

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: Baby Hope-Sofia Smith Friday 31st August 10.00am

Please keep in your prayers: Terry McKenzie, John O'Neill, Margaret Healey, Zofia Przybyłko, Alice Plant, Doris Bate, John & Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Margaret Hunt, Irena Lea, Bernard Turner, Dr. Petroc Willey, Anthony Gardner, Julia Bloomfield, Veronica Mullard

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: Misca & Marty & Keenan (Wed 15th Aug), Alabaraonye (Sun 19 Aug), Hasketh-Fletcher (Sun 26 Aug), Humphries (Sun 14th Oct),

This year's Weddings: DOMINGOS ROSARIO & TANIA FERRAO (25/08/18), SEAN HASKETH & DOMINQUE JONES (08/09/18), convalidation JUDY & BRIAN ROLLINS (12/10/18)

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

See Sharon Lowndes if you want a floral 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

Sat 25th August/Sun 26th August

B: Yearly Cycle
II: Weekly Cycle
II: Euch. Prayer
SUNDAYS V Pref.

NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

HYMN NOS. Entrance **173** Offertory **676** Communion **674** Recessional **184**

READINGS: Josh 24:1-2,15-18, Psalm 33, Eph 5:21-32, John 6:60-69

KERALA DISASTER APPEAL

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. **WE WILL HAVE A 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE SVP KERALA DISASTER APPEAL.**

THANK YOU, SISTERS

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Parish BBQ at the Sister's Convent. Many hands made light of the work. We are also very grateful to the donor who supplied the food and drink. Money raised was for our **150th Anniversary Fund**. £122 raised on entry, £54 raised from the raffle and £60 from donations for a grand total of £234.

OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY

There are many initiatives being undertaken on behalf of our Church in preparation for next year involving building restoration, social outreach, socialisation and celebration. Details on our website & the Archdiocese of Birmingham website from their Communications Office: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/bloxwich-church-to-hit-anniversary-milestone> You may be surprised!

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 25 Aug	11.00am	Our Lady on Saturday	Joan Gough & Joseph Gough RIP
Sat 25 Aug	1.30pm	Convalidation of Marriage	Domingos Rosario & Tania Ferrao
Sat 25 Aug	5.30pm	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	Tess Coussens (Safe Travel)
Sun 26 Aug	10.00am	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ann Povey RIP / Kathleen Martin RIP
Mon 27 Aug	6.00pm	Memorial of St. Monica (Mass in Convent)	Sr. Norbert (thanksgiving return)
Tue 28 Aug	10.00am	Memorial of St. Augustine	UCM Intentions
Wed 29 Aug	10.00am	Passion of St. John the Baptist	Victims of Kerala Floods
Thu 30 Aug	10.00am	Memorial of Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward	Intentions of our parish group- Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)
Thu 30 Aug	7.30pm	HOLY HOUR in preparation for <i>Adoremus</i>	
Fri 31 Aug	10.00am	Requiem Mass (no Adoration today)	Baby Hope-Sofia Smith
Sat 1 Sep	11.00am	Our Lady on Saturday (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)	Environmental Conversion
Sat 1 Sep	5.30pm	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	<i>Pro populo</i> (people of the parish)
Sun 2 Sep	10.00am	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ann Povey RIP

FOOD BANK (there are volunteers from our Parish)

(1) PROPOSED START DATE OCTOBER 25th. DONATIONS NOW BEING RECEIVED.

(2) We will continue collecting for North Walsall Food Bank and Bloxwich and Blakenall Food Bank. St Peter's will become a 'satellite' food repository when the official Food Banks are closed.

(3) Process for volunteering: Fill in application form (available from the Sacristy and download from our Parish Website (under *Parish Groups, Outreach*) and take along to give to Fr. David or Sue Kennedy (volunteer) or Peter Box (organiser) when you go to the Village Centre in Blakenall (**Thames Road, Blakenall, Walsall, WS3 1LZ**). Date for volunteer training to tbc. See also www.bloxwichblakenall.foodbank.org.uk or call **0774730174**.

Last Sunday's Collection	Counting Team	PARISH CENTRE BOOKING Please contact George Pitt 07926 636159 or www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html The value of your donation is increased 25% if Gift-Aided - forms available from sacristy
Gift Aid £201.00	This week K	
Non-Gift Aid £228.04	Next week M	
2nd Collection £357.30	Aug Standing Orders	
COMBONI MISSION	End of month	<i>Thank You</i>

PIETY STALL: *NEW STOCK*** incl. 2019 Catholic Diaries & Calendars**

UCM & St. CHAD'S SANCTUARY

Our Parish Group, Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM), have been collecting toiletries for St. Chad's Sanctuary which helps asylum seekers and refugees. As you can imagine if you fled to another country you do not have any belongings or money and cannot speak the new language. The Sanctuary helps people in this situation. Our Parish UCM provide toiletries for the Sanctuary and took 8 bags-full during the summer. The UCM were given a tour of the Sanctuary by Salah, who had been in the country 18 months. There are 4 classrooms where retired teachers go to teach English. The Sanctuary magazine has some moving stories of the refugees experience. For example, they were taken on a trip to Canon Hill Park & Mohammed, Mhmood and Najah spoke about hearing the water fall and seeing the geese. Just simple pleasures that take them out of the difficulties that they are facing. Khaijatou said: "I like the UK. Before I came I was losing hope for my life. I thank the people at the Sanctuary. They gave me a better life than I expected. I don't know how to say more than thank you in English on behalf of my class for feeding us and clothing us and teaching us". *Please help the UCM by continuing to bring toiletries and putting them at the back of the Church.* **The UCM start their meetings again Mon 7.00pm 3rd Sep in the Parish Centre. Please consider joining them in their charity work. It is open to all women.** St. Margaret Clitherow is a Patron Saint of the UCM and Thursday (30th) is her memorial. She was a convert to Catholicism who sheltered fugitive priests. She was pressed to death in York in 1586 and was canonised in 1970.

WELCOME BACK SR. NORBERT

Every 3 years our Sisters return home to Nigeria to visit family. Sr. Norbert has been away 6 weeks. We pray that she is refreshed and ready for God's work on her return.

HOLY HOURS FOR ADOREMUS

THIS WEEK St. Peter's, Bloxwich Thu 30th Aug at 7:30 pm / St. Mary the Mount Thu 6th Sep at 7:30 pm / Holy Name, Great Barr Thu 13th Sep at 7:30 pm

MASS IN HONOUR OF MARY

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on **Sat 15th Sep 2018 at 4.30pm in St Chad's (B4 6EU)**. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

INTER-FAITH PEACE SERVICE

St. Thomas' Peace Garden, Bath Row, Birmingham B151LZ **Weds 12th Sep. 12.30pm-1.15pm**. All welcome.

PILGRIMAGE OF THE SICK

Led by Bishop Robert Byrne for those who are sick, their families and carers, Chaplains and Chaplaincy Volunteers and Healthcare Workers and Volunteers. **Starts at 3 pm on Sunday 16th September at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford.** (WS12 1DB). For further information contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 01543 422576 or email lol.hednesford@gmail.com

JOKE FROM A PARISHIONER

Police have arrested 2 kids—one was drinking battery acid the other was eating fireworks...*they charged one & let the other off.*