

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 6.00 pm** Frank Price RIP  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**  
**30<sup>th</sup> July 2017** **9.00 am** Jean & David Weedall RIP  
**11.00 am** Ken Joslin RIP (Catenians)  
**5.00 pm** The People of our Parish

**MONDAY** *No morning Mass*

**TUESDAY** **St Alphonsus Liguri, Bishop & Doctor**  
10.15 am Bernadette Reardon's Intentions

**WEDNESDAY** 9.15 am Kathleen O'Leary RIP

**THURSDAY** 9.15 am Geoff Topple RIP (Johnson)

**FRIDAY** **St John Vianney (Curé of Ars), Priest**  
9.15 am Brendan Ryan RIP (Coldicott)

**SATURDAY 6.00 pm** Sister Neome Hayes RIP (Diffley)

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)**  
**6<sup>th</sup> August 2017** **9.00 am** Patrick & Kathleen Patterson RIP  
**11.00 am** The People of our Parish  
**5.00 pm** David Henderson RIP

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Saturdays 11am to 12 noon  
**ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am & SATURDAYS 11am to 12 noon**

**Prayer for Vocations:** Please could you find time to pray this prayer:  
**Lord Jesus,**  
**you love us all so much that you gave your life for us upon the Cross.**  
**Thank you for the priests who have served in our parish.**  
**We ask you to continue to bless our parish by raising up dedicated and**  
**generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people**  
**as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.**  
**Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.**  
**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**LISTEN to 9am SUNDAY MASS** in our Church by phoning **033 3443 3443.**  
**Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# followed by PIN Code 5286#.** Others  
can hear sounds in your home if you do not turn on your phone's silent button

**PARISH HELP SCHEME** assists parishioners who need transport to Mass;  
to doctor or hospital appointment; collecting prescriptions in emergency or  
shopping Contact **Pat Griffiths 651789** or **Joan Forbes 655636**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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*Our Parish is twinned with Sacred Heart Parish, Dundee Diocese, South Africa*

## Gospel Reflection

The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday celebrates the treasure we receive in the teaching which comes from God. Our gospel reading, from the chapter in which Matthew has collected many parables of Jesus, offers us three separate parables. Two of these, the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price, provide rich images of the teaching of Jesus and what a great gift it is. The first reading, from the first Book of Kings, considers how king Solomon received the gift of a discerning heart from God. Jesus teaches with a wisdom which fulfils and surpasses the wisdom of Solomon.

The final parable, the dragnet cast into the sea, has similarities to the parable of the darnel in the field which we heard last Sunday. The harvest from the sea contains both good and bad and these will only be separated at the judgement. Once again Matthew reminds us of the 'blazing furnace', symbolising the place where God can no longer be found. The anguish of the loss of God is expressed by the image of fire and in the phrase, 'there will be weeping and grinding of teeth'.

The parable discourse of Jesus comes to an end with the question 'Have you understood?' The wise disciple of the kingdom of heaven treasures both what is newly discovered and what is old.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**12.30pm Baptism: Nancy Elizabeth Cross**

**WEDNESDAY** Church Cleaning

**THURSDAY** Sunflower Club 7.30pm (Lounge)

**SATURDAY** Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A) 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**12.30pm Baptisms: Alice Emily Rose Mills  
Avalynn Maro-Odeh**

Fr Dariusz will be coming to us from Monday, 14th August until Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Please note that Fr Dan will be away from the parish during those dates.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL AND THOSE MENTIONED IN OUR PETITIONS BOOK.**

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** May-Ann Vallis, Francis McCafferty, Bridget Heath, Mary Whittlesey, Ron Dowden. **Clergy:** Fr Michael O'Sullivan.

**Eternal rest grant to them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**OFFERINGS** Thank you for your generous **Offerings last Sunday of £1763.24 (£1370.19 Gift Aided), and £70.98** in the **CAFOD BOX** to support our parish **CAFOD Project in Sebeya, Ethiopia.**

**Thank you** to the **Tuesday Brownies** for their very generous donation of **£400** for the use of the hall and support of the parish. Much appreciated.

**Bridge Drive:** A Big thank you to all who came and supported these events. **£310** was raised for **CAFOD.**

**The 100 Club** draws for July and August were won by Mr P Patterson, and Mrs P Edgar. The charities supported are Orbis the flying eye hospital and Aid to the Church in Need in South Sudan, where years of conflict have resulted in thousands of people being forced into a life of poverty and homelessness.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative** Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

**HALL BOOKINGS** The booking officer is Katie Smith who can be contacted Tel: 07874 071058, e-mail [canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com)

**Children's Holiday Bible Club - 21st August to 25th August** - will be held every morning in the Pastoral Centre. It is open to children starting school in September 2017 up to Year 6. This year's theme is 'Dinosaurs' and will include arts and crafts, edible art, Bible stories, music and outdoor activities. Booking forms are in the Church Porch.

**Altar Servers Training** will commence on **Saturday 9th September** for anyone wishing to be an altar server who is in Year 4 or above and has made their First Holy Communion. The sessions will be on 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th September and 7th and 14th October at 4pm, and attendance is required at all sessions. Application forms are available in the sacristy.

**Catholicism DVD Course:** On **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September** at 8pm in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre we will be showing the first episode of the "Catholicism" dvd presented by Bishop Robert Barron. This dvd is a beautiful introduction to the faith and is particularly appropriate for those who are not Catholic and are considering joining the RCIA course. For more information about the Catholicism course please visit [catholicism.wordonfire.org](http://catholicism.wordonfire.org)

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes June 2018** For the last couple of years, St Peters School has taken a group of children and parents to Lourdes. Next year it is suggested that parishioners might like to travel with them for their own Parish pilgrimage, which Father Dan will lead. **The definite dates are Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.** Accommodation would be at Hosanna House, (owned by HCPT) in Bartres, a beautiful rural location some 4 km from Lourdes. **If you are interested in being part of a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes in June 2018 please could you speak to Father Dan or contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we have an idea about numbers.**

**Most Holy Redeemer Youth Club.** Applications are now being taken for children starting year 6, 7 or 8 in September 2017. Children currently registered do not have to reapply. We will try to accommodate as many applications as possible, but there will be a cap then a waiting list. If interested, please fill in the application form at the back of the church and drop through the letter box of Fr Dan's house, annotated "MHR YC" on corner of envelope or post to (with cheque/photos): The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 21 Laindon Rd, Billericay, CM12 9LL. The 1st club night will be 15th Sept 7.30-9.00pm at the Canon Roche Hall, then 2nd Fridays of month thereafter. MHR YC Committee.

**Young Catholic Adults** Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, and meet like-minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You can hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>