

MASSES FROM 5th to 12th Aug 2018

Sun	05	9.30am	Fr. Jimmy (Spl int), Sandra (Spl int)
		11.30am	Richard Maimo (RIP), David Githiomi Njuguna (RIP) Emmanuel Okechukwu Okafor (Anni)
Mon	06	9.30am	Jim Meehan (RIP)
Tues	07	9.30am	Agnes Haffernan (Spl int)
Wed	08	9.30am	Nicholas & Harry (B'day)
Thurs	09	9.30am	William Coffins (RIP)
Fri	10	9.30am	Srs. Of St. Ann (Thanksgiving)
Sat	11	9.30am	Jim & Phil Dunleavy Family (Spl int), Jonney Rynn (RIP)
Sun	12	9.30am	Clinton (B'day), Osagie Family (Thanksgiving)
		11.30am	Dorothy Maimo (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

5th Aug 2018

9.30am Veronica Carroll, Alex (R)
Barbara (E)

11.30am Avery, Mary (R)
Vera, Loveness (E)

12th August 2018

Julia H. & Nicholas (R)
Sophie (E)

Florence, Patrick (R)
Serso, Frank (E)

Please pray for the sick of the Parish: Sick list will be published after filling the forms of Data protection law.

Anniversaries during this Week: Vincent McHugh, John Hoban, Peter Hal-linan , William Skarwenko, Patricia Ann Mathews, Thomas Moore, John O'Neill , Conrod Patalong, Lil Kitson , Delia Bridget Shannon , Jim Jackson, Patrick Cosgrove .



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.

Transfiguration 6th August : The Transfiguration event is an affirmation of God's glory in Jesus. We are called and invited to follow the Lord at all costs but we can only do that when we empty ourselves of our pride and ego so we can be filled by his grace. We've heard so much about conversion or change of heart, or transformation or change of self. The transfiguration of Jesus calls us to transform our lives in him.

Thoughts to ponder: *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– 18th Sunday in Ordinary time 5th to 12th Aug 2018

FATHER YOUR CASSOCK IS OUTDATED

This morning I attended a Holy Mass to celebrate the death anniversaries of our Founders Bishop Sisto Mazzoldi and Fr. John Marengoni. For some of you who are familiar with Blessed John Henry Newman he said, "God has created me for a mission in this life whether I know it or not he has created me for a mission. I may not know it now in this life, but I will be told in the next."

Seeing many priests, Brothers and Sisters , members of the Religious Institutions they started in Africa, I could see clearly that they had a mission in this life. As the Mass went on the eyes of my mind lingered into the pews of St. Mary's and I could see that everyone assembled here today has a mission that God has created him/her to accomplish. Just open your heart.

I was privileged to live with the Founders and to listen to them. They received me into the Institute and they gave me the Religious Habit with these words: Brother Jimmy Lutwama receive the habit of the Religious Missionary Institute of the Apostles of Jesus, wear it at every liturgical celebration as a sign of humility and innocence."

Every Religious who has received a religious habit feels literally naked when he/she does not put on hi/her habit. The other week a visitor to our church who is not familiar with dressing code of the Parish priest of St. Mary's on Sunday found him dressed in his cassock and said to him: "Ooh Father your Cassock is awful, you should be dressed in black suits like other priests." she promised to bring me one.

Well, I like putting on my Cassock because of what it symbolise namely it is a '**symbol of humility and innocence**'.

But, it takes a lot of courage to tell who we are and what we do especially when you belong to the minority. However, it makes a powerful point when someone appears different from others. Take an example: a crucifix or a Rosary beads worn decently round the neck distinguishes you as a Catholic from one who is not. For that reason I did not feel persuaded to give up my cassock no matter how 'awful' it looked to go for a black suit. I'm still convinced that my cassock is the best dress for Sunday morning.

Let us always not be afraid to wear our religious symbols publicly , it may be a Rosary beads, a medal, a crucifix or a dress with the paintings of Jesus and the saints. These symbols speak loud either to those who criticise them or to those who find consolation. Enjoy your religious symbols and feel honoured that you are putting them on as a sign to many.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 579.80 **Non-Gift Aid:** £326.13 **Total :** £905.93

Counters : Agnes & Tom Ferris

Mass Attendance : 305

Bonus Ball : No. 4 Mick 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: *August 6th* Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord *8th*, we remember St. Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers, popularly known as the Dominicans.

10th, we celebrate the remembrance of St Lawrence, to whom is attributed all of Rome becoming Christian.

11th is the memorial of St Clare, an ardent follower of St Assisi, the founder of the Order of St Clare.

Confirmation
Class



Confirmation classes for children who are studying in other schools or are eligible for Sacrament of Confirmation, will begin from Saturday 15th September at 5.00pm in the Lady's Chapel. Please contact Sr. Leena.

Thought on marriage: Marriage in the Roman Catholic Church, is also called matrimony, is the "covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring", and which "has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptised."

Matters of Importance

Data Protection : If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours is on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact **Sr. Leena or Sr. Leera** to fill in the required forms.

We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list. This is because the list can be seen by a lot of people, as it is [it is available for anyone to pick up in church and is also published on the internet through the parish website]. In a couple of weeks' time, the list will be restarted with the names of all for whom the parish have consent. This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and complies with current data protection law.

The Multicultural Mass will take place on Sunday 12th August at St Elizabeth's Church at 3:00pm. After Mass there will be a social get together to celebrate the African multi cultural day. All are invited .

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage: The Deanery is hoping to organise a coach for this Pilgrimage on Sunday 2nd September. The coach will leave Christ the King at 1.30pm and will return at approximately 7.00pm. The cost will be £10 and can be booked with Fiona at Christ the King, 76 591618.



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) .

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.

Walk with Me Eucharistic Reflections booklets are available in the piety stall. These booklets will give us food for prayer and to contemplate on the Eucharist. They cost a £1 each.



RCIA—In the Roman Catholic Church the Rite of Christian Initiation lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. At St. Mary's the RCIA classes will begin on 10th September at 6.00pm. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Lady's Chapel. If you are interested, please contact **Fr. Jimmy or one of the sisters on 07906124756/ 02476550848.**

