

Mass Intentions for week beginning 12th September 2015

Sat 12	24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Amelia Nardone RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Sun 13		10.00am 12noon	The People of the Parish Gorman, Long, Dempsey & Hickey Families RIP
Mon 14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	10.00am	Teresa Middleton's Intentions <i>followed by Novena Prayers</i>
Tue 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00am	Harry Canacott RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Wed 16	SS. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bp & MM.	10.00am	Mary Quinn RIP
Thur 17	St Robert Bellarmine, Bp & Dr	10.00am	The Holy Souls RIP
Fri 18	Feria	10.00am	The Holy Souls RIP
Sat 19	St Theodore of Canterbury, Bp	9.30am	Deceased Members of Davitt Family RIP
Sat	25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Members of Griffin, Purcell & Edwards Families RIP
Sun 20		10.00am 12noon	Patricia O'Brien RIP & Gilberte Thierry RIP The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'after, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Mary Holmes, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Sid Parker, Agnes Warren, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Christine Hall, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 396

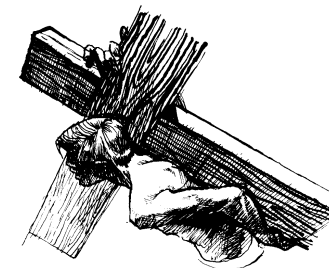
Offertory Collection last weekend: £724.83

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Angelus Address for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On 14th September the Church celebrates *the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. Some non-Christian person might ask: why “exalt” the Cross? We can respond that we do not exalt *any* cross whatsoever or *all* crosses: we exalt *the Cross of Jesus*, because in it God’s love for humanity was fully revealed. That’s what the Gospel of John reminds us of in tomorrow’s liturgy: “*God so loved the world that He gave his only Son*” (3:16). The Father “gave” the Son to save us, and this resulted in the death of Jesus, and his death on the Cross. Why? Why was the Cross necessary? Because of the gravity of the evil which enslaved us. The Cross of Jesus expresses both things: all the negative forces of evil, and all of the gentle omnipotence of God’s mercy. The Cross would seem to decree Christ’s failure, but in reality it signals His victory. On Calvary, those who mocked him said to him, “*If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross*” (cf. Mt 27:40). But the opposite was true: it was precisely because Jesus was the Son of God, that He was there, on the Cross, faithful to the end to the loving plan of the Father. And for this very reason God “exalted” Jesus (Philippians 2:9), conferring universal kingship on Him.

When we look to the Cross where Jesus was nailed, we contemplate the sign of love, of the infinite love of God for each of us and the source of our salvation. The mercy of God, which embraces the whole world, springs from the Cross. Through

the Cross of Christ the Evil One is overcome, death is defeated, life is given to us, hope is restored. This is important: through the Cross of Christ hope is restored to us. The Cross of Jesus is our one true hope! That is why the Church “exalts” the Holy Cross, and why we Christians bless ourselves with the sign of the cross. That is, we don’t exalt crosses, but the glorious Cross of Christ, the sign of God’s immense love, the sign of our salvation and path toward the Resurrection. This is our hope.

While we contemplate and celebrate the Holy Cross, we think with emotion of so many of our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted and killed because of their faith in Christ. This happens especially wherever religious freedom is still not guaranteed or fully realized. It happens, however, even in countries and areas which, in principle, protect freedom and human rights but where, in practice, believers, and especially Christians, encounter restrictions and discrimination. So today we remember them and pray for them in a special way.

On Calvary, there at the foot of the Cross, was the Virgin Mary (cf. John 19:25-27). She is *Our Lady of Sorrows*, whom we shall celebrate on Tuesday in the liturgy. To her I entrust the present and the future of the Church, so that we may all always be able to discover and welcome the message of love and salvation of the Cross of Christ.

Franciscus PP.

FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS I am supplying at St John Vianney Church, Clayhall. I am grateful to Fr Daniel Kulangara and Fr Gildardo Marín for saying the Masses (weekdays and Sundays) here during this period. *Fr Selvini*



TEA & COFFEE are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your neighbour.

This Monday:

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
(no evening Mass)

THE LEGION OF MARY meets *this Thursday at 7.00pm*

THE ROSARY is recited *this Saturday*
half an hour before the morning Mass.

THIS WEEK we remember in thanksgiving the magnificent visit, five years ago, of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom, and in particular the Beatification of

Cardinal John Henry Newman at Crofton Park near Birmingham. Let us also heed the teaching that the Holy Father gave us during those unforgettable days.

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).

NEXT WEEKEND is *Home Mission Sunday*: there is a special retiring collection after all Masses.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – *Tuesday 15th September* - 6.45 to 9.00pm at St. Augustine’s Barkingside.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING will be held in the parish hall on *Sunday 27th September* after the 10 o’clock Mass. Tickets for the raffle are now on sale before Masses with the draw being taken at the coffee morning on 27th. Donations for the raffle would be appreciated. Any enquiries to Frances Heaslip 020 8500 2023.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: if anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen’s Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? May I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!
Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS: special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

APPEAL FOR HELP: CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

With the retirement of our two Confirmation catechists I am appealing to parishioners with basic teaching skills to volunteer to share in preparing our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you think that you could help in any way, please contact me via the parish email (nda.hainault@btinternet.com). Training could be arranged if necessary.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Fr Selvini