



**REMINDERS**

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1177.96. (Standing orders: £766, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £411.96) Third World collection: £54.03. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift-aided. Counting Team this week: A. (Next week: B)
- **RCIA Programme 2018/2019:** The next session of our Come & See programme will be on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7:45pm** in the Parish Centre. The topic for this session is '**Matrimony**'. Everyone is welcome.
- **Mass Times:** Please check Page 4 of the newsletter for any changes to Mass times this week.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** Please note that there will be no 7pm Mass on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January, as all the Vocationist Priests will be celebrating Mass at Corpus Christi Church in Stechford, to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vocationists' Mission in the UK. You are welcome to join us for this celebration. (Please note that there is a Mass at 9:15am in St. Patrick's on Fridays.)
- **Fr Justin:** Fr Justin will be away from 23<sup>rd</sup> January until 18<sup>th</sup> February. If you need to make any arrangements with him over the coming weeks, please make sure you speak to him well in advance of this date.
- **Thanksgiving Mass for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vocationist Mission in the UK:** There will be a special celebratory Mass in our church on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Archbishop Longley will be celebrating Mass, alongside the Vocationist priests and other priests from the diocese. We also expect to welcome parishioners from our other Vocationist parishes. It would be wonderful to see the church packed to capacity for this very special occasion, so please make a note of it in your diaries and make every effort to join us. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre after the Mass. If you are willing and able to help with the refreshments on this evening, in any way, please write your name on the list at the back of church.
- **Advance Notice:** This year, our children will receive their 'First Holy Communion' during one of three Sunday Masses during May. Please see the table of '**Important Dates**' in this newsletter for more details. **If you normally attend 11am Mass on Sundays, please note that the Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May will start at 11:30am.**
- **Parish Census:** If you are new to our parish or if any of your personal/family details have changed (address, contact numbers, addition to the family etc.), please collect a census form from the back of church and return it to one of the priests when it has been completed.
- **Service to our Parish:** Last week, there was an extra sheet attached to your newsletter, asking all parishioners to consider the ways in which they can offer a service to the parish. Please return your form to one of the priests as soon as possible so that we can add your name to our parish teams. If you have mislaid your sheet, please ask for another.
- **Memorial Garden:** Work on the memorial garden has almost been completed. With the £610 raised at the Christmas fair, and individual donations, a total of £2550 has been raised towards the memorial garden. There is still an opportunity for anyone who wishes to donate, with the additional benefit of having an annual Mass offered in memory of a loved one (for a period of 5 years). Forms are available at the back of the church. More information about the memorial plaques will follow next week. If you would like to donate some plants which can be included in this garden, in memory of our departed friends and loved ones, please bring them to church during the next few weeks.
- **Standing Orders:** If you have not already done so, please consider making a regular contribution to your parish by means of a Standing Order. Forms can be collected from the back of church and should be returned to one of the priests when completed.
- **Table Top Sale:** The Vocationist Co-operators are organising a 'Table Top Sale' on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, between 12noon and 2pm. If you are interested, please call 01922 627972 to book a table – cost £10. More details can be found on the poster in the church porch.
- **General Parish Information:** Please see the poster at the back of church, and also on the noticeboard outside church, for general parish information.
- **Refreshments:** Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments, in the Pastoral Centre on **Thursdays after 10am Mass and on Sundays after 9am Mass.**
- **Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage:** His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at 11am in St Chad's Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every

year over 60) to attend, as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, please contact Lianne Pap via email: [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. Lianne is also trying to find the longest-married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies.

➤ **School News:** A Happy and blessed New Year to you all from the staff, children and governors of the school. It is always a great joy for us here to return in January and hear all about the news and excitement that the children have had during the Christmas break.

This half term we are focusing on the virtues and values '*Eloquent and Truthful.*' It's amazing to see how staff help the children access this knowledge at their own level – but most importantly how they encourage the children to live out these values in their everyday lives. As adults we might struggle with this! We are asking the children to choose words carefully so that they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others. God wants us to be truthful in all that we do: faithful to ourselves and faithful to Jesus. We are encouraging the children to stand up for the truth. Let's see what we can do this half term! *Catherine Amos Head Teacher.*

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2019 CALENDAR**

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vocationist Mission in UK - 7pm Mass, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre
Sacrament of Confirmation	Wednesday 10th April - 7pm
First Holy Communion	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May - 9am
First Holy Communion	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May - 11:30am*
First Holy Communion	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May – 11am

**Prayer for Vocations**

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love. **Hail Mary.....**

**Prayer after Communion**

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” **Bl. Fr. Justin**

**Prayer for Priests – Prayer of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus**

O, Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labours with abundant fruit and may souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here – and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Priests: **Pray for us.** Blessed Fr. Justin: **Pray for us.**

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Ch	Stanley Thatcher <i>RIP</i>	W & M Bubb
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Baptism of The Lord</b>	9:00am	Ch	Roy Beech <i>DA, RIP</i>	Family
	11:00am	Ch	William Scoyne <i>RIP</i>	Scoyne Family
	7:00pm	Ch	<i>Pro Populo</i> Mary Brennan <i>RIP</i>	J Heavin
*Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	MV	Peace to all	Annabelle
	6:30pm	Ch	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	
	7:00pm	Ch	Joshua Nicholson <i>H</i>	V Fenlon
*Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Ch	Holy Souls	
*Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	SCH	<b>Whole School Mass</b>	
	6:00pm	Ch	<b>Adoration for Vocations</b>	
	7:00pm	Ch	<b>Mass for Vocations</b>	
*Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>St. Antony, Abbot</b>	10:00am	Ch	Young families	Parish
	6:30pm	Ch	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	
	7:00pm	Ch	Vocationist Fathers	
*Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>			<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>St. Wulstan, Bishop</b>	10:00am	Ch	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	V Fenlon
	10:30am	Ch	<b>Adoration &amp; Confession</b>	
	11:15am	Ch	<b>Benediction</b>	
	6:00pm	Ch	Holy Souls	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Peace Day</i>	9:00am	Ch	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
	11:00am	Ch	Audrey Dilkes <i>RIP</i>	D Dilkes
	7:00pm	Ch	Joan Poole <i>DA, RIP</i> Antoni Pieszczyk <i>RIP</i>	A Kinsey A Evans

*C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, H=Healing, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, Sch=School*

**Let us pray for those who are sick:**

Clare Gontarek, Doreen Phipps (Peggy), Anna Morgan, Marie Hornblower, Eileen Moseley, John & Gwen Bush, Judith Dunthorne, Peggy McGill, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Mary Gallagher, Margaret Powell, Anne Jennings, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot.

**READERS**

Mass	This Weekend	Next Weekend
<b>6pm</b>	Mrs D Powell & Mrs A D'Silva	Mr D Tranter & Mr M Rose
<b>9am</b>	Mr P Donnellan & Miss M Byers	Mrs L Bacallan & Mr J Nelson
<b>11am</b>	School Mass	Mr P Kelly & Mrs S Dilkes
<b>7pm</b>	Mrs C Benzigar & Mrs L Darby	Mr J Heavin & Miss A Vincent