

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th August 2024 Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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WELL DESERVED: This is the time of year that many will travel to be with families or have a get away break. We pray you all have a very safe journey, a very enjoyable time and lots of refreshment for your body, minds and souls. You look forward to it through a hard working year



and you deserve every little treat that comes your way. Enjoy! Fr. Simon Peter departed this week to his home in Uganda and will return the middle of September. As I know you already have, we make Fr. Lawrence Opio very welcome as he stays with us during the time Fr. Simon Peter is away.

Speaking of breaks, **this shall be the last newsletter until the beginning of September.**

ARE YOU WONDERING? If you are not a Catholic but wish to find out more about the faith or thinking about becoming a Catholic then please let the clergy know when you come to Mass and they shall gladly help you in your enquiry. In September, we shall be beginning our weekly meetings known as Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – a very friendly gathering for anybody who is looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith. Always remember that attending and wondering never means commitment – so anybody is free to attend without making any definite decisions. Why not just come and see? We look forward to welcoming you.

Sunday 4th August	6.00pm (Sat)	Private Intention
	8.30am	Theresa O'Connor RIP
	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Barbara & George Salamonczyk 40 th Anniversary
	11.30am	Rosario and Luis D'Silva RIP
	6.00pm	Private Intention
Monday 5th August	10.30am	Bridie Collins RIP
Tuesday 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	10.30am	Aliki and Peter Daniel RIP
Wednesday 7th August	10.30am	Len Watson RIP
Thursday 8th August Saint Dominic	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Friday 9th August St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10.30am	Jim Collins RIP
Saturday 10th August St. Lawrence	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday 11th August	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	
	9.00am	
	10.00am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
	11.30am	
	6.00pm	Suzanne and Alison East RIP
Monday 12th August	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
Tuesday 13th August	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 14th August St. Maximillian Mary Kolbe	10.30am	Steven Byrne RIP
	12.30pm	Requiem Mass Vittorio Martignetti
Thursday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am	Private Intention
	8.00pm	
Friday 16th August	10.30am	Stuart McLeod RIP
Saturday 17th August	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday 18th August	6.00pm (Sat)	
	8.30am	Manuel Pombo RIP
	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Kevin Paul Ruaux RIP
	11.30am	Stefan Ileana RIP
	6.00pm	Private Intention
Monday 19th August	10.30am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
Tuesday 20th August St. Bernard	10.30am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
Wednesday 21st August St. Pius X	10.30am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
Thursday 22nd August The Queenship of Mary	10.30am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St
	2.00pm	Requiem Mass Michael Porter
Friday 23rd August	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 24th August St Bartholomew	10.00am	

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 25th August	6.00pm (Sat)	People of the Parish
	8.30am	Stefan Ileana RIP
	9.00am	
	10.00am	Phyllis Coatsworth and Sheila Power RIP
	11.30am	
	6.00pm	
Monday 26th August	10.30am	Terry and Kevin Ruaux RIP
Tuesday 27th August	10.30am	
Wednesday 28th August	10.30am	
Thursday 29th August	10.30am	Virgie and Frederick D'Silva RIP
Friday 30th August	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 31st August	10.00am	In reparation for abortions from Brewer St

ASSUMPTION: Thursday 15th August is the celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation where we must attend Mass. The times of Masses are 10.30am and 8pm.

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST: For anyone who has experienced bereavement, recently or some time ago, you are invited to a weekend retreat at Aylesford Priory Friday 4th October – Sunday 6th October. For booking or more information Tel 01622 717272 or email reception@the.friars.org.uk There is a poster in the Church porch which also has the necessary information.

NIGERIA: Our Archbishop John Wilson recently visited Nigeria to ordain ten priests of the Missionary of St. Paul. He has written a message especially for Nigerians of our Diocese or anybody with Nigerian heritage which can be found on the website of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark or click here:

<https://rcaos.org.uk/diocese/archbishop-john-wilson/archbishop-wilson-s-letters/pastoral-letters/pastoral-message-to-nigerian-catholics/>

The news story, which links both photos and the message, can be found here: <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-visits-nigeria-to-ordain-priests/>

FEED THE HUNGRY: Thank you very much for your ongoing support for donations of tins, pasta, biscuits, soap, shower gel and UHT milk - it is much appreciated

DRAWING: We celebrated the Requiem Mass of Denis Neale last month. Some of you will remember the newsletter design before the one we have now and that it had a drawing of the church on the front, drawn by Denis Neale himself. We have now placed it back on the front.

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Miriam Tupper, Edith Richardson, Donald Bingham, Mary Enfield, Maureen Mills, Joan Walsh, Patrick Burke, Jose Espinoza, Kathleen Blogg, Mary Graham, John O'Leary, Carl Arrow, Miriam Carney, Pamela Whibley, Leonard Church, William Gilstin, John Chapman, Isabella Morgan, Leonard Watson, Jose Perez, Brian Coakley, Michael McGrath, Joseph Kelly, Dora Howell, Kay Cotton, Mary Todd, Simone Gundry, Theresa Benson, Eric Braconnier, Frederick Brown, Eric Rogerson, Stuart Thompson, Harry Scott, Franz Suske, Thomas O'Hagan, John Ballagher, Mary Silk, Suzanne East, Peter Gilbert, Edna Burns, Ernest Beney, Thomas Callaghan, Percy Gooch, Joseph Sheehan, June Wood, Tony Helman, Henry Davis, Katherine Smart, Maureen Rugman, Lindsay Shepherd, Percy Oldfield, Mary Ferguson, Mary Child, Wally Straherne, Joanna Swinhoe, Lydia O'Connor, William Graham, Anthony Gatt, Kathleen Lenzie, Jean Carley, Stephen Byrne, Pauline Brown, Eddie Sweeney, Lena Sweeney, Cornelius Hichey, Ray Collins, Winifred Ashby, Ernest Burke, Mary Monckton, Bob Woodward, Patricia Tucker, Julia Stone, Anne Rodgers, Frank Willis, Harold Aiston, Liam Archer, Winifred Elsie Peace, Derek Wickenden, John Penney, Kathleen Malet, Patricia Noble, George Brewster, Nicole Cosdin, David Wheeler, Garry Fisher, Salvatore Talian, Robert Cassidy, Madeliene Watson, Patricia Higgins, Marion Gallagher, Percy Duffett, Dorcas di Marco, James Lyons, Herman Mokone, Mary Bothamley, Lucy McFarland, Jean Neale, John Brooks, James Lyons, Alfred Gilliard, Brian Johnson, James Mackell, Anna Harber, Filomena Stevens, Denis Hollands, Fr Paul Gibbons, Jack Lake, Edward Heeley, Ada Sampson, William Hepple, Steven Tobin, Monika Pinfold, Walter Jones, Maureen Chambers, Yolande Roberts, Margaret Stroud, Michael Lally, Mary Bryer, Mary Sutcliffe, Eric Edwards, Patricia Packer, Patricia Nicholas, Kathleen Holmes, Alfred Skinner, Gregory O'Shea, Michael Kilgannon, Bruce Farley, Pauline Sexton, Frederick Sellar.

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday 10.45am - 11.30am

ADORATION: 9.30am - 10.15am and every Friday morning.

COLLECTION:

First collection last week (cash)	£1,168.39
Second Collection last Sunday	£65.54
Second Collection this Sunday Parish Development Fund	
No Second Collection next Sunday	
Second Collection Sunday 18 th August Orphaned Children's Education in India	
No Second Collection Sunday 25 th August	

LOTTERY: Week Number	5	Lottery Number	208	£15
	6		67	£20
	7		135	£25
