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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 17th August 20TH Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	+ John Cole Parish Intentions of Owen Family Polish mass	Rita  Susan
Monday, 18th August	9:30 a.m.	+ Barbara Lean	Hugh
Tuesday, 19th August	7:00 p.m.	+ Sr Josephine	Robin Baragry
Wednesday, 20th August St Bernard	9:30 a.m.	+ Sr Josephine	Sheila & Richard
Thursday, 21st August St Pius X	9:30 a.m.	+ Sr Josephine	Pat Hayes
Friday, 22nd August Mary the Queen	9:30 a.m.	+ John Howard	R. Jenkins
Saturday, 23rd August	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of Pat Hayes	
Sunday, 24th August 21ST Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Sr Josephine Parish Fr. George Gorospe SJ	Pauline & Peter Stewart

**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 Cobby, Michael Reynolds, Michael McGovern, Afric Hoynes, John Blackey, Valerie Murphy 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 ( 23 - 24 August)**

<b>READERS</b>	6:00 p.m.	Roger Eddy	Martina Eddy	Catherine Hole
	8:30 a.m.	Martin Kearnes	Theo Cox	Helen Williams
	11:00 a.m.	Ted Geary	Lyn Lockyer	Peter Cashman
<b>COMMUNION</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mary Wilson	Paddy Tribe	Maureen Davies
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Elaine Clement	Sr Mary Carr
	11:00 a.m.	Sr. Bridget Leamy	Angela Valenzuela	Connie Warren

**WARM WELCOME** to all holiday makers who visit St Benedict. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. Warm Welcome too to athletes and their coaching staff who will participate in the IPC Athletics European Championships.

**PARISH AND DIOCESAN FINANCES.** Our Parish Collection last weekend raised £ 834.83. Last Sunday £ 36.10 was raised through the Diocese Silver Jubilee Envelopes. Thanks to all those who generously support the Parish and the Diocese each Sunday.

**SALVATION.** The readings talk about salvation being offered to all. Vatican II explains this in *Lumen Gentium* 16 (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church). "Finally, those who have not yet received the Gospel are related in various ways to the people of God. In the first place we must recall the people to whom the testament and the promises were given and from whom Christ was born according to the flesh. On account of their fathers this people remains most dear to God, for God does not repent of the gifts He makes nor of the calls He issues. But the plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator. In the first place amongst these there are the Muslims, who, professing to hold the faith of Abraham, along with us adore the one and merciful God, who on the last day will judge mankind. Nor is God far distant from those who in shadows and images seek the unknown God, for it is He who gives to all men life and breath and all things, and as Saviour wills that all men be saved. Those also can attain to salvation who through no fault of their own do not know the Gospel of Christ or His Church, yet sincerely seek God and moved by grace strive by their deeds to do His will as it is known to them through the dictates of conscience. Nor does Divine Providence deny the helps necessary for salvation to those who, without blame on their part, have not yet arrived at an explicit knowledge of God and with His grace strive to live a good life."

**GRATITUDE.** The community at Stella Maris and Sr Josephine's family would like to express their gratitude to the parish of St Benedict for their generosity in allowing us the use of the Church for the requiem mass for Sr Josephine on Tuesday last, and for the attendance of so many who came to celebrate her life and mission with us. Special thanks to Fr Neil Evans and to all the priests who attended, to the choir who contributed so much to the celebration through the singing and the music and to the UCM for the wonderful food provided. Sr Josephine did not want anything said about her but your presence in such numbers at her celebration was a real testimony to how much she was loved and esteemed in the parish.

**PILGRIMAGES.** Sr Margaret is organising pilgrimages to Lourdes and other shrines of France. Departure and arrival dates are 11 - 18 May 2015 (8 days and 7 nights). The cost of the pilgrimage is £ 660.00 but this includes 4 days full board in Lourdes. Sr is also organising a pilgrimage to Fatima. The departure date is on 11 October and the cost is £ 567.00. Please get in touch with her if you are interested. Her phone number is 01792 473453.

**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. Children aged 4 and above are invited to join the preparation for children's mass at the sacristy. Your usual cooperation is greatly appreciated. The first children's mass is scheduled on 07 September.

**SUNG MASS.** In order to satisfy the needs of people who prefer the solemn celebration of mass, the choir will sing on Saturday evening preceding the first Sunday of every month. This will begin on 06 September.

**CONGRATULATIONS.** Congratulations to those who received satisfactory exam results last week. Please remember to thank the Lord for the graces you have received.

**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.

Daily mass for athletes will commence on Monday, 18 August. Please see the notice boards and flyers for details.

Students who are going away for a long weekend next week, please inform the chaplain.