

Mass Intentions for week beginning 2nd August 2014

Sat 2	18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Joseph Anthony D'Souza RIP
Sun 3		10.00am 12noon	The (WW1) Dead RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 4	St Jean-Marie Vianney, Pr.	10.00am 6.30pm	Intercession of St Jude <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Jack Vince RIP (1962 Missal)
Tue 5	Dedication of St Mary Major	10.00am	Thanksgiving (Anne Dunseath)
Wed 6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	The Holy Souls RIP / August Anniversaries RIP
Thur 7	St Cajetan, Pr.	10.00am	Intentions of Manuel Buttigieg
Fri 8	St Dominic, Pr.	10.00am	Nancy Ryan RIP
Sat 9	ST EDITH STEIN, M. CO-PATRON OF EUROPE	9.30am	Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham
Sat 9	19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Special Intention (IP)
Sun 10		10.00am 12noon	Ted Moore RIP 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: 294

Offertory Collection last weekend: £685.00

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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2nd/3rd August 2014

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Angelus Address – 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this Sunday's Gospel we find Jesus who, after withdrawing to the mountain, prays throughout the night. The Lord, having distanced himself from the people and the disciples, manifests his communion with the Father and the need to pray in solitude, far from the commotion of the world.

This distancing, however, must not be seen as a lack of interest in individuals or trust in the Apostles. On the contrary, Matthew recounts, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat, "and go before him to the other side" (Matthew 14:22), where he would see them again. In the meantime the boat "was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them" (v. 24). And so in the fourth watch of the night [Jesus] came to them, walking on the sea" (v. 25); the disciples were terrified, mistaking him for a ghost and "cried out for fear" (v. 26). They did not recognize him, they did not realize that it was the Lord.

Nonetheless Jesus reassured them: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear" (v. 27). This is an episode from which the Fathers of the Church drew a great wealth of meaning. The sea symbolizes this life and the instability of the visible world; the storm points to every kind of trial or difficulty that oppresses human beings. The boat, instead, represents the Church, built by Christ and steered by the Apostles.

Jesus wanted to teach the disciples to bear life's adversities courageously, trusting in God, in the One who revealed himself to the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb "in a still small voice" [the whispering of a gentle breeze] (1 Kings 19:12).

The passage then continues with the action of the Apostle Peter, who, moved by an impulse of love for the Teacher, asks him to bid him to come to him, walking on the water.

“But when he saw the wind [was strong], [Peter] was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’” (Matthew 14:30).

Peter walks on the water, not by his own effort but rather through divine grace in which he believes. And when he was smitten by doubt, when he no longer fixed his gaze on Jesus but was frightened by the gale, when he failed to put full trust in the Teacher’s words, it means that he was interiorly distancing himself from the Teacher and so risked sinking in the sea of life.

So it is also for us: if we look only at ourselves we become dependent on the winds and can no longer pass through storms on the waters of life. The great thinker Romano Guardini wrote that the Lord “is always close, being at the root of our being. Yet we must experience our relationship with God between the poles of distance and closeness. By closeness we are strengthened, by distance we are put to the test”.

Dear friends, the experience of the Prophet Elijah who heard God passing and the troubled faith of the Apostle Peter enable us to understand that even before we seek the Lord or invoke him, it is he himself who comes to meet us, who lowers Heaven to stretch out his hand to us and raise us to his heights; all he expects of us is that we trust totally in him, that we really take hold of his hand.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

TODAY

The 10 o’clock Mass is a Requiem Mass for all those who died during the First World War. Let us pray also for those currently serving in the armed forces, and for peace.



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
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)**

THE MONTLIGEON PRAYER GROUP for the Holy Souls in Purgatory meets this Wednesday for Mass at 10.00am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for the Holy Souls and Benediction. The meeting will end no later than 11 o’clock.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

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

OPEN GARDEN in aid of St Francis Hospice - Sunday 10th August from 2pm - 5 pm at 254 Ashurst Drive, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex, IG6 1EW. We are opening the garden again as people who came to the first opening wanted to bring their friends to see it.

Those who came enjoyed the riot of colour and water features and all the nooks and crannies and the model village and working model railway. Entry fee is £2.50 and refreshments will be available. Sadly it is not suitable for disabled people due to the uneven surfaces. All proceeds go to St Francis Hospice.

***The Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions
for the month of August***

General Intention: That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

Missionary Intention: That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

ANNE DUNSEATH is making a good recovery after major surgery. She would like to thank all those who prayed for her and sent her cards, etc. Mass in thanksgiving will be offered *this Tuesday at 10.00am.*

**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 to volunteer to assist in 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**

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).