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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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**PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Sam Ofia, MSP

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Paul Henshaw & Fidelis Iwu

## 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-First Sunday, Year B. The readings are on page 152 in the Parish Mass Book.

### RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER

Reader: **Lord, hear us in love;**

All: **that we may love one another.**

### 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.

### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and to those who care for them especially: Catherine Simmons, Marie Avis, Mary Smith, Benedict Perrier, Tom Geiger, Bernadette Dowswell, Pamela Williams-Jones, Alan Dorey, Maria Ali, Michael Gill, Mary O'Regan, Peggy Margaret Davies, Mary Malham, Maria Obiamiwe, Gladys Baptiste, Margaret Ethridge 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 and Monica Mary McNeill

MASS DATES/TIMES	FEASTS	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov at 6pm	Vigil Mass of Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	Marjorie Henry-Lawrence, Birthday Blessing
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 8.30am	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	1.Relatives & Friends of the Anderson Family 2.Regina and Jak Vokri, RIP
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.30am	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	1. Edward & Blessing Amiame, Special Intentions 2. Cyprian N Anyadubalu, RIP
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov At 9.15am	Feria	Chiamaka Ebulue, Birthday Blessings
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15am	Feria	Holy Souls
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15am	The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George	
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15 am	Feria	People of the Parish
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15 am	The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm	Vigil Mass of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 8.30am	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	1.Joan Scott, RIP 2.Regina and Jak Vokri, RIP
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.30am	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	1. Anna-Belle Amiame, Birthday Blessings 2. Cyprian N Anyadubalu, RIP

COLLECTIONS	TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Offertory	<b>353.79</b>	<b>140.50</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection— Parish Repair	<b>94.68</b>	<b>46.20</b>
Winter Heating Campaign – Collected To Date	<b>£178.53</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Parish Repair</b>	

DATES/TIMES	Reader #1	Reader #2
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov @ 6pm	Chloe Arthur-Davis	Christina Arthur-Davis
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 8.30am	Bernard Bastien	Dennis Simmonds
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 10.30	Michelle Nwachukwu	Muna Madufor
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 6pm	Albert Olaloye	Christiana Arthur-Davis
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 8.30am	Maya Nfonsam	Adel Nfonsam
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 10.30	Rachel Gabriel	Chinwe Nwobodo

MASS DATES/TIMES	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov @ 6pm	Teresa Tagg	Marian Andoh
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 8.30am	Tyrone Taguiang	Alex Washington
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 10.30	Gloria Ezeonyeasi	Patience Agho
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 6pm	Susan Longhurst	Glenda Mulla
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 8.30am	Matilda Assibi	Alison Olisa
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 10.30	Njideka Anyadubalu	John Ezeonyeasi

TEAM DATES/TIMES	CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
C—10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Maria Bridgeman, Ebulue Chiamaka, Blanadah Read, Jadwiga Vargem, Vivian Anuligo
D—17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Blessing Amiame, Annabelle Amiame, Lumi Henshaw, Celine Umeh, Cynthia Igweonu

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> Fri 10am-3.30pm	First Friday Adoration
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs at 7pm	Infant Baptism Classes
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat at 1-2pm	Youth Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat at 2.10pm	Altar Servers Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs at 7pm	RCIA Programme
Last Sun at 5.30pm	Rosary and Benediction
Every last Sunday after 10.30 mass	Union of Catholic Mothers Monthly Meeting
Ongoing	UCM food collection for the food bank

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFIRMATION CLASS REGISTRATION—Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm (Parish Room)** The enrolment date for this year's Confirmation class will be held on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm in the parish room. Application forms can be picked up in the repository and returned at the enrolment meeting with the £25 fee, Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates.

### **NEW CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS**

Please note that the diocese has given all churches new email addresses, effective immediately. Ours is: [beckenhamhill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:beckenhamhill@rcaos.org.uk).

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018—Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm (Church)**

The enrolment date for this year's First Holy Communion will be held on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm. Please see Grace McDonald, Rita Percival or Teresa Tagg in the repository for an application or if you have any questions or concerns.

### **CHILDREN BOOKS—DONATIONS WANTED**

We are looking to receive donations of children's books. Please leave them at the back of the church.

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY—9<sup>th</sup> December**

The children's Christmas party this year will be on 9/12/2018 after the 10.30 mass in the school hall. The ticket price is £5.00 per child. Sister Gloria will sell tickets at 10.30 mass, Sister Alison will sell tickets at the 8.30 mass and on Saturday evening mass, Sister Teresa will have the tickets in the repository.

### **CHURCH WINTER HEATING CAMPAIGN—£5K GOAL**

As the weather starts turning cold, it will be time to turn on the heating again, which costs the church over £5,000 annually. There is a box at the back of the church in which you can put your donations toward this goal. Thank you in advance for your generosity and to those who have contributed thus far.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEMETERY PROCESSION—Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm**

The Lewisham Deanery will host their annual procession through Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday. They will assemble at the main gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15pm and proceed to the Catholic section where priests and deacons are available to accompany you to the grave of your loved ones.

### **ST ELISABETH CONVENT VISIT—10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November**

Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent in Belarus will be here the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November. They will have a table on which they will display their crafts, the proceeds of which go to support their ministry. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

### **NOVEMBER FOR THE HOLY SOULS**

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