

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

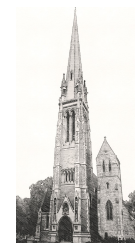
*“Many spiritual masters declare that all spiritual profit comes from meditation. Since meditation or interior prayer alone obtains grace, vocal prayer itself if unaccompanied by some interior sentiment can obtain nothing”.*

(Antonio Rosmini)



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### Week starting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018 **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** IN THE PARISH

**Sunday Collections** - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection

**Information** - Love and peace to all. We are coming to the end of our holiday season and are back to our busy lives again. We are conscious of the passage of time and the events taking place in the world. There are a lot of good things taking place in the world, but these are covered over by the evils of violence and war. We should always be prepared to face any such difficulties in life. My heart goes out to my own home State where people faced the flooding of a Century. I am hoping to organise a second collection to help the victims of flooding in Kerala on the **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. Half of the money raised will also go to the victims of the earthquake in Indonesia.

**Fr. Justus Okibo**- is moving on from our parish to be a parish priest at St. Joseph's Cardiff. We are planning to organise a send off for him on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm with a Mass and shared table in Hibbert's Hall afterwards. We will arrange a large card for all to sign, and arrange a collection to buy him a gift. I need the help of a few volunteers to organise the event.

**Fr. Tony Furlong**- sadly he has been diagnosed with cancer on his kidney's. He will be having a major operation on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please keep him in your prayers. Please don't write to him as he likes to remain private. We can always pray for him.

**Monday Exposition** – Resumes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September

**Ascribed Meeting** – on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7p.m. in Gentili House

**St Cross Hospital Mass** – Fr Paul Birch will be celebrating Mass at St Cross on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 1:30 p.m.

**RUG Meeting** – on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September in Gentili House at 7pm.

**R.C.I.A. (Journey of Faith)** – next meeting at Gentili House on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7pm for 7.30pm.

**Parish Feast** - will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. In preparation for the feast we will have 9 days of Novena starting this Friday (31<sup>st</sup>). On the day of the feast Saturday (8<sup>th</sup>) we will have our two Masses, at 9.30a.m. and 6 p.m. During the Evening Mass we can all participate with Singing, Bidding Prayers and a Candle Procession around the church, we will recite the Rosary during the procession. Finally there will be a shared table in Hibbert's Hall. Please bring some food for the shared table. It is **our** parish celebration and I invite all of you to take part. Thank you.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** - is the final day of the Eucharistic Congress. We will have Benediction on Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m., followed by Solemn Celebration of the Eucharist. **There will be no Sunday Evening Mass at 6pm.** Thank you.

**Church Cleaning** - we need volunteers for cleaning the church this Friday (31<sup>st</sup>) after 10am Mass in Preparation for the Feast and Heritage open day. Please spare an hour of your time to help. Thank you.

### Next Week's Gospel Reading Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018)

**Gospel** – Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles). So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**DON'T LET YOUR  
LIPS AND YOUR  
LIVES PREACH  
TWO DIFFERENT  
MESSAGES**

Parish Priest: Father Tom Thomas  
Assistant Priest: Fr. Justus Okibo  
In Community: Fr John Buckner, Fr. John Bland, Fr. Charles Sormany  
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Gift Aid Administrator: Michael Borg 01788 811732  
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Margaret Nosowska:-  
01788 541705

## Welcome!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass

**NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.**

**Parish Office open from 09.00 – 12.30 on Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Friday**

**Heritage Open Days in September** - Our church will be open from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September and for this to work, volunteers are needed to cover the hours of 11.30am - 4.30pm Thursday to Saturday and also Sunday afternoon. We need Greeters, Tour Guides, and Providers of Tea and Biscuits! could you please consider where you might help as this is our annual chance to welcome those who would not normally visit St Marie's and to show our beautiful church to the wider public. No one should work alone, so why not ask a friend to come with you? Please either let Margaret 541705 / mnosowska@btinternet.com) or the office know if you are interested.

**Christmas Market** – in Hibbert's Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 12 Noon to 3 p.m.

**Future Events-** Rugby Male Voice choir on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7p.m.

**Faure Requiem** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30p.m. Rugby School Singing.

**New Offertory Procession Rotas** - starting in September, are now available in the Sacristy.

**Prayer Corps** - are on the table by the old baptistery. Please use them to pray for our parish and for the various needs of our world. All are welcome to take a copy.

**CAFOD School Volunteers Needed!** Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD Birmingham? We are looking for volunteers to work with children and young people in Catholic schools to help them learn about global poverty and inspire them to take action. Full training and resources provided. To find out more please contact Julia Hood on 01922 722944 or email

[birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

**Pilgrimage of the Sick to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford** There will be a Pilgrimage led by Bishop Robert Byrne. To take place at 3 pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. For further information contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 01543 422576 or email [lol.hednesford@gmail.com](mailto:lol.hednesford@gmail.com)

**Walsingham Mass for the Dowry of Mary** - on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, coach will leave St Marie's at 7a.m. and return at 8 p.m. You will need to bring a pack lunch with you. Please contact Brida Handforth on 331593 or Kathleen Flanagan on 334787

### Parish Priest's Diary

**Monday:-** Meeting

**Tuesday:-** Meeting

**Wednesday:-** Meeting

**Thursday:-** Spiritual Direction/ Confession

**Friday:-** Meeting

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK 25<sup>th</sup> August - 1<sup>st</sup> September – 2018

### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> August – Vigil for Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Confessions** 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

**Indian Mass** at 11a.m.

**Mass** at 6.00 p.m. for Shirley Deery R.I.P.

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> August – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Private Intentions Hartley Family and at 6.00 p.m. for Private Intentions Betty Kendall

**Baptism** at 11.15 a.m. of Sara Babicova

2:30 p.m. Margaret Elizabeth Maria Lane

**Confessions** from 9.30 a.m. - 9.55 a.m.

**Polish Mass** at 12.30 p.m.

**Coffee/Tea** after 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall

**Parish Shop** open in Coach House after 10 a.m. Mass

### MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> August - Memorial of St Monica

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Private Intentions for UCM

**NO 7 p.m. Mass**

### TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> August - Memorial of St Augustine

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Private Intentions for Mrs Dempsey & Family

### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> August - Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

**Mass** at 10.00 a.m. for Catherine Fitzjohn R.I.P.

### THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> August - Feria in Ordinary Time

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of Lorna Croucher

### FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> August - Feria in Ordinary Time

**Mass** at 10 a.m. for Well-Being of John Barton followed by Novena to Our Lady.

### SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> September - Feria in Ordinary Time

**Confessions** 10 to 11a.m. and from 5.30 to 5.55p.m.

**Mass** at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners

**Mass** at 6 p.m. for George & Lucy Welton R.I.P.

✠ PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: ✠

Tom Donnelly, Terry Treacy, Derek Larkin, Sharon Colleran, Rachel Mears, Baby Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson

✠ FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: ✠

Terry Coles

We welcome into our Christian community Sara Babicova and Margaret Elizabeth Maria Lane who are being baptised this Sunday.