

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*Psalter Week 3*

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

*(A member of Churches Together in Bellingham)*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Fri Adoration:** 9:45am to 3:30pm

**MORNING PRAYERS:**

Monday to Friday: 8.45am

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

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 5:15pm

**WEEKLY OFFICE SURGERY**

Every Tuesday 4.00pm to 7.00pm

**PARISH SECRETARY**

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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

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

## PARISH MASS BOOK

This weekend is Fifteenth Sunday, Year A, page 102 in the Parish Mass Book.

## RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER

Reader: **Lord, hear us;**

**All: and bless us with a living faith.**

## 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, Phylis Gray, Benedict Perrier, Tom Geiger, Bernadette Dowswell, Pamela Williams-Jones, Alan Dorey, Maria Ali, Michael Gill, Mary O'Regan, Macdara Keane, Peggy Margaret Davies and Deacon Jeff. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES

Louisa Eleanor Lee, Fred Bartlett, Edmund Lee, Cecelia Elisabeth Bartlett, Mercedes Manso de Zuniga, Tom Quinlan, Nora McMahon, Bailey-May Mason.

## 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 15 <sup>th</sup> July at 6 pm	Vigil Mass of Fifteenth Sunday (Year A)	Michael Christopher Sullivan, RIP
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 8.30 am	Fifteenth Sunday (Year A)	Abraham Santoile, Alfredo R. Sintos Sr and Leah De La Cruz, RIP
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 am	Fifteenth Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.15 am	Feria	Tony McKenna, RIP
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.15 am	Feria	Bridget McKenna, Wellbeing
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.15 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.15 am	Feria	Peggy Curran, Wellbeing
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 9.15 am	Feria	Theresa and Daniel Driscoll, RIP
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> July at 6 pm	Vigil Mass of Sixteenth Sunday (Year A)	Susan Murphy, Wellbeing
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> July at 8.30 am	Sixteenth Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> July at 10.30 am	Sixteenth Sunday (Year A)	1. Jeffrey Henshaw, Birthday Blessings 2. For the soul of Mathias & Veronica Okafor

COLLECTIONS (8th-9th July)	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
Offertory	£446.84	£221.94
Apostleship of the Sea	£166.01	£106.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Repair	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Church Repair	
<b>Thank you all for your generosity</b>		

COLLECTIONS (1st-2nd July)	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
Offertory	£421.17	£187.90
Church Repair	£119.59	£63.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> July	Apostleship of the Sea	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Repair	
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MASS DATES/TIMES	Reader #1	Reader #2
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Okechuks Offiah	Albert Olaloye
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Natasha Olisa	Paddy Roycroft
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	Chinwe Nwobodo	Nma Ofili
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 6.00 pm	Toyin Odumade	Teresa Tagg
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 8.30 am	Natasha Olisa	Paddy Roycroft
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 10.30 am	Chinwe Nwobodo	Nma Ofili

MASS DATES/TIMES	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Maria Sullivan	Teresa Tagg
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Matilda Assibi	Rose Nfonsam
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	John Ezeonyeasi	Fred Chawe- Nartey
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 6.00 pm	Vivien Singleton	Ruth Mckie
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 8.30 am	Alison Olisa	Augustina Okafor
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 10.30 am	Teresa Tagg	Dean Macdonald

TEAM DATES/TIMES	CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
A – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, Sat am	Matilda Assibi, Alison Olisa, Blurette Soupe, Patricia Okolo, Albert Onyumba
B – 28 <sup>th</sup> July, Friday pm	Cynthia Igweonu, Grace McDonald, Maria White, Celine Umeh

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
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun at 5.30pm	Rosary and Benediction
Every last Sunday after 10.30 mass	Union of Catholic Mothers Monthly Meeting

#### FAMILY MINISTRY GROUP MEETING

Family ministry group is having a very important meeting on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July after the 10.30 mass. All members should endeavour to attend.

#### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A group from the church is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes by coach on 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017. This means spending 3 full days and 2 nights in Lourdes at a cost of £365 per person. Interested parishioners should contact Lumi Henshaw on 07946314067 as soon as possible.

#### APF – MILL HILL MISSION APPEAL & RED MISSION BOX

At all masses this weekend (15-16 July) we welcome Fr Donie O'Connor who will speak on behalf of APF – Mill Hill and their missionary work. This thank you and appeal is not for money but for parishioners to become members and take a Red Mission Box. Please bring your red mission box to the repository to be emptied during the month of July. Thank you for your help supporting 1,069 mission dioceses in the world which are too young and poor and could not survive without our support.

#### RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend, which will be used to purchase flowers for the ordination.

#### ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

We are pleased to be able to tell you that Paul Henshaw and Fidelis Iwu of this Parish have been called to the Order of the Diaconate by Archbishop Peter Smith. Paul and Fidelis will be ordained here at our church by Bishop Patrick Lynch on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm**. There will be a reception immediately after the mass, which will include food, drink and entertainment, to which you are all warmly invited. Any donations are welcomed. **All are encouraged to be present at this Ordination Mass to support our parish and these two men.**

#### REFLECTION

The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called 'The Parabolic Discourse' - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?