

Mass Intentions for week beginning 24th September 2016

Sat 24	26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 25		10.00am 12noon	Annette Hatcher RIP (<i>anniv.</i>) Tracy McGinley RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Mon 26	SS. Cosmas & Damian, MM.	10.00am 6.30pm	Novena Prayers Rose Murphy RIP (<i>1962 Missal</i>)
Tue 27	St Vincent of Paul, Pr.	10.00am	Bridget Sullivan RIP
Wed 28	St Wenceslas, M.	10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP
Thur 29	SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	10.00am	Mary Laheen RIP
Fri 30	St Jerome, Pr. & Dr	10.00am	Mary Fleming RIP
Sat 1	St Thérèse of Lisieux, Rel. & Dr	9.30am	Mass
Sat 1	27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Michael Wallace RIP
Sun 2		10.00am 12noon	Andrea Head RIP The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

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

Roland Selvini, Bandle Majiyagbe, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, 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: 432

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £798.34

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).

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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24th-25th September 2016

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(HOLY YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016)

Reflections for the Holy Year of Mercy (24)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our Gospel passage this morning, John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah (cf. *Matthew* 11:2-6), since Jesus' ministry was not what John anticipated; it did not correspond to his expectation of God's justice. Jesus responds by telling the disciples to report what they see and hear: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the Gospel is proclaimed to the poor. Jesus shows himself to be the instrument of God's mercy; he manifests God's justice by bringing his consolation and salvation to all. God did not send his Son to punish sinners and crush the wicked. Rather he came to invite them to conversion, so that they too could turn back to God. Jesus then says to John's disciples: "Blessed is he who takes no offense at me" (*Matthew* 11:6), who does not see in me any obstacle. This happens when we have a false image of the Messiah, when we construct our own image of God, which prevents us from experiencing his real presence among us. Every time we reduce him to our ideas and whims, use his name to justify our interests, seek him only in times of difficulty, then we also lose sight of the fact that faith calls us beyond ourselves to be his missionaries in the world. Let us renew our commitment to remove every obstacle that prevents us from experiencing the merciful works of our Father, and let us ask him for an ever deeper faith so that we may be signs and instruments of his mercy.

Franciscus PP.

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



Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust down Satan and all other evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

THIS WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION *for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham*



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 fellow parishioners.

THIS MONDAY:
10.00am Novena Prayers (no morning Mass)
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017

Opening Session next Sunday at St John Vianney, Clayhall, starting at 3.00pm. Further details can be obtained from Darren Delsol (07850 621626) who is running the course.

ANY QUESTIONS? At St Teresa's Newbury Park this *Tuesday 27th September* three guest speakers, Fr Martin Boland, Teresa Carvalho and Dr Charlie O'Donnell will answer questions about the Catholic faith. Please come along with your questions and invite family, friends and neighbours. Light supper from 7.30pm, discussion starts 8pm, in St Teresa's Parish Hall (junction of Suffolk Road and Eastern Avenue, 5 minutes from Newbury Park tube).

URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD – Entry to Year 7 September 2017. Open Evening *Wednesday 5th October* from 6pm – 8pm. The Headteacher will speak at 6pm and 7pm. Open Afternoon *Wednesday 19th October* from 2pm – 3pm.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

I will be available to meet with parents and sign such forms on *Saturday 15th October between 10.00am and 11.00am* in the Servers' Sacristy. *Kindly note that this is the only date available.* Thank you for your cooperation. *Fr Selvini*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING will be held this year on *Sunday 2nd October following 10 o'clock Mass.* Raffle tickets will be on sale before all weekend Masses before 2nd. Donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated and bakers in the parish are asked if they would kindly donate some cakes to sell on the day. Last year's event raised £350 for Macmillan Cancer Care who provide support to patients with cancer and their families.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, October 2016 from Stansted. £599 per person sharing. Includes return airport transfer from parish, flights, 15kg bag, 5 nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and evening meal. Entertainment and guided tours in Co. Mayo. Single room supplement £60. Contact Patricia anytime for details on 01702 561757 - Mobile 07715 667 896. *Go Trouvaille* is an agent of Travel Assistance International – ATOL 4634.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BARKINGSIDE: The Governors wish to appoint a motivated and committed Year 5 Class teacher to join our hard working and dedicated staff team in January 2017 or earlier. Visits to the school are encouraged. For further details please contact Mrs Brogan in the Infant Office on 020 8554 1919.

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 their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*)

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

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.
