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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 3rd August 18TH Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ John Walters + Concepcion Parish	Joan Walters
Monday, 4th August St John Mary Vianney	9:30 a.m.	Healing of Sr Josephine	
Tuesday, 5th August	7:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving of Phil & Emma	
Wednesday, 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	9:30 a.m.	Healing of Sr Mary Elizabeth	Kitty & Helen
Thursday, 7th August	9:30 a.m.	+ Captain Noel Rafferty & Deceased members of Rafferty Family	Reg and Eileen Lewis
Friday, 8th August St Dominic	9:30 a.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Saturday, 9th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	9:30 a.m.	Parish	
Sunday, 10th August 19TH Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Ursula White + John Cole + Bill Parylak	Sean Sofia

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays after the morning mass and before the evening mass or by appointment.

**MORNING PRAISE:** 15 minutes before the weekday morning mass.

**MARIAN DEVOTION:** 15 minutes before the Tuesday evening mass.

**BENEDICTION:** after the Friday morning mass.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Meeting will resume on September

**SICK LIST:** Please remember in your prayers – Bishop Daniel Mullins, Mgr David Botrill, Canon Richard Byron, Fr Eric Wastell, Sr. Josephine Brady, Muriel Donald, Michael O’Kane, Catherine Sullivan, Roger Eddy, Geoff Slee, Elana Fallone, Ron Gaffney, Ciaran Jones, Binoy Thomas, Jim Morrissey, Jean Fonseka, Cliff Griffiths, Eileen Kelly, Kathleen Lewis, Diane Cullen, Millie Williams, Stan Lofthouse, Margaret Blake, Margaret Cobley, Michael Reynolds, Michael McGovern, Afric Hoynes, John Blackey, and all other members of the parish who are unwell at this time.

Hospital? Are you, someone in your family, or a Catholic friend, in hospital or going in soon? Please let us know. We have no other way of learning who is in hospital, to be able to offer them the pastoral care of the of the hospital visitor, or to bring the spiritual healing of the Sacraments.

**MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND ( 09 - 10 August)**

<b>READERS</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mike Merchant	Caroline Hole	Mary Wilson
	8:30 a.m.	Nick Potter	John Kinsey	Elaine Clement
	11:00 a.m.	Peter Davies	Darcy O’Farrell	Connie Warren
<b>COMMUNION</b>	6:00 p.m.	John Morse	Pat Morse	Helen Williams
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Maureen Watkins	Sr Bridget Carr
	11:00 a.m.	Sr. Bridget Leamy	Angela Valenzuela	Zofia Parylak

**WARM WELCOME** to all holiday makers who visit St Benedict. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday.

**PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES.** Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 1,019.18. Last Sunday £ 40.00 was raised through the Diocese Silver Jubilee Envelopes. Thanks to all those who generously support the Parish and the Diocese each Sunday.

**MIRACLES.** For the past three Sundays the liturgy focused on the “words” of Jesus about the Reign of God. He did it by speaking in parables. However, Jesus did not just talk. He not only announced the reign of God. His work was not merely a “word event.” His whole public activity from beginning to end was shot through with actions the evangelists call “deeds of power” (*dynameis*) and “signs” (*sēmeia*). For centuries the church has called these “miracles.”

For three consecutive Sundays beginning this weekend the liturgy will deal with the mighty deeds of Jesus. They will refer to the miracles done by Jesus. Miracle is not about “natural laws” in the modern sense and most certainly not about breaking them. For the Bible a miracle is something unusual, inexplicable, incomprehensible, disturbing, unexpected, shocking, something that amazes and that explodes the ordinary, something by which God plucks people out of their indifference and causes them to look to him. But - in precisely the opposite direction - miracles could also appear in the midst of the everyday: for example, in the experience that God continually supports and sustains the created order (Ps 136, 4 - 9). For biblical people God is constantly speaking to his people, and therefore every happy result, every story of rescue, even the glory of creation can be experienced as a miracle. [Gerhard Lohfink, *Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was*, translated by Linda M. Maloney (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2012)].

Miracles do happen. They happen everyday.

**CHILDREN’S MASS.** Because of the school break, children’s mass will begin next month. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to a mass fit for children. Beginning this Sunday children aged 4 and above are invited to join the preparation for children’s mass at the sacristy. Your usual cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY.** The university will host the IPC Athletics European Championships beginning 18 August up to 23 August. The Catholic chaplaincy will serve the spiritual needs of the athletes. Masses and prayer meetings will be celebrated in the chaplaincy. The chaplaincy will be happy if international (European) students will help as interpreters.

**RECENTLY DEAD.** Please pray for the eternal repose of Vincent Egwagom, a master’s student of law at the university who died suddenly last week.. Funeral mass will be celebrated at London before his remains will be flown back to Nigeria. The date of the funeral will be announced soon. Please check your emails and Facebook accounts for announcement. On Monday, 11 August, a mass is being organised by the chaplaincy for his eternal repose. Again, please check your emails and Facebook accounts for the details of the celebration. Staff, law students, Catholic students, and Nigerian students are highly encouraged to show their solidarity with the grieving family of Vincent Egwagom. The mass is being organised by Dr. Andrew Iwobi and Jacquelyn from the Law Department.