

Mass Intentions for week beginning 26th July 2014

Sat 26	17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Intercession of St Jude
Sun 27		10.00am	The People of the Parish
		12noon	Joseph Anthony D'Souza RIP
Mon 28	Feria	10.00am	Mbambo Family RIP <i>followed by Novena Prayers</i>
Tue 29	St Martha	10.00am	Kathleen Canacott RIP
Wed 30	St Peter Chrysologus, Bp & Dr	10.00am	Edeam-Waters Family RIP
Thur 31	St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr.	10.00am	Marie-Lucie Selvini RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Fri 1	St Alphonsus, Bp & Dr	10.00am	Doran Family RIP
Sat 2/8	St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bp	9.30am	Shimmen Family RIP
Sat 2	18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Joseph Anthony D'Souza RIP
Sun 3		10.00am	The (WW1) Dead RIP
		12noon	The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Butch Rogers, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, David Schrier, Christina Whiting, Connie Liddard, Clive Sutton, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Noel Judge, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Mary Holmes, Peggy Wright, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Sid Parker, Agnes Warren, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Lola-Teresa Durojaiye, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Christine Hall, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 323

Offertory Collection last weekend: £661.90

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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26th/27th July 2014

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Angelus Address – 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, in the liturgy, the Old Testament Reading presents to us the figure of King Solomon, the son and successor of David. It presents him at the beginning of his reign, when he was still very young. Solomon inherited a very demanding task and the responsibility that lay heavily on his shoulders was great for a young king. He first of all offered God a solemn sacrifice, “a thousand burnt offerings”, as the Bible says. Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night and promised to grant him what he asked in prayer. And here we see the greatness of Solomon’s soul. He did not ask for a long life, nor wealth, nor the elimination of his enemies; instead he said to the Lord: “Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong” (1 Kings 3:9). And the Lord heard him, so that Solomon became famous throughout the world for his wisdom and his right judgements.

Therefore he prayed God to grant him “an understanding heart”. What do these words mean? We know that the “heart” in the Bible does not only indicate a part of the body, but also the centre of the person, the seat of his intentions and opinions. We might say: the conscience. Thus an “understanding heart” means a conscience that knows how to listen, that is sensitive to the voice of truth and for this reason can discern right from wrong. In Solomon’s case, the request was motivated by the responsibility of leading a nation, Israel, the people whom God chose to show the world his plan of salvation. The King of Israel, therefore, had to try always to be in tune with God, listening to his word, in order to guide the people on the paths of the Lord, the path of justice and of peace.

However, Solomon’s example is valid for every person. Each one of us has a conscience so as to be, in a certain way, “king”, that is, to exercise the great human dignity of acting in accordance with an upright conscience, doing what is right and avoiding wrong.

The moral conscience presupposes the ability to hear the voice of truth and to be docile to these indications. People who are called to the task of government naturally have a further responsibility and, therefore — as Solomon teaches — are in even greater need of God’s help. Yet each one has his own part to play, in the concrete situation in which he finds himself. An erroneous mentality suggests to us that we ask God for favourable things or conditions; in fact, the true quality of our life and of social life depends on the upright conscience of each one, on the capacity of one and all to recognize right, separating it from wrong and seeking patiently to put it into practice, thereby contributing to justice and to peace.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, Seat of Wisdom, for help in this. Her “heart” was perfectly docile to the Lord’s will. Even though she was a humble and simple person, Mary was a queen in God’s eyes, and we venerate her as such. May the Blessed Virgin help us to form in ourselves, with God’s grace, a conscience ever open to the truth and sensitive to justice, to serve the Kingdom of God.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).



TEA & COFFEE are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your neighbour.

This Monday:

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
(no evening Mass)

THE LEGION OF MARY meets *this Thursday at 7.00pm*

THE ROSARY is recited *this Saturday*
half an hour before the morning Mass.

ADVANCE NOTICE!

4th August 2014 marks the centenary of entry of the British Empire to the First World War. The Bishops of England and Wales have requested that Mass should be offered for all those who died and to pray for those currently serving in the armed forces, and for peace. *The Requiem Mass will be celebrated next Sunday (3rd August) at 10.00am.*

GOODBYE THIS WEEK to Fr Giovanni Bicchierri who moves on to Paris where he is due to spend the month of August studying French, prior to returning to Rome to continue his studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: if anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen’s Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? May I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!
Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS: special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

**FIRST COMMUNION/FIRST CONFESSION PROGRAMME
2014-2015**

Application forms for the First Communion/First Confession programme 2014-2015 are now available and can be obtained directly from the Parish Priest. To be eligible, children should be baptised, and in *Year 3 (1st Year Juniors)* or above.

Please note that you must complete the Church of the Assumption application form, as no other form will be accepted.

Application forms should be returned to the Presbytery no later than 1st September, please! After this date, forms will neither be issued nor accepted. Thank you for your generous co-operation.

Fr Selvini

APPEAL FOR HELP: FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES - One of our First Communion catechists has had to retire because of work commitments. I am therefore appealing to parishioners with basic teaching skills to volunteer to share in teaching this year's class. Classes meet on a regular basis on Thursdays between 5.00 and 6.00pm. Classes will start late September this year. If you think that you could help in any way, please contact me via the parish email (nda.hainault@btinternet.com). Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Fr Selvini