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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 26th February 2017

Dear Parishioners,

'Do not worry about tomorrow. The philosophy of Jesus penetrates to the nerve-centre of all fears and worries. The past is dead and the future is yet to come. We have to live every moment to the full since we only have today. God never abandons us and knows the deepest desires and intentions of our hearts.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Please pray for Sophia Goonan who is to be baptized in to the family of the Church this Sunday afternoon. The Baptismal preparation evenings for March will take place on Thursday 2nd and Thursday 9th March at 8pm. **We begin the Season of Lent this Wednesday,** Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 10am; 12.30pm and 7pm (9.30am at Saint Augustine's School). It is a day of Fasting and Abstaining from Meat. **On Thursday 2nd March,** we have a Holy Hour by Candle light between 6.15pm-7.15pm. All are welcome. After the Holy Hour we will be Meeting with Mr Paul Northam, the Parish evangelisation worker, at 7.30pm. If you wish to attend this Meeting, you are welcome. **During the Season of Lent** we will have Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening at 5.45pm (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 5pm-5.45pm) and Mass at 6.30pm. **On the Thursday evenings of Lent** (apart from the first Thursdays in March and April) Father Paul will lead us on some Lenten Reflections based on the Sunday Scripture Readings. These will take place in the Parish hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome. **Our sincere thanks to all who have contributed** to the mini sale this Saturday afternoon for the benefit of CAFOD. We have received some lovely gifts and do hope that you will come along and support this mini sale after the 12.30pm Mass this Saturday, 25th February.

We would like to invite all our Special Ministers of Holy Communion to a Meeting on Saturday 11th March at 10am in the Parish Hall. Deacon Kevin and Father Dan Horgan will be giving some input. The meeting will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church at 11am. **During Lent, there will be a series of talks** organised by Churches Together in Central Solihull. They will take place on a Tuesday evening, beginning Tuesday 7th March. Venue St Alphege Church. **On Saturday 25th March,** there is a Conference for young people aged 18 upwards at Alton Castle. The title of the Conference is 'Holy Daring' and its aim is to explore a vision for Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese. We have two free tickets for anyone who wishes to attend and who would represent the Parish. Details visit www.kenelm youth trust.org.uk

<p>25th February Saturday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 17:1-15 Mark 10:13-16 9.00am No Mass Isaiah 49:14-15 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34 12.30pm Catherine Smith- RIP Bernard Concannon-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon <i>Mini Sale with Refreshments after 12.30pm Mass</i></p>
<p>26th February EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Day for the Unemployed</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 49:14-15 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34 9.00am Barbara Turner-RIP 11.00am Myra Brett-RIP</p>	<p>Tea & Coffee after 9.00am and 11.00am Mass</p>
<p>27th February Monday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 17:24-29 Mark 10:17-27 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Requiem Eilzen Ashley</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm</p>
<p>28th February Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time <i>St Oswald</i></p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 35:1-12 Mark 10:28-31 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Wayne O'Donnell- RIP Margaret Campbell-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p>1st March Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY  Day of Fast & Abstinence</p>	<p>Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Patrick Belgrand-poorly 12.30pm Margaret Bixby-RIP 7.00pm All People of the Parish – free car- parking in the lower level of the Dominion car park for the 7.00pm Mass</p>	<p>Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm- 7.30pm</p>
<p>2nd March Thursday FEAST St Chad Patron of the Diocese</p>	<p>Romans 12:3-13 Luke 10:1-9 10.00am No Mass 12.05am The Rosary 12.30pm Dorothy O'Shea-RIP Maureen & Patrick O'Donnell-RIP 6.15pm-7.15pm Holy Hour By Candle light</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12.00pm</p>
<p>3rd March Friday After Ash Wednesday Women's World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Nora Reilly-RIP Mary English-Get Well 6.30pm Latin Mass with Anointing of the Sick. Michael O'Sullivan</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass Until 12.30pm Exposition 5.00pm-5.45pm Stations of the Cross 5.45pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>4th March Saturday St Casimir <i>Patron Saint of Poland</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32 9.00am No Mass Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 12.30pm Maureen Kelly-RIP Patrick Joseph Kevin Warwick-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon Tea & Coffee after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>5th March First Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 9.00am Michael & Margaret Fitzmaurice 11.00am Jose Carlos Gois Family & Friends, Living & Deceased</p>	<p>Tea & Coffee after 9am and 11.00am Mass</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,488:74 (Gift Aid £340:92 Loose £815:82)
2nd Collection next week: Cathedral maintenance

A 'Prayer Request' box can now be found in each entrance porch. You are welcome to place the names of those you would like prayers for, or any prayer intention you may have in the box as provided. Your intentions will be transferred to the Sanctuary on a weekly basis, and prayers will be offered for all those mentioned.

WWDP-Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 3rd March 2017, at Solihull Methodist Church Station Approach at 10.30am. All are very welcome including men. Please support the CWL.

LENT MATTERS-Evening sessions Tuesday evening at 7.30pm-St Alphege Church Please see poster for details. 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April.

40 Days for Life Prayerful Witness Wednesday 1st March to Sunday 9th April Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8am to 8pm daily. People are never left praying alone. To find out more or book your slot please contact Isabel by on [07773 501721](tel:07773501721) or by email izzyvs@gmail.com

ACTA MEETING- 'CONVERSATIONS' please note change of date for this meeting- new date 23rd April 2017. Venue Birmingham University Catholic Chaplaincy, Newman House Harrison's Road Edgbaston Bham B15 3QS 2pm-4.30pm See Poster on notice board.

CWMH Seminar: Thursday 16th March. Andrew Sargent, (University of Keele), The Mercian Minster: is there more to it? Birmingham University, Lecture Room 1, Arts Building, First Floor. 6.30-8.00pm (free)

'WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR WERE YOU THERE?' This year's Daily Lenten reflection from Christian Aid. Count your blessings are in both porches. Please take a leaflet or visit the website:caid.org.uk/lent.

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am Madeleine Coburn Teresa Cund	9.00am Angela Keating & Mary Deneny Angela Keating & Mary Deneny
11.00am Maria Marsay Marie Watts	11.00am Helen Brookes Helen Brookes
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning February 27th for Services March 4th/5th –C Marguerite Pearsall, Anne Hallissey, Julia McGovern, Katrina Hicken	
Flower Rota: – for week beginning 27th February for Services March 4th/5th-No Flowers in Lent	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin
Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy
Mick Green	Andrew Simpson	Bernadette Day	Anthony Sadler
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	Finbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan
Dean	Elisabeth Scull	Gavin Jones	Baby Lara Constantinou
Richard Bird	John McIntyre		

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Blessed are you,
O Lord our God, the all-holy one,
who gives us life and all things. As we go about our lives,
The press of our duties and activities
Often leads us To forget your presence and your love.

We fall into sin and fail To live out the responsibilities
That you have entrusted
To those who were baptized into your Son. In this holy
season, Help us to turn
Our minds and hearts back to you. Lead us into sincere
repentance And renew our lives with your grace. Help us
to remember that we are sinners, But even more, help us
To remember your loving mercy.
As we live through this Ash Wednesday,
May the crosses of ashes That mark our foreheads
Be a reminder to us and to those we meet That we belong
to your Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence
This day be sustained Throughout these 40 days of
Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed
To the celebration Of Christ's resurrection at Easter.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever
and ever. Amen.

Please pray for: Eileen Ashley (Requiem Monday 27th February 10am; Reception, Sunday 26th February 5.00pm), Joyce Volante (Requiem Tuesday 7th March 12.30pm; Reception Monday 6th March 7.00pm) and Joyce Elizabeth (Betty) Power (Requiem Wednesday 15th March, 10am; Reception Tuesday 14th March, 4.00pm) and Sheila Doyle (Requiem Wednesday 15th March 12.00pm) who died recently. Also Frank McGuinness, Mary Agnes Service, John Francis Mitchell, Leslie Hawkesford, Thomas Anthony Masterson, Veronica Patricia Taylor, Desmond Cushenan, Sarah Caroline Dennison, Hildegard Barbara Lynch, Margaret Wallace, William (Bill) Michael Burton, Robert Jones, Frank Alexander Patrick Barwell whose anniversaries are at this time.

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