

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY, YEAR C

*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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## 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: 8:00am

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

**ROSARY:** Monday to Friday: 8:15am

**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

St Augustine's Nursery and Primary School

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

## PARISH MASS BOOK

This weekend is Twenty-third Sunday, Year C. The readings are on page 133 in the Parish Mass Book.

## RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy;

**All:** be with us always.

## 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, Alan Dorey, Maria Ali, Michael Gill, Peggy Margaret Davies, Mary Malham, Gladys Baptiste, Margaret Ethridge, Deacon Jeff, Linda Abranches and Vito and Milly Ferrao. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES

Reverend Terence Quinlan, Patrick Bustard, Margaret McGinty, John Gill, Maisie Grant, Benedict Alard Perrier, Rae Taylor, Dean Spencer, Tony Coloneese, Patrick O'Sullivan, Andrew Kasibante-Ntawatwa.

COLLECTIONS	Gift Aided	Total Collected
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug & 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept--Offertory	201.00	448.40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection— Church Repair	102.40	174.52
Int't Day- Flowers & Decorating Collection		£68.56
Anonymous Donor		£100.00
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept—2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection— International Day		

Date	Reader #1	Reader #2
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> at 6 pm	Teresa Tagg	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> 8.30 am	Paddy Roycroft	Carol Roycroft
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 am	Ezinne Okoro	Rachel Gabriel
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6 pm	Teresa Tagg	Albert Olaloye
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 8.30 am	Dennis Simmonds	Miquel Mcdonald
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 am	Frank Nmadufor	Paul Okolo

MASS DATES/TIMES	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> at 6 pm	Marian Andoh	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> 8.30 am	Joseph Soupe	Tyrone Taguiang
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 am	Gloria Ezeonyeasi	Patience Agho
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6 pm	Susan Longhurst	
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 8.30 am	Alison Olisa	Sheila Taguiang
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 am	Patience Erhabor	Prudencia Ebirilem

TEAM DATES/TIMES	CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
Group C 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Maria Bridgeman, Ebulue Chiamaka, Blanadah Read, Vivian Anuligo
Group D 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Blessing Amiame, Annabelle Amiame, Lumi Henshaw, Celine Umeh, Maria White, Cynthia Igweonu

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

Parents are advised to please supervise their children **at all times** while they are in the church and parish room for their own health and safety and also to prevent any accidents or destruction of church property.

<b>DATES /TIMES</b>	<b>FEASTS</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm	Vigil Mass of 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday (C)	Joe Sullivan, Birthday Blessings
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8.30am	Twenty-third Sunday (C)	Kevin & Kristian Zefi, Thanksgiving and God's blessings
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am	Twenty-third Sunday (C)	1.Obum Malu, God's grace and mercy 2.Blessing and Edward Amiame, Thanking God for His Goodness 3.Prince Tega Inoni, Thanking God for blessings, favour & grace (9 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) 4.Grace Ngozi Neziyanya, Birthday blessing
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9.15 am	Feria	1.Deacon Paul & Lumi Henshaw and Family, God's favour & restoration 2. Kamsy Chienye, Success in all exams
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9.15am	Feria	Deacon Paul & Lumi Henshaw and Family, God's favour & restoration
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9.15am	Feria	Deacon Paul & Lumi Henshaw and Family, Breakthrough and blessings from God
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9.15 am	Feria	1.Deacon Paul & Lumi Henshaw and Family, God's favour & protection 2. B Nnabugwu, Thanking God for protection of family & blessings
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9.15 am	St John Chrysostom	Deacon Paul & Lumi Henshaw and Family, God's mercy & healing
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm	Vigil Mass of 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (C)	Obum Malu, God's grace & mercy
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8.30am	Twenty-fourth Sunday (C)	People of the Parish
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am	Twenty-fourth Sunday (C)	Obum Malu, God's grace & mercy

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY 2019—Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **NIGHT VIGIL—Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September from 10pm**

The next All Nations Catholic Charismatic monthly night vigil will be held in our church on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September from 10pm. All are invited for a time of refreshing in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MTG—Mon, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm**

All representatives from the various parish groups should be in attendance.

### **PARISH PLANNED GIVING DRIVE—28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September**

The church's Finance Committee, with the support of the Archdiocese, will be starting a 3-week planned giving drive during which parishioners will be asked to reflect on their blessings, time, treasure and talents, and how they can further contribute to the Parish.

### **DAY FOR CATECHISTS 2019—SAT, 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

This Day is for all the Catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. The cost per catechists £10 and will include a catered sandwich lunch. It will be held at St George's Cathedral. Please find the flyer at the back of the church.

### **CHILDREN'S MASS**

The children's Mass will resume in October and the first practice will be on Sunday, 15th September. Parents are advised to wait behind after 10.30am Mass. New members are highly welcome. The children's Mass is for children between the ages of 5 and 14years.

### **KATH'S 50/50 RAFFLE—AUGUST WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize     £25             Sian & Matty Akpuogwu  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize     £10             John Carpenter

### **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

The MFL Team will be hosting a special day for married couples that will enable them to explore their relationship and gain valuable insights into their communication. 'Building a better Marriage' will take place at St Columba's Church in Selson on Saturday 28th September. Booking in advance is essential: Tel: 07983 524 727 or email: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

### **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really "hate" our family to be the Lord's disciple? The point is that it is relative: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowing round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then "Who can know the intentions of God?"