ROSARY:** 20 mins before mass

REFRESHMENTS: After Sat 11:00am and Sun 10:00am Masses. **All Welcome**

MARIAN DEVOTIONS: Glories of Mary Prayer Group—Fri 2.00pm Parish Hall

CHOIR: Sing at 10.00am mass and all major celebrations. **Anyone can join.**

**** CHILDREN'S LITURGY **:** During Sun 10:00am Mass

DIVINE MERCY FLOWER TRIBUTE

Please see Sharon Lowndes if you would like a tribute to a loved one or intention

PLEASE TAKE AWAY THE NEWSLETTER TO SHARE WITH OTHERS

This newsletter can be received via email—see Parish Website

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PARISH

Saturday 28th July/Sunday 29th July

B: Yearly Cycle

NEWSLETTER

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

II: Weekly Cycle

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SUNDAYS IV: Pref.

HYMN NOS. Entrance **214** Offertory **172** Communion **663** Recessional **684**

READINGS: 2Kgs 4:42-44, Psalm 144, Eph 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

COMPASSION & GENEROSITY EMBRACE AND MIRACLES HAPPEN

Last week Jesus had **compassion** on the people because He saw them as sheep without a shepherd so he **generously** gave of Himself to them (Mk 6:30-34). This week we see the results of compassion and generosity—**miracles**. In the 1st Reading Elisha sees the people are hungry so and is moved with compassion to feed them with His own gift. The Lord saw this heart and spoke through Him: "They will eat and have left over". This is what Jesus does in the feeding of the 5,000 with just 2 loaves and fishes and then what he does for us with Holy Communion. The **1st lesson** for us is that Elisha and Jesus have compassion and this is the basis for empathy/sympathy by which we understand what others are going through. Without it our community will collapse because we will not understand what it means to be hungry, lonely, sick, jobless, homeless. The **2nd lesson** is that God can transform something little into something great because our God is the God of all possibilities. The **3rd lesson** is that God uses out of the littleness our generosity. It is the little boy in the Gospel passage that God uses to feed the 5,000. The little boy changed his hungry community out of compassion and generosity. Please consider helping in our charity Life Shop (see above for details) & Foodbank (see reverse for details).

MASS TIMES, FEAST DAYS and MASS INTENTIONS

Mass cards and intention envelopes are available from the Piety Stall and Sacristy

DATA PROTECTION FOR MASS INTENTIONS: *If you do not want your intention to be published on the newsletter/website please indicate you want a 'private intention'.*

Sat 28 Jul	11.00am	Service of Word and Communion	
Sat 28 Jul	5.30pm	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	Cath Fallows RIP
Sun 29 Jul	10.00am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Tom Butler RIP
Mon 30 Jul		NO MASS	
Tue 31 Jul	10.00am	Service of Word and Communion	
Wed 1 Aug	10.00am	Service of Word and Communion	
Thu 2 Aug		NO MASS	
Fri 3 Aug	10.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time	Private Intention
Sat 4 Aug	11.00am	Memorial of St. John Vianney	Ann Marie Povey RIP
Sat 4 Aug	1.00pm	Wedding Service	Scott Roberts & Amanda Harban
Sat 4 Aug	5.30pm	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	Cath Fallows RIP
Sun 5 Aug	10.00am	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Safe arrival of Gabrielle Gough

We welcome and thank Bishop David McGough and Father Malcolm Glaze this weekend. They will be celebrating the 10.00am Mass and 5.30pm Masses respectively.

*** READING & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER ROTAS ***

Available from the Sacristy in addressed, sealed envelopes for each minister. Due to GDPR laws the rotas are no longer available on the website. If any one would like to help with these ministries please see Father David. Details of which are available on the website (under *Parish Groups, Worship*)

Last Sunday's Collection	Counting Team	PARISH CENTRE BOOKING
Gift Aid £176.87	This week M	Please contact George Pitt 07926 636159 or www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html
Non-Gift Aid £323.58	Next week —	
2nd Collection None	Jul Standing Orders	The value of your donation is increased 25% if Gift-Aided - forms available from sacristy
	End of month	<i>Thank You</i>

DATA PROTECTION FOR GIFT AID: *The information you give will be held securely and only used for making Gift Aid repayments. It will not be used for marketing nor shared with, or sold to, any other organisation.*

PIETY STALL: Rosaries, Mass Cards, Statues, Prayer Cards etc (Also available from sacristy)

THIS WEEK—MASS TIMES/SERVICES

Some daily masses will be replaced by services of word & communion.

UCM 'THANK YOU'

Thank you too Ros, Arthur and James for hosting the tea-party that raised £160 for St. Peter's 150th Anniversary. The Wolverhampton Section of the UCM, of which St. Peter's is a part, put together many 'baby-packs', for refugees and asylum seekers. The UCM also represented St. Peter's at the Ahamadiyya Women's Muslim Association. At the UCM's final meeting of the year Father David shared the 'first-fruits' of the Church Garden with the members (a few figs, baby tomatoes, chilli and apples). The UCM is now on it's summer break until Monday 3rd September. Father David is extremely grateful for all of the work that the UCM has put into building our community over the last year. The UCM are an integral part of St. Peter's and are looking for new members. If any women would like to help the UCM in the future with it's pastoral outreach and work please speak with the UCM Parish President Angela Wyre on 01922 682852 or [ange-lawyre@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:angelawyre@yahoo.co.uk).

LIFE SHOP 'THANK YOU'

Thank you too the family who donated the baby cot, play pen, changing table and toys to the Life Shop. The items donated will go to young mothers who would not be able to afford purchasing such items. Father David can store such items if you know of family members who have unused cots etc. Please support our Life Shop (212 High St.).

SAFEGUARDING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM: SCIE REVIEW

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak to individuals who have had an experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team within the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency line 07976516629). **If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (hugh.constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).** This notice is also on our website (under *Our Parish, Safeguarding*).

JOKES

I was playing chess with my friend and he said, 'Let's make this interesting'. So we stopped playing chess.

It's amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper.

My great-grandfather invented the cold-air balloon. It never really took off.