

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY, YEAR A**

11th and 12th November 2017

Psalter Week 4

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**THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

(A member of Churches Together in Bellingham)

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**PARISH PRIEST**  
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**MASS TIMES**

Monday to Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil Mass with Hymns

Sunday: 8:30am; Said Mass

10:30am Family Sung Mass

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Mon to Fri (Except First Friday): 8:00am

**MORNING PRAYERS:** Monday-Friday 8.45am

**ROSARY:** Monday to Friday: 9:45am

**1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY ADORATION:** 9:45am to 3:30pm

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 5:15pm

**WEEKLY OFFICE SURGERY**

Every Tuesday 4.00pm to 7.00pm

**PARISH SECRETARY**

Christina Arthur-Davis

Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9am-12pm

**PARISH SCHOOL**

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**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS**

**PARISH MASS BOOK**

This weekend is Thirty-Second Sunday, Year A, page 152 in the Parish Mass Book.

**RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER**

Reader: **Hear us, O Lord;**

**All: come, Lord Jesus, come.**

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and to those who care for them especially: Frank Holmes, Catherine Simmons, Marie Avis, Mary Smith, Paul Driscoll, Philys Gray, Benedict Perrier, Tom Geiger, Bernadette Dowswell, Pamela Williams-Jones, Alan Dorey, Maria Ali, Michael Gill, Mary O'Regan, Macdara Keane, Peggy Margaret Davies, Mary Malham, Sheila Pender and Deacon Jeff. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES**

Anthony Fitzpatrick Nora O'Sullivan, Albert Victor Bartlett, Patrick Watts, Emily Howlett, Everall Garraway, Bert Cawley, Daniel Driscoll, Monica Mary McNeill.

**OUR PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God our Father, look in love upon our homes, our families and our communities. Raise up from among us worthy priests to preach the Gospel to all peoples, to minister at your altar, and to care for your flock. Fill us all with your Holy Spirit and make us faithful and inspiring witnesses to your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

MASS DATES/TIMES	FEASTS	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 6 pm	Vigil Mass of Thirty-Second Sunday (Year A)	Mary Murch, RIP
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 8.30 am	Thirty-Second Sunday (Year A)	Janet Olaoluwa Ajayi, RIP
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.30 am	Thirty-Second Sunday (Year A)	1.Deceased members of the Umeh family, RIP 2.Hannah Djeugam, Thanksgiving
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15 am	Feria	Katherine & George Cash, RIP
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15 am	Feria	Attorino Fazzani, RIP
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15 am	Feria	Teresa Mary Coleman, RIP
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15 am	Feria	Souls in purgatory and God's mercy
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15 am	Feria	Deceased members and friends of the Driscoll & Jordan families, RIP
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 6 pm	Vigil Mass of Thirty-Third Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 8.30 am	Thirty-Third Sunday (Year A)	Janet Olaoluwa Ajayi, RIP
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.30 am	Thirty-Third Sunday (Year A)	Julius Olushola Ajayi, RIP

COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
Offertory	438.56	228.51
Catholic Education Service	171.59	93.65
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Archbishops' Administration Fund	
<b>Thank you all for your generosity</b>		

MASS DATES/TIMES	Reader #1	Reader #2
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Odel Offiah	Obi Offiah
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Adel Nfonsam	Maya Nfonsam
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	Fidelis Iwu (Jr)	Alessia Iwu
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Teresa Tagg	Bernard Bastien
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Ola Ajayi	Miquel McDonald
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	CJ Peter Etoukwu	Chinwe Nwobodo

MASS DATES/TIMES	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Susan Longhurst	Peter Okonji
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Guillaume Noirtin	Sam Assibi
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	Patience Erhabor	Prudencia Ebirilem
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Glenda Mulla	Augustina Okonji
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Marilyn Assibi	Sheila Taguiang
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	Vincenza Della Camera	Patience Agho

TEAM DATES/TIMES	CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
E—18 <sup>th</sup> Nov Sat AM	Celestina Musa, George Ngobeh, Angela Ngobeh, Boniface Ewuzie, Judith Oganya, Tina Ebohon
F—25 <sup>th</sup> Nov Sat AM	Ejike Nwankwo, Philip Ojarikre, Blessing Amiame, Annabelle Amiame, Georgina De Ben Rockson

DATES/TIMES	CHURCH MEETINGS AND CLASSES
Mon to Fri at 3-3.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer and Adoration
Sunday at 10.30am	Children's Liturgy
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday from 10am to 3.30pm	First Friday Adoration
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs at 7pm	Infant Baptism Classes
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday at 1-2pm	Youth Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday at 2.10pm	Altar Servers Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs at 7pm	RCIA Programme
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun at 5.30pm	Rosary and Benediction (24 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
Every last Sunday after 10.30 mass	Union of Catholic Mothers Monthly Meeting (24 <sup>th</sup> Sept)

#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND PARTY

Further information to follow shortly.

#### ANNUAL CEMETERY PROCESSION

This takes place at Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2017. We assemble at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15pm and the procession begins at 2.30. Priests and deacons are available to visit and pray at the graves of your loved ones. We need to leave the cemetery by the closing time of 3.30pm.

#### PARISH CALENDAR AND PUBLICATIONS IN THE REPOSITORY

The parish calendar is available for £5. We also have the Advent 'My Day by Day' for £1 in the repository.

#### RED MISSION BOX

Please bring your Red Mission Box to the repository during the month of November to be emptied for the final time this year. Please ensure your name is on the bottom of the box. Thank you for all you are doing for the 1,069 mission dioceses in the world which are too young or poor and could not survive without our help.

#### ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY—PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

The nursery still has places available for children from 2.5 years old. Contact the school office at 0208 698 6083 for more information.

#### CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your will. For more information, pick up a leaflet; contact your Catholic Legacy on 02070955370; go to [www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk](http://www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk) or contact Adrian Radford, the Diocesan Financial Controller, by email: [Adrian.radford@finance-rcdsouthwark.org](mailto:Adrian.radford@finance-rcdsouthwark.org).

#### NOVEMBER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Hey! Why should we pray for the dead? Revelation 21:27 says that NOTHING unclean can enter Heaven. It is through our prayers that they are cleansed. St Catherine of Genoa explained, "the soul in purgatory is like a freshly cut diamond. It is truly one of God's most beautiful creatures and being directed toward God, it has not lost its primeval beauty. But it is far from perfect. The Divine Artisan must bring it to its full potential by polishing it. This is the process of purification." The Catholic Church believes that there is purification of "lesser faults" and the temporal effects of sin after death. Offering prayers and sacrifices for someone is also an Old Testament practice. Please read Job 1:1-5 and 2 Maccabees 12:39-45. Job who was Blameless and Upright offered sacrifices for the dead Soldiers when he discovered that they had sinned. He knew that the end of their earthly life was not the end of life and that prayers could still do good for his friends. In 2 Tim. 1:18, Paul prayed for his departed friend. If you want your loved ones prayed for during Mass in the month of November, please put their names in an envelope with an offering and return it to the church. Father Sam

#### REFLECTION

"Watch early for wisdom": wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in 'putting off till tomorrow...', since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing; what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?