

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th October 2020
Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary
Time (A)

Rosary Sunday
10.00am (Bernadette Stone RIP)
6.30pm (People of the parish)

Monday 5th October Feria
No Mass

Tuesday 6th October Feria
No Mass

Wednesday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
10.00am Mass (Cyril Ejebe RIP)

Thursday 8th October Feria
No Mass

Friday 9th October St. John Henry Newman, Feast
No Mass

Saturday 10th October Our Lady
10.00am (Brian McKenna RIP)

Sunday 11th October 2020
Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary
Time (A)
Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependents
10.00am (The victims of the Asaba massacre RIP)
6.30pm (People of the parish)

TODAY IS ROSARY SUNDAY - and October is the month of the rosary. Let us vow to pray the rosary everyday this month asking our Heavenly Mother to embrace and protect us, especially during this time of pandemic, and lead us to her beloved Son.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY - the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations and the start of Prisons Week. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: "I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." For prayer resources and more information please go to the PACT (the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions, defendants and their families) website at www.prisonadvice.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2020/2021 - for children in school year 3 and above. If you wish your child to take part in the classes to prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion that will take place in 2021 please ask for a registration form after Mass.

SILVER JUBILEE OF THE CONSECRATION OF OUR CHURCH - the 25th anniversary of the consecration of our church falls on 31st October 2021. The inaugural Mass for our Jubilee year will be held on Sunday 1st November 2020, the feast of All Saints, at 10am presided over by Monsignor John O'Toole, the Episcopal Vicar for Kent for the Archdiocese of Southwark. We look forward to welcoming Canon John to the parish.

STELLA MARIS CENTENARY MASS 4TH OCTOBER - This year Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is celebrating 100 years of its support to seafarers, fishers, and their families. To mark the beginning of our centenary year they will be holding a live-streamed Mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow, and they are inviting parishioners around the UK to join them online to share in this very special celebration **today at 3pm**. The Mass will be streamed live at www.stellamaris.org.uk/centenarymass They hope that we will join them online for this historic occasion.

Please take this newsletter home with you and do not leave in church. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING

10th October Suzi
17th October Lydia
24th October Irene/Zita
31st October Kilda

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Merrick Boston, Ronald Salmon, June O'Driscoll, Noela Thiebaud, Francesca Baker, Trevor Lane, Tricia Coppin, Sebastian Burrell, Fred Ward, Lino Debono, Lisa Moran, Noreen Kelleher, Joan Hazell, Rita Coombs, Paul McKenna.

Spiritual Communion

For those occasions when we can't be in our churches, an act of Spiritual Communion can help us keep Christ at the centre of our lives as we worship and pray at home.

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.