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St Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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AMORIS LÆTITIA – Continued



13. This encounter, which relieves man's solitude, gives rise to new birth and to the family. Significantly, Adam, who is also the man of every time and place, together with his wife, starts a new family. Jesus speaks of this by quoting the passage from Genesis: "The man shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one" (*Mt 19:5*; cf. *Gen 2:24*). The very word "to be joined" or "to cleave", in the original Hebrew, bespeaks a profound harmony, a closeness both physical and interior, to such an extent that the word is used to describe our union with God: "My soul clings to you" (*Ps 63:8*). The marital union is thus evoked not only in its sexual and corporal dimension, but also in its voluntary self-giving in love. The result of this union

is that the two "become one flesh", both physically and in the union of their hearts and lives, and, eventually, in a child, who will share not only genetically but also spiritually in the "flesh" of both parents.

14. Let us once more take up the song of the Psalmist. In the home where husband and wife are seated at table, children appear at their side "like olive shoots" (*Ps 128:3*), that is, full of energy and vitality. If the parents are in some sense the foundations of the home, the children are like the "living stones" of the family (cf. *1 Pet 2:5*). Significantly, the word which appears most frequently in the Old Testament after the name of God (*YHWH*, "the Lord"), is "child" (*ben*, "son"), which is itself related to the verb "to build" (*banah*). Hence, Psalm 128, in speaking of the gift of children, uses imagery drawn from the building of a house and the social life of cities: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain... Lo, sons are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate" (*Ps 127:1, 3-5*). These images reflect the culture of an ancient society, yet the presence of children is a sign of the continuity of the family throughout salvation history, from generation to generation.

REMINDERS

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1330.24. (Standing orders: £766, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £564.24. Third World collection: £31.55. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift-aided. This weekend there will be a second collection for the Johnson Association. Counting Team this week: A. (Next week: Team B)
- **Masses offerings during November:** If you would like to offer a Mass intention for departed members of your family, or other loved ones, please collect an envelope from the back of church and return it to one of the priests with your donation.
- **Mass Times:** Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Tuesday 6th November as our priests will be attending the Induction Mass for Fr. Stan Nwanunobi, at 7:30pm in Holy Cross Church, Stone Cross. We congratulate Fr. Stan and we will continue to pray for him in his new ministry.
- **Remembrance Sunday:** Please note that 11am Mass, next Sunday, will start at the War Memorial in the car park. **Mass will begin at 10:55am**, so please make sure that you arrive early so that we can start the Mass in a quiet and reverent manner, showing our respect for those who died in conflict.
- **Parish Patronal Feast Day - Saturday 8th December:** There will be a special Mass of celebration at 6pm on Saturday 8th December, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. We hope the whole parish community will come and join us for these celebrations. We are also looking for some help with preparing and serving the refreshments, plus the inevitable tidying up afterwards. Please consider helping with this service, as 'many hands make light work'. Please write your details on the sheet at the back of church if you are willing to help.
- **Vocationists 10th Anniversary Celebrations:** On Wednesday 20th February, we shall be celebrating a special Mass in our church, to mark the 10th anniversary of the Vocationist Mission in the UK. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the main celebrant. We invite everyone to come along and share in this Mass of thanksgiving. More details will follow later, but please make a note of this date in your diaries.
- **RCIA Programme 2018/2019:** The next session of our Come & See programme will be on **Monday 5th November at 7:45pm**. The topic for this session is '***A Visit to the Church***' and this session will (obviously) take place in church. Everyone is welcome to join us.
- **Children's Liturgy:** The next two Children's Liturgy sessions will take place on **4th & 11th November, during 11am Mass**. Please bring Y1 & Y2 children to take part in this important preparation.
- **RIP:** We pray for the soul of Michael Hornblower, who died recently. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Please let us keep his family in your prayers.
- **Road Closure:** We understand that Glebe St will be closed this Sunday, 4th November, from 9am until 3:30pm. **However, we believe this only affects the junction with Wednesbury Rd.** Please be aware of this when travelling to church this Sunday.
- **Hymn Books:** Our stock of hymn books has become somewhat depleted. We understand it is very easy to walk away with the hymn books as you are leaving the church after Mass, but we would really appreciate it if any stray hymn books could be returned. Please check your homes to see if you can help.
- **Church flowers:** This week, the flowers in church are a gift from Margaret Williams, in memory of her mother. Many thanks to Margaret for her generosity.
- **Memorial Garden:** Many of you may have noticed that the work on the Memorial Garden is well under way. The building work should be finished very soon, and we thank you for your support and co-operation during this time. To help with the cost of the garden, we are seeking parishioners who are willing to donate £100. In return, a Mass for the repose of the soul of a loved one (or even yourself) will be said on the anniversary of the death, for five successive years. Thank you to those parishioners who have already expressed an interest. If any other parishioner is interested, please either speak to one of the priests or pick up a form from the back of the church. We will keep you informed about the next stages in the process.
- **General Parish Information:** Please see the poster at the back of church, and also on the noticeboard outside church, for general parish information.
- **Evening of Community Carol-singing:** The Vocationist Co-operators are organising an evening of Christmas Carols, with mulled wine and mince pies, on Saturday 15th December, at 7:15pm; cost: £3.50. Tickets will be on sale after Mass from this weekend onwards. Please come along with your friends and family.

- **Refreshments:** Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments, in the Pastoral Centre on Thursdays after 10am Mass and on Sundays after 9am Mass.
- **Christmas Bazaar- Saturday 1st December:** *A great parish event allowing us to come together for the good of the parish community!* We are seeking volunteers to help with all the necessary arrangements; if you are happy to help, in any small way, please contact Kim Daniels (07783419371). *The more people we have to share the work, the easier it will be for everyone. Please consider helping your parish with this event.* We are very grateful to those who have offered to help, although we still require more volunteers to help with the arrangements; let's work together and make it a real parish event. We have started to collect useful items for the bazaar, so please help by donating chocolates, groceries, bottles, unused cosmetics or other *new items of good quality*, placing them in the trolley which is in the porch. If you wish to donate items suitable for the raffle, please put these in the box that is next to the trolley. The profit from the bazaar will be divided between three causes; a) our primary school, b) Third World Charity, c) the parish, to help with the cost of a memorial garden. Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated.
- **Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse:** This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the Archdiocese involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter is read out in all churches. The letter is available on the Archdiocese website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church, you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2018 CALENDAR

Saturday 1 st December	Parish Christmas Bazaar.
Saturday 8 th December	Parish Patronal Feast Day – 6pm Mass, followed by refreshments
Wednesday 20 th February	10 th Anniversary of Vocationist Mission in UK - 7pm Mass, followed by refreshments

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 3 rd	6:00pm	Ch	Robert Finney RIP	B Naughton
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Ch	Michael Hornblower RIP	L & J Kelly
	11:00am	Ch	Shevonne, Davis & Ozzy (Parakka Family)	Sr. Diana
	7:00pm	Ch	Antoni Pieszczyk RIP Stephen McGill RIP	A Evans B McGill & Family
Monday 5 th	10:00am	MV	Hilda Naughton RIP	Family
	6:40pm	Ch	Holy Rosary	
	7:00pm	Ch	Yoong-Henery Family H	I Yoong-Henery
*Tuesday 6 th	10:00am	Ch	Margaret Williams RIP, DA Deceased of Sweeney & Kenealey Families RIP	Family M Kenealey
*Wednesday 7 th	9:00am	SCH	Reception & Nursery Bernard Yoong RIP	I Yoong-Henery
	6:00pm	Ch	Adoration for Vocations	
	7:00pm	Ch	Mass for Vocations Josefina Dalagan RIP	Voc. Co-operators
Thursday 8 th	10:00am	Ch	Deceased of Baker & McGeough Families RIP	D Powell
	6:40pm	Ch	Holy Rosary	
	7:00pm	Ch	Bob Finney RIP	J Bush
*Friday 9 th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	6:15pm	Ch	Confession	
	6:40pm	Ch	Holy Rosary	
	7:00pm	Ch	David Williams RIP	B Brown
Saturday 10 th St. Leo the Great, Pope	10:00am	Ch	November Memorial Mass	R Archer
	10:30am	Ch	Adoration & Confession	
	11:15am	Ch	Benediction	
	6:00pm	Ch	November Memorial Mass	D'Silva Family
Sunday 11 th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	9:00am	Ch	November Memorial Mass	R Williams
	11:00am	Ch	Patrick Byrne & Bernadette Howard DA, RIP	J Howard-Biggs
	7:00pm	Ch	Mark Williams H November Memorial Mass	P McGill J Lukose

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.

READERS

Mass	This Weekend	Next Weekend
6pm	Mrs J Gribble & Mrs D Powell	Mr M Rose & Mrs A Longhi
9am	Mrs D Petrova & Mr P Donnellan	Miss M Byers & Mrs L Bacallan
11am	Mrs J Norman & Mrs C Williams	Mr G Yoong & Mrs J Nduwimana
7pm	Mrs C Ayap & Mrs C Benzigar	Mrs L Darby & Mrs A D'Silva