

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO BE PRAYED FOR BY THE PARISH PLEASE COMPLETE A PRIVACY CONSENT FORM** (available from the Sacristy, Piety Stall and website (under *Parish Groups, Outreach, Visits to the Sick*) **AND HAND 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:** Betty Grice

**Please keep in your prayers:** John O'Neill, Helen Walsh, Margaret Healey, Zofia Przybyłko, Alice Plant, Doris Bate

**Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention:** That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity .



**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)

**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). SCIE would like to speak to individuals who have had an experience with any safeguarding issues 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*).

**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**

*"Liam Tarry intentions"*

**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 4th August/Sunday 5th August**

NEWSLETTER **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**B:** Yearly Cycle  
**II:** Weekly Cycle  
**III:** Euch. Prayer  
**SUNDAYS VI** Pref.

**HYMN NOS.** Entrance **21** Offertory **496** Communion **862** Recessional **37**

**READINGS:** Ex:2-4, 12-15, Psalm 77, Eph 4:17.20-24, John 6:24-35

**OUR LADY OF JASNA GÓRA** Father David visited Poland

last week. He visited Jasna Góra in Częstochowa where the icon of the 'Black Madonna' is. **The icon is of the Byzantine Hodigitria - the one who points towards salvation. Mary is the Guide, leading the human race to Jesus Christ.** The shrine is one of the most visited Catholic Shrines in the world. The monastery was built in 1386 to house the icon of Mary and the Child Jesus. In 1430, Hussites (pre-Reformation reformers) attacked the monastery, slashed the Virgin's face with a sword, and left it desecrated. The monks restored the icon but left the gashes made by the sword which are clearly visible today. The miracle for which the Black Madonna of Częstochowa is most famous occurred in 1655, when Swedish troops were about to invade Częstochowa. Polish troops prayed before the image and the enemy retreated. During Nazi occupation in WW2, Hitler prohibited pilgrimages to Jasna Góra, but many still secretly made the journey. In 1946, 1.5 million gathered at the shrine to rededicate Poland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. During the Cold War, Jasna Góra was a centre of anti-Communist resistance. St John Paul II was a devotee of the image and visited many times. **In our own church of St. Peter's, on the wall opposite Our Lady of Lourdes, there is a small plaque of Our Lady of Częstochowa.** Perhaps this weekend you could say a prayer before the picture for the needs of the world.



## 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 4 Aug	11.00am	Memorial of St. John Vianney	Ann Marie Povey RIP
Sat 4 Aug	1.00pm	<i>Wedding Service</i>	Scott Roberts & Amanda Harban
Sat 4 Aug	5.30pm	<b>18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)</b>	Cath Fallows RIP
Sun 5 Aug	10.00am	<b>18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Safe arrival of Gabrielle Gough
Mon 6 Aug	6.30pm	<b>Feast Transfiguration of the Lord (Mass in IHM Convent)</b>	Ann Marie Povey RIP
Tue 7 Aug	10.00am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Betty Grice RIP
Tue 7 Aug	4.00pm	<i>Reception into Church</i>	Betty Grice RIP
Wed 8 Aug	10.00am	Memorial of St. Dominic	Mr and Mrs Connelley
Wed 8 Aug	11.30am	<i>Funeral Service</i>	Betty Grice RIP
Thu 9 Aug	10.00am	<b>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (preceded by Exposition at 9.00am)</b>	Ann Marie Povey RIP
Fri 10 Aug	10.00am	<b>Feast of St Lawrence (preceded by Exposition at 9.00am)</b>	Janet Wright RIP
Sat 11 Aug	11.00am	Memorial of St Clare	Persecuted Christians
Sat 11 Aug	5.30pm	<b>19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)</b>	James Shaughnessy / Tess Coussens Special Intention
Sun 12 Aug	10.00am	<b>19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	40th Wedding Anniversary David & Maureen Harrison

### \*\*\* COUNTING TEAM NEEDED—PLEASE HELP\*\*\*

There is an urgent need to add an extra counting team to our rota. Counting takes place after Sunday mass. Two people are needed per team. It usually takes about one hour to an hour and a half. Responsibility for counting is usually once per month. See Father David for details.

Last Sunday's Collection		Counting Team	<b>PARISH CENTRE BOOKING</b> Please contact George Pitt 07926 636159 or <a href="http://www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html">www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html</a>
Gift Aid	<b>£255.00</b>	This week —	
Non-Gift Aid	<b>£271.84</b>	Next week <b>H</b>	
2nd Collection	<b>None</b>	Jul Standing Orders	
		End of month	<i>Thank You!</i> The value of your donation is increased <b>25%</b> if Gift-Aided - forms available from sacristy

**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)

### SISTER SEBASTIAN 'THANK YOU'

Thank you Sister Sebastian for looking after the Parish whilst Fr. David was away and helping to organise, along with John Stringer, the services of Word and Communion. Our Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters are a wonderful spiritual and practical help in the Parish. **We, as a community, are blessed to have them.** Please do not hesitate to approach them and speak to them of your needs.

### EMERGENCY HELP 'THANK YOU'

Whilst Fr David was away there was an incident of water ingress due to the heavy rainfall over last weekend. Thank you to all of the parishioners who discovered the problem and acted upon it with promptness, diligence and intelligence. **It saved the parish from further problems.** As someone said: "you would not know there was an incident".

### PRAYER INTENTIONS—WORLD

#### MEETING OF FAMILIES

A family from our Walsall Deanery will be attending the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. We have a box for you to put your prayer intentions in. They will be taken by the family along with Archbishop Bernard & over 100 pilgrims. **Our intention box is by the candle-stand at Our Lady's Altar.**

#### SICK LIST & PRIVACY

Please remember that if you wish to have someone prayed for or if someone would like a visit in their home please complete a 'pink' consent form. They are available from the Sacristy and Piety Stall (and requests can be made via the website).

### THIS WEEK—FEAST OF ST. TERESA

#### BLESSED BY THE CROSS

St Teresa was born Edith Stein in 1891 in Wroclaw (now Poland, but then Germany), the 11th child of a Jewish family. She gave up her faith at an early age and also showed great academic ability in philosophical studies. After seeing the effect of faith in a woman whose husband was killed in WW1 and also the devotion of a woman praying in a Church she read the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila. She was converted on reading the autobiography and was baptised in 1922. She joined the Carmel in Cologne in 1933. As she was Jewish and due to the growing Nazi terror she moved to the Carmel in Echt in Holland. However, along with her sister, Rose, who was also a Carmelite, she was eventually arrested and gassed at Auschwitz in 1942. **Her Feast Day is this Thursday and because she is Patroness of Europe we will have 1 hour of prayer before mass.**

#### HARVINGTON HALL PILGRIMAGE

**Sunday 2nd September 2018.** Harvington is our Diocesan Shrine to the English Martyrs. Tours of the Hall where priests were hidden during the recusant era, when it was illegal to be a Catholic, are 12.30pm, 1.00pm, 1.30pm, 4.15pm and 4.30pm. **Mass at 3.00pm Concessions 1.45-2.30pm. Free parking, picnic area. Bring your own packed lunch and chairs.** See poster at the back of Church. Sign-up sheet for numbers in the Sacristy. Address: Harvington Hall, Worcs, DY10 4LR.

#### BLACK COUNTRY CHUCKLE

Aynuk: "Tay! I wont me tay!". Ayli: "Yow cor av yow tay! It tay tay time!"