

MASSES FROM 9th to 16th Sept 2018

Sun	09	9.30am	Michael J. Patrick Woods (RIP) Misha, Raphael, Joy (Spl int)
		11.30am	Leo Dunnion, Mama Magdalene Akenji (RIP)
		3.00pm	Bereavement Mass
Mon	10	12.00noon	SSA, Mary Dominican (RIP)
Tues	11	9.30am	Michael Woods (RIP)
Wed	12	9.30am	Margaret Woods (RIP)
Thurs	13	9.30am	William Anderson (RIP)
Fri	14	1.00pm	Requiem Mass - Brendon Noel Gilroy
Sat	15	9.30am	Molly Kelly (RIP) Nora Griffith family (Spl int)
Sun	16	9.30am	Shawn Aikhionbare (B'day), Antonio Dores DeSouza (RIP)
		11.30am	Patrick & Patricia family (Thanksgiving)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

9th Sept 2018

9.30am Asipita, Naomi (R)
Elizabeth P. (E)

11.30am Nelson, Mary (R)
Patricia, Loveness (E)

16th Sept 2018

Helena Wood, Nicholas (R)
Barbara (E)

Florence e and Jullie (R)
Marcel, 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: Evelyn Russell, James Crone, Mark Stein, Kathleen Palmer, Leo Dunnion, Tony Shepherd, John Patrick O'Sullivan, Dorothy Wheeler, Winifred Kathleen Ward, Shirley Jolly, Kevil Foley, Dan O'Driscoll, Dean Harris, Rosemary White, Teresa Brooks, Theresa Anne Carey, Molly Kelly, Bernard McHugh.



Dates for your diary:

11th September X'Mas bazar meeting at 6.00pm
23rd September Welcome Mass for the University students;
17th November X'Mas Bazar from 1.00pm to 4.00pm;
29th November Confirmation. 7.00pm

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.



A.J. Missions



St. Osburg



Ss. Mary & Benedict



St. Elizabeth

Parish News letter- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time 9th to 16th Sept 2018

A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR CHILD WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU WORKING AT?

I'm sure most of the children have returned to their schools, thanks to God for the long summer rest they have all had and for the good things they enjoyed as they met friends and families. The return of the children to school is a stressful business as parents want to do their best for the children as they return to school.

In the course of the week, I was cycling on one of my parish streets when I came across a young man who was in our school but was looking forward to go to secondary School. I asked him about the school he was going to join and what he wanted to achieve by the time he left. While the boy knew the school, he had no idea of what he wanted to achieve at the end of his study there! As we stood by the street, I started to make all sorts of analogy to help him to understand the importance of setting a target to work at even before one starts an undertaking.

This problem of not aiming at something is typical of so many parents who work hard to send their children to school but do not challenge them to work at some kind of a target, aim, or a goal to achieve. The boy had no idea of what he wanted to achieve, leave alone his ignorance whether there was anything to achieve in getting an education! People who work at a certain target, will develop a kind of a program or an orientation of life. As a result of this whatever they do is directed at achieving it. A child returning to school or joining a Secondary School or College without a kind of idea of what he/she wants to achieve is likely to fail, since there is no focus. This is one of the reasons why someone who studied Law ends up becoming a mechanic or someone who took music becomes a computer technician.

African wildlife has something to teach us. When hyenas, lions or wild dogs go on a hunt, they identify a potential prey and set it as a target. They will isolate their target from the rest and act as a team to run it down until the victim gets exhausted. Other opportunities for easier catch may come up, however, since these were not on the set target, they are all ignored.

As the new academic year starts motivate yourself or your child to work towards something, particular grades to achieve, broken relationships to restore, vices to give up etc. When a fishmonger casts a hook in Swanswell Lake in Hillfield he does not do so to retrieve 'anything' (dead cat, shopping plastic bag etc) but his target is to get a big fish. So it is with the education of your child, motivate him/her from the very start to aim at something and to work hard at it. If you do not do this do not blame anybody when he/she returns home empty handed.

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Parish Development

Collection: Gift Aid: £ 327.22 **Non-Gift Aid:** £343.69 **Total :** £670.91

Counters : Agnes & Tom Ferris

Mass Attendance : 585 **Bonus Ball :** No.

Second collection : 16th Sept : CASE

Forthcoming Second Collections September—October 2018 :

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: 12th Sept—Most Holy name of Mary; 14th Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows.

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.



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.**

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

Lectors meeting will take place today soon after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady's chapel.

Matters of Importance

Fr. Brendan Byrne's Dad is dead: we received a message earlier in the week from Fr. Des Devenney at Stourbridge informing us that Mr. Gerry Byrne, father of the late Fr. Brendan Byrne, RIP died on Friday morning. He reached 100 years of age last year. The family asked that you be informed and they and Mr. Byrne be remembered in prayers and Masses.

Romero Catholic Academy the principal of Good Shepherd and Corpus Christi Primary Schools and Board of Directors in partnership with the academy committee are looking to appoint a leader from January 1st 2019 to work in partnership in this innovative community of faith. Full details can be obtained from www.romeromac.com/vacancies.

Christian Artefacts will be on sale by the Sisters of St. Elizabeth Convent, Minsk Diocese Belarus. It will be a Wednesday. The Sisters themselves make the artefacts and use the money they make to run the orphanage of children with special needs, homeless men and women. Please come and support them if you can. They are coming from all the way from Belarus.

Monday Club: will resume on Monday 10th September 2018. It is a weekly social meeting where our elderly come to spend the day please join us.

Holy Mass with Anointing: Fr Bob Wright has a Mass of Anointing at St John Fisher on Sunday 23rd September at 2.30pm.

Adoremus at home: The Eucharistic Congress Adoremus 2018 taking place 7 - 9 September will be transmitted LIVE from Liverpool. Live coverage of events will be broadcast by Shalom World - a Catholic family-friendly television channel offering a variety of programs for the whole family. Shalom World is a FREE channel available on devices with internet connection. You can download Shalom World FREE app on smartphones, tablets, smart TV, or go to www.shalomworldtv.org/live to watch it on a computer. You can also watch it on the [homepage of the Bishops' Conference](http://www.shalomworldtv.org/live)

LIVE Broadcast dates and times:

FRIDAY, 7th September 10:00AM to 2:00PM

SATURDAY, 8th September 10:00AM to 2:00PM

SUNDAY, 9th September 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Archbishop Bernard will be live-streaming Adoration to the diocesan primary schools from his own private chapel on Tuesday 11 September. This will be streamed via the diocesan website for anyone interested in watching. Podcasts and other resources for parishes are available on the diocesan website

Justice and Peace Assembly 13 Oct. Members of J&P are informed of their annual Justice and Peace Assembly, which will focus on migration this year. Guest Speakers are Nicholas Hanrahan Community Outreach Officer Jesuit Refugee Services UK and David Newall, Brushstrokes. Afternoon workshops are led by J&P organisations Cost: £8 (low income and students £5)