

Mass Intentions for week beginning 18th February 2017

Sat 18	7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Victor Housden RIP
Sun 19		10.00am	Thanksgiving (D'Souza) / Efe Mekako (birthday)
		12noon	The People of the Parish
Mon 20	Feria	10.00am	Jerry Baker RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers
		6.30pm	Esther Obajere RIP (1962 Missal)
Tue 21	ST Peter Damian, BP	10.00am	Denis & Remona Armstrong RIP
Wed 22	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, AP.	10.00am	Agnes Warren RIP
Thur 23	St Polycarp, Bp M.	10.00am	Mbambo Family RIP
Fri 24	Feria	10.00am	Marie Josephine Darfi RIP & Julia Perrin RIP
		11.30am	Funeral Service
Sat 25	Of Our Lady	9.30am	Intentions of Fr Stephen Hardaker
Sat 25	8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Victor Housden RIP
Sun 26		10.00am	Peter Hetherington 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 Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandele Majiyagbe, Alan & Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'asters, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, 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, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 307

Offertory Collection last weekend: £617.86

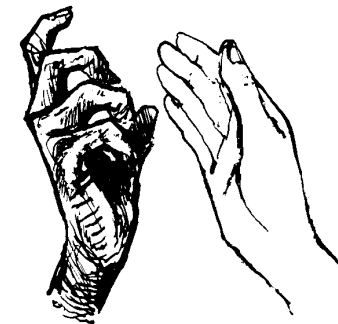
THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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18th-19th February 2017

7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reflections on Christian Hope (5)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we turn today to *the story of Judith*. The Old Testament Book of Judith tells how, during the siege of the city of Bethulia by the Assyrian general Holofernes, the people were on the verge of surrendering. In an apparently hopeless situation, the leaders of the city determined to hold off for five days, trusting that the Lord would come to their aid. At that point, Judith appeared to reinforce their wavering hope in the face of fear and to propose a plan that led to victory over the enemy. The example of this woman of great wisdom and courage teaches us to trust in the Lord's providential care, but also, in prayer and obedience, to discern his will and to do everything in our power to respond to the challenges that come our way. Judith's faith inspires us to commend ourselves to the Father with the same obedience that led Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, to pray: "Not my will, but yours be done".

Franciscus PP.

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 fellow parishioners.

THIS MONDAY:

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017: The next session is *NEXT SUNDAY* at St John Vianney, Clayhall, starting at 3.00pm promptly.

OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of *Margaret Rose Briffa* who died recently. *Her Funeral Service is this Friday at 11.30am* followed by Committal at Trent Park Cemetery. May she rest in peace and may Our Blessed Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, pray for her family in their bereavement.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – *Tuesday 21st February* - 6.45 to 9.00pm, at St. Augustine's Barkingside – all welcome.

HEALING MASS at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on *Wednesday 22nd February 2017*. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

THE STAFF AND PUPILS of the Ilford Ursuline Preparatory School warmly invite prospective parents to their Open Day to be held on *Thursday 23rd February 2017* 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon. No appointment is necessary. We are an independent Roman Catholic school and nursery for girls and boys aged 3 – 11.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Nursery Admission – *September 2017:* Application forms are available for admission to our Nursery Class in September 2017 for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. *Closing date for applications is Friday 3rd March 2017.* Children are entitled to 15 hours of funded provision per week. However, we are able to offer extra paid for sessions to provide full day provision. Please contact Mrs Brogan in the Infant Office on 020 8554 1919 for further information.

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 their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*)

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

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.

WALK WITH ME IN LENT: a Lenten Journey of Prayer. The 2017 edition is available at the back of church. **£1.00 per copy. Only 40 copies available – first in first served!**

LENT FAST DAY is on *Friday 10th March*. CAFOD envelopes will be available at the back of church nearer the time. They should be returned the following Sunday with your offering.

Good Practice in Church

Please remember that Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross and ends with the Blessing. Please be on time for Mass – it greatly disturbs others if you are pushing into benches late. The Penitential Rite at the Beginning of Mass is an important preparation for a worthy participation in Mass.

The church porch can easily become a playground for children or a meeting place for people to talk during Mass. The porch is a part of the church and as such should be a quiet place where people can also follow the Mass.

Would parents please not bring food and drink into the church for their children – it is not a place for a picnic. And do not chew gum in church especially if you are to receive Holy Communion. Remember: we should fast an hour before receiving the Blessed Sacrament.