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Times of Holy Mass & Services
TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY
ROSARY
15TH OCT 2017 (Year A)

Holy Mass Saturday at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday) and Sunday 10.00am No Celebration of Holy Mass at The Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre @ Bath Campus resumes at 12.30 today but instead **Bath Catholic University Chaplaincy** Opening Holy Mass of the Academic Year 2017 for THE UNIVERSITY OF BATH AND BATH SPA UNIVERSITY & INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN BATH @ ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SOUTH PARADE, BATH, BA2 4AF on **Sunday 15th October 2017 @ 18.30**. Principal Celebrant the Prior-Provincial of the Servite Province of the Isles, O.S.M with Father Bill M., O.S.M. Catholic Students and all their friends & those who help with the work of **Bath Catholic University Chaplaincy** are welcome. Buffet Reception for Students following in the Bath Catholic University Chaplaincy Centre [CCC] below St John's Presbytery. If students have not as yet received an invitation, please contact Father Bill, O.S.M. sending their postal address to let him know of their presence in the universities and colleges.

Facebook catholic bath Our Parish has its own Facebook page! Link above in our logo.

The idea of having an intention remembered has been taken up and if you would like a **Sanctuary Lamp** to burn night and day before the **Blessed Sacrament** for yourself, a loved one or for a special intention please contact r the Sacristan with a note to Father Bill OSM via the Presbytery Office.
The recommended offering is **£5.00p** for Church funds

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for 'Family of Elizabeth Ganapathy'

The Lamp before the Image of our Lady is burning for the intentions of 'Family of Jane Allan'

Write your request and give to Sacristan

LIMITING YOUR CHALLENGES IS A GREAT WAY TO ACHIEVE CERTAINTY BUT PERHAPS CHALLENGING YOUR LIMITS IS A MORE CERTAIN WAY TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS

TICKETS FOR THE PARISH

'BIG RAFFLE' WILL HOPEFULLY BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK.

Collect your books to sell as you leave church and sell as many as you POSSIBLY can!!

Counting the weeks, it is now only 7 weeks away!

Just saying!

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 2nd Dec & Sunday 3rd Dec

If you would like to run 'a new idea stall' or help out on the day, contact **Alison Kirkham** on ☎ 832155 who will be the **Information Contact** for the Fayre or speak with her after Holy Mass. We need the usual generous shared effort to make it all work.

Start sifting through your 'kind, but not needed' gifts and 'good as new' – not jumble please! We need serious prizes and quality items for the Grand Raffle. Please try approaching a manager of a store for vouchers or good prizes or if you eat out often ask for tickets for dinner?

Jane Eddison's **Christmas Cards** will be available soon and so please save some of your money to buy some of her special creations at 70p per card and help Parish Funds.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF OBSERVING SILENCE IN THE CHURCH AFTER HOLY MASS! OTHERS ARE REALLY VERY GLAD.

TIMES OF HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Holy Mass: Mon @ 9.30am

No meeting of the Presentation Prayer Group.

Holy Mass: Tuesday @ 9.30am St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacocco

Holy Mass: WED @ 9.30am St Ignatius of Antioch

Holy Mass: Thursday @ 9.30am St Luke Evangelist.

Holy Mass: FRI @ 9.30am St John de Brebréuf & Isaac Jogues Adoration until 11.00am

Holy Mass: Saturday @ 10.00am

The Rosary is quietly recited before Holy Mass supporting those who are praying in preparation for Holy Mass

Altar Servers: The new First Communicants who began learning to serve could help build up a good group of servers to provide a regular Rota. Being an Altar Server is a great privilege and depends on all of us encouraging a high standard of reverence among the children by our own example of reverence. Thanks to parents and all parishioners for any support they can give in this. Help the children by sitting up near the front so that they can watch what is happening and feel they are involved. The back row is not the place for the young families.

St John's Catholic Primary School Needs You!

All Catholic schools have governors from various walks of life. Several parishioners already serve as Foundation Governors. St John's needs a foundation governor for January 2018. Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop of Clifton and ensure that the Catholic character of the school is preserved and developed. Governors' meetings normally take place 5 times a year plus 3 committee meetings. We would welcome a governor with a background in education. email Angela Bennett, Headteacher for more details abennett@stjohns.bathnes.gov.uk.

Starting School/ Moving into Year 7:

Parents of children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 should apply now for a school place for September 2018 onwards. Application forms are available from www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-andlearning/admissions-schools. You must apply by 15 January 2018 for St John's Primary School, Oldfield Park. **The closing date for applications** to St Gregory's, Combe Down, for children starting in year 7, in September 2018 is 31 October 2017. Catholic children must also provide a copy of the Baptism certificate obtainable by sending a ssa to the Parish in which your child received Baptism.. Please ensure you do not miss the closing date.

As you all look around the church, see what you could do to give a hand. Keep a look out for jobs you might spot on the exterior of the church building which need constant attention! The jobs never take a holiday. All able bodied are urged to come on any Saturday for 10.15am to work together or at their own convenience on other days. Let Alison Kirkham know when you might need access to tools – cleaning equipment and gardening hoes, rakes etc. We are sure there are more than a few who could come and have fun giving a hand. Do your best! If you can't come on the Saturday morning please offer to come at a time to suit you. It helps to get to know others. Thanks to Joseph & Roman for dealing with the leaves coming down again daily!

Do you feel part of our Parish?

What should we be trying to do together? What are you good at doing? Everybody can do something however small! We hope we all try to do what we can! Are you a little on the negative side who might have plenty to say but are not so keen to be supportive in a helpful way to improve things without merely criticising? If you say you don't feel part of things, what could you and we do about that? We are proud of our Parishioners & of each one of YOU because it is always marvellous to play a part in the Parish with others and many find there is joy in helping, as you may well already have discovered!

All age groups are welcome to give a hand! Example teaches others and the children learn from that too. Children live what they learn.

Teaching the Faith: They say it takes a village to make a child. It must then equally take a Parish to teach a child The Faith. The need of deepening the Faith of our Children here is of great value to us as a Community and we all have a part to play in helping the Faith to grow. We hope to continue this with the little group of First Communicants and with others from previous years. To do this one has to be well grounded in one's own grasp of Catholic Faith as a parent or a catechist. A little bit of brushing up might be helpful here. Some might encourage sharing in RCIA by parents who are not Catholics but want to understand more about the Catholic Faith. Wouldn't it be good if we could re-awaken in those who made First Holy Communion here in the past a fresh enthusiasm to inspire our new and recent First Communicants who have received our Lord sacramentally for the first time in Holy Communion and we pray they will continue to receive Him faithfully each week with us.

Financial Support: The Catenian Bursary Fund offers financial support to young Catholics between the ages of 16 and 25 who wish to do something to help others. This includes going as helpers on the Diocesan or HCPT pilgrimages or on the Jumbulance. To apply visit: www.thecatenians.com/bursary
Don't forget the regular food collections in the Parish box in the porch **for the Hungry in Bath**, which are delivered to the Foodbank via Genesis.

FINANCIAL

FAMILY FAST DAY raised £175.95p.

Thanks to all who seriously and generously play their part in funding the regular work of the Church here in our various needs and all other apostolates that go on from here and for keeping what you give under review and taking seriously the need to support weekly the parish through regular covenanted and gift aided contribution It is recognised that we need to strengthen this. We would be helped by seeing an increase in Gift Aided Offertory collections by those who didn't realise this would help to achieve and ensure financial stability in the Church's budgeting.

Our InQuisitors Team are busy again raising amounts for Parish Funds. Well done and Thanks.

There are three indicators of what it means to be an adult parishioner here:-

- I am part of the Parish Finance Plan (Gift Aid and planned Giving) & by Standing Order if at all possible for when absent or attending elsewhere that Sunday. **If you don't fit into any of these above categories, then ask yourself if you might give it a thought and ask how!**

- I belong to the weekly gathering here for Sunday Holy Mass with co-parishioners or those who live within the parish boundaries.

- I play a part in the Ss P & P Parish by being present regularly, sometimes doing a specific task such as cleaning, flower arranging, cake making, or taking part in one of the various parish groups meeting and serving communal needs.

ANNIVERSARIES and LATELY DEAD

We pray for the repose of the souls of all lately dead including **Bro James of Reaching The Unreached** [His Funeral today Sat 7th October], **Sir Elgar Jenkins, Victims of all tragedies & natural disasters** and wars and terrible violence throughout the world and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time including **Simon Alford, Orman Clarke, Hilary Wright, Vera Dando, Kathleen McGough, Helen Prior, Josephine Forshaw, Miles Hopwood, John Button.** May they, together with all the Faithful Departed, our own loved ones, and the most forgotten Holy Souls have a full share in the Resurrection.

One day you and all who worship here will be glad to be remembered in prayer by those who come after us.

REMEMBERING SICK and INFIRM FRIENDS

We make special remembrance of all the sick including Mrs Iris Kirkham, Janet Gate, Mrs Howell, Jane Allan, Rosemarie Caine, Ali Fishlock, AJ Gate, Tia Fuller, Sian Hancock,

Nancy & Paddy McEvoy, Denise Michael, Geraldine King, Ron & Imelda Fuller, Joe Wilson, Marie & Eugene Farrelly, Norbert & Johanna Jaunnai, Monica Maddigan, Betty Hawkins, Kinga Jakubowska, Florence Boyall, Olivia Hick, Bernard & Kay Barron, Graham, Dorothea & Eddie Saul, Marian Nash, Janet Ricketts, Carmelo DeCesare, Paul DeCesare, Marion Frawley, Harry Barron, Father Gabriel, O.S.M., Father Patrick OSM, Margaret McNally, Denzil & Philomena Lincoln, Mrs Margaret Hyde, Mrs Bridget Cahill, Maggie Keane, Madeleine Holyoake, Keith Abbott, Martin Jones, Glynis Targett, Maria Walsh, Lucia Hukrack, Frances Samuel, and all other parishioners and loved ones who bear illness and for those who care for them and for all those who have been bereaved. The sick are always prayed for, even if a name does not appear on the list. Please advise us when people recover, so that the newsletter may alter hopefully with good news.

Our next **First Friday will be marked here on Friday 3rd Nov** We pray especially for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life and it is always great to see new names on the Rota in addition to the faithful who take a turn every First Friday and on Fridays too when just in the morning. The Rota is at the back of the church and even if you can only manage 5 minutes the Lord would be delighted.

The Petitions' Book for your own special needs may be written in the book which is brought to the altar during the Offertory procession which are in addition to the Parish Priest's intention offered 'pro populo' i.e. 'for the people' every Sunday. Please use the Mass Intentions Envelopes if you wish to arrange a celebration of Holy Mass for a particular need.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

It is that time of year again when many young friends in the Catholic Parishes of Bath will begin to think of making their First Holy Communion. This is a special moment for the children and for all their families and parish communities. It is not, of course, just one special day but the first of many. As I walk around the parish, I see little ones and some now not so little for whom the First Communion experience has proved unique and they are not brought to experience the Lord's presence any more. Our faith is not about one off special occasions remembered only in photographs. Our prayer must be that the young will with us learn that this is not only a Communion with Our Lord but also with us too gathered in communion with our Pope and Bishop in our life of faith witnessed to each week at Sunday Holy Mass. Parents' will soon be invited to a meeting about our programme and so please start helping your child to begin the preparation with good support.

A good Prayer For Generosity
Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;

to labour and not ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do Your holy will. Amen.

St. Ignatius Loyola

On Sundays, please do feel most welcome to go into the Apostles' Room immediately after Holy Mass for a coffee/tea and make new friends. Many will be delighted to speak with you and offer information about the Parish and about getting in touch with our Parish Priest, Father Bill, O.S.M.

Don't miss our cartoon in the Apostles' Room about the welcome that sometimes falls short of what is hoped !!

If you are moving away from the Parish, please let us know & don't just disappear. It may surprise you, but Father Bill O.S.M. has an interest in what has happened to you and not just via your obituary in the papers!

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? THEN YOU ARE VERY WELCOME.

Do you wish to know more about the Parish and church here? Do make yourself known to those welcoming in the porch, and - by the way - are there any others of a cheery disposition who feel they could play a part in welcoming parishioners new and veteran in the porch each Saturday evening / Sunday morning?

Remembrance Day Bath United Services Association Remembrance Day Parade at The Firs Field on Saturday 11th November from 10:30am It will be good if we are represented again at this important event to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Reminder - If you or a relative is to be in **Bath Clinic** or **St Martin's Hospital** please let Father Bill, O.S.M know their Ward and Room number if known - either by phoning on 01225 832096 (best time between 8.00am-9.00am) e-mail: stspeterpaulbath@btinternet.com or a note through his Presbytery letter box. Father Bill, O.S.M will always arrange for Anointing and for Holy Communion to be taken to those who wish to receive. He does what he can to get round the housebound and prays for them daily. They are never forgotten.

If you or a Parishioner from our Parish here or someone you know is in hospital or will be going into Royal United Hospital please let Father Bill O.S.M. know. Please contact the RUH Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team also & directly on 01225 814039 or email: ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net about anybody admitted and especially people from elsewhere or e-mail the Catholic lay-chaplain Mandy Baker on mandybaker@live.co.uk who will notify Canon Ryan [Priest Chaplain at RUH] via St John the Evangelist's if any patient is in need of Anointing.

Renewal of already Commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion, Commissioning of New Ministers and Re-commissioning and **Renewal & First** Commissioning of Readers of the Word will take place along with a refresher session and a time of prayer together for all who serve in these roles once all are available .

RCIA depends on parishioners inviting/encouraging anyone who is questioning their life and might be

helped in finding out a little more about the Catholic Church? If you feel a personal invitation from you might be welcome, don't hesitate to ask them to come along. Don't forget, you are the best Ambassadors for Jesus, our Lord and only you can bring people confidently to ask about the Catholic Faith. You are the first contact. We continue monthly our RCIA meetings on the first Friday of each month, - next tbc - exploring the different aspects of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the Catholic Church today. Those who do go on to consider becoming part of the Catholic Church - and there is no pressure about doing so - may then join the Church when they have been well prepared at a celebration of Easter sometime ahead. Please speak to Father Bill, O.S.M.

St Peregrine Holy Mass is offered from time to time as announced in honour of St Peregrine OSM - patron of those suffering from Cancer and there will be the **Blessing with the Relic of St Peregrine** for oneself or on behalf of those for whom you wish to pray at the end of Holy Mass, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those who are ill or in fragile health. Watch the bulletin for announcements. Feel welcome to arrange a private blessing with the Relic of St Peregrine O.S.M. by just asking Father Bill, OSM

CD Calendar for Friends of Young Carers

Jane Eddison and Malcolm Kirkham have again produced a CD Calendar of 'Scenes Around Bath' to be sold for the benefit of Friends of Young Carers. The Calendars will be on sale here from Sat. 7th October and cost just £5.00 each. They make both excellent and practical Christmas presents particularly for those who are difficult to buy for. To place orders, then please don't hesitate to speak to Malcolm or Jane.

We keep hoping to keep together our lovely group of First Communicants from last and previous years and draw back into involvement those we have not seen as often as we might have hoped or even anymore. Could you encourage those you know and invite them along to things that happen that will strengthen their Faith and not allow them just to drift away.

A big thank you to AJ for the Children's Sun flowers which were lovely though they have had a buffeting from wind and rain, some losing their heads! The Sun flowers have died but we pray the faith of our young people will keep strong. We pray that the children are growing tall in Faith and will be helped to keep their Faith strong by all of us. Hope you will be ready for the Night of Light in November which is edging closer. We hope to have a good crop of Pumpkins to use on Hallowe'en's Night of Light. Thanks AJ & the Children.

LEGION OF MARY once strong in Bath here in our Parish has hit a low point and now very much needs new members, men and women, to follow on from those who have had to resign due to health reasons or as they had to move away. Please pray for the Legion of Mary here and its future presence in Bath.