

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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7th and 8th October 2017

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

**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**

Christina Arthur-Davis

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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 Twenty-Seventh Sunday, Year A, page 137 in the Parish Mass Book.

**RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER**

Reader: **Father, hear us;**

**All: and give us your peace.**

**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, Mary Malham, Sheila Pender and Deacon Jeff. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES**

Albert Himsworth, Margaret Mary Shaw, David Daly, Kitty Snell, Norah Kathleen Weller, Thomas Patrick Pender, Connie Cawley, Terry Bustard, Maureen Waite, Dennis Smith, Ashley Kemete, Christine Louise Emery and Alexander John Donovan

**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 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 6 pm	Vigil Mass of Twenty-Seventh Sunday (Year A)	Holy Souls
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 8.30 am	Twenty-Seventh Sunday (Year A)	Tony Terry, RIP
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.30 am	Twenty-Seventh Sunday (Year A)	1. Alan Stuart Andrews, RIP 2. Ikechukwu and Tobechukwu Okafor, Birthday blessing and thanksgiving
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.15 am	Feria	
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.15 am	Feria	A.W. Spong
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.15 am	Feria	
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.15 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.15 am	St Edward the Confessor, King, Feast	Henshaw Family, Thanksgiving
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 6 pm	Vigil Mass of Twenty-Eighth Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 8.30 am	Twenty-Eighth Sunday (Year A)	Carris Williams, Special Intentions
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.30 am	Twenty-Eighth Sunday (Year A)	

COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
Offertory	652.83	423.50
Church Repair	133.86	82.68
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Church Repair	
<b>Thank you all for your generosity</b>		

MASS DATES/TIMES	Reader #1	Reader #2
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Teresa Tagg	Bernard Bastien
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Paul Spong	Hector Taguiang
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	CJ Peter Etoukwu	Chinwe Nwobodo
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Albert Olaloye	Okechucks Offiah
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Dennis Simmonds	Bernard Bastien
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	Nma Ofili	Carriss Williams

MASS DATES/TIMES	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Peter Okonji	Susan Longhurst
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Tyrone Taguiang	Vinis Washington
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	Njideka Anyadubalu	Blessing Amiame
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm	Glenda Mulla	Augustina Okonji
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am	Kim Evans	Alison Olisa
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am	Liz Humphrey	Gloria Ezeonyeasi

TEAM DATES/TIMES	CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
G—12 <sup>th</sup> Oct Thur PM	Titi Haastrup, Bridget Fundi, Gbemi Okolo, Folake Ogundele, Lumi Henshaw
A—21 <sup>st</sup> Oct Sat AM	Matilda Assibi, Alison Olisa, Blurette Soupe, Patricia Okolo, Albert Onyumbé

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> Thursdays @ 7pm	RCIA Programme
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun at 5.30pm	Rosary and Benediction
Every last Sunday after 10.30 mass	Union of Catholic Mothers Monthly Meeting

#### PARISH CALENDAR

The parish calendar is available for £5 in the repository.

#### DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The above event will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10am-1pm at the Good Shepherd Church in Downham.

#### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME STARTING ON 3<sup>RD</sup> NOV@7PM

Those interested should speak to Gloria Ezeonyeasi or Kim Evans to pick up an application.

#### OCTOBER 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25 Mr James Mason (No.25)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £10 Mr Sylvester (No.26)

#### SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Sisters would like to thank all of the parishioners for their generous giving towards the sale of their Mission Calendar this year which amounted to £312.26. The Sisters stated, "We are very grateful for your support and may God reward you all."

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

The enrolment date for the First Holy Communion will be held on Friday, 10th Nov at 7pm. Application and enrolment forms will be available from this week at the back of the church. It is for children 8 years and above or in year 3. Please complete and return with your deposit on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Forms will NOT be accepted any earlier.

Please see the following catechists at the masses:

Saturday Michelle 6pm  
Sunday Rita/Alison 8.30am  
Sunday Gloria/Grace 10.30am

#### THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

Those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church or as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful, may gain a plenary indulgence daily; in other circumstances a partial indulgence. **Please join us in the morning at 8.20am Monday through Friday.**

#### PARISH CENSUS DURING OCTOBER

During the month of October, we will be taking a count of the congregation at every mass on the weekend for the annual parish census.

#### OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE WORLD MISSION

The penultimate Sunday will be proclaimed 'World Mission Sunday'. That day will be celebrated in all the local churches as a feast of catholicity and universal solidarity. On that day, Christians the world over will recognise their common responsibility with regard to the evangelisation of the world. Bishops and episcopal conferences will draw up special prayers for the Missions to be inserted in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass.

#### REFLECTION

Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?