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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| 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 |
| Monday, 25th August | 9:30 a.m. | Anna Wadden | Sr Bridget Carr |
| Tuesday, 26th August | 7:00 p.m. | + Sr Josephine | Lorraine |
| Wednesday, 27th August St Monica | 9:30 a.m. | + Sr Josephine | Sean White |
| Thursday, 28th August St Augustine | 9:30 a.m. | + Sr Josephine | Parish |
| Friday, 29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist | 9:30 a.m. | Holy Souls | |
| Saturday, 30th August | 9:30 a.m. | + Francisco | |
| Sunday, 31st August 22ND Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Holy Souls + Jim Murphy Parish | Robin Baragry |

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, 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, 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 (30 - 31 August)

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| READERS | 6:00 p.m. | Terry McGrath | Catherine Hole | Mary Wilson |
| | 8:30 a.m. | John Kinsey | Angelo Sidoli | Cliff Sarfas |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Tony Martin | Emma James | Connie Warren |
| COMMUNION | 6:00 p.m. | John Morse | Pat Morse | Helen Williams |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Robin Baragry | Angela Mugford | Sr Bridget Carr |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Sr. Bridget Leamy | Joan Ansell | Zofia Parylak |

CONGRATULATIONS to Sr Mary Carr and her fellow jubilarians! They are celebrating the anniversary of their profession this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers.

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 £ 902.43. Last Sunday £ 39.00 was raised through the Diocese Silver Jubilee Envelopes. Thanks to all those who generously support the Parish and the Diocese each Sunday.

CHURCH. The gospel for this weekend mentioned the word "church." It occurs twice in the gospel according to Matthew, but it is not mentioned in the other three gospels. The word is rooted in the Old Testament, *Qahal YHWH*, which in English is often rendered as People or assembly of God. In the Greek New Testament the word used is *ekklesia*. It comes from two Greek words *ek* and *kaleo*. It means to be called out. Greek lexicons explain that the word means to be called out *from* the world *to* God.

Although the gospel presents Peter as the rock on which the church is built, it should be emphasized that Jesus himself is the foundation of the church. Vatican II explains the scriptural bases of this belief in the Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium* no. 5, "The mystery of the holy Church is manifest in its very foundation. The Lord Jesus set it on its course by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Kingdom of God, which, for centuries, had been promised in the Scriptures: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand". In the word, in the works, and in the presence of Christ, this kingdom was clearly open to the view of men. The Word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear the Word with faith and become part of the little flock of Christ, have received the Kingdom itself. Then, by its own power the seed sprouts and grows until harvest time. The Miracles of Jesus also confirm that the Kingdom has already arrived on earth: "If I cast out devils by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you". Before all things, however, the Kingdom is clearly visible in the very Person of Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man, who came "to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many:"

MISSIO RED BOXES. The autumn edition of Mission Today is now available. It is a free magazine that explains where the monies collected from the Red Boxes are used. The magazine shows the different mission areas/territories that benefit from the Red Box collections. If you are interested in helping the mission, please ask for a red box from Jane Phillips (01792 - 208658).

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 (GCSE). Please remember to thank the Lord for the graces you have received.

DIOCESAN FUND RAISING. Maureen Watkins is the person in charge for the skyfall fund raising. Please see the sign-up sheet at the ambulatory and submit your pledged donation to her.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY. The chaplaincy is now preparing for the welcome days, 19 - 20 September and the Freshers' Fayre. Sylvia Nwosu is now preparing the rota for both the welcome days and freshers. Please notify her if you want to help in the said events.