

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** 6.00 pm Tony Saad RIP (Anniv)  
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY YEAR B**  
26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018 9.00 am Teresa Ellerby RIP  
11.00 am Claire Puxted, Les Slater, Colin Brayson RIP  
5.00 pm Ernest McCarthy RIP (Anniv)  
**MONDAY** *No morning Mass*  
**TUESDAY** **St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor**  
10.15 am Pascal Hynes RIP  
**WEDNESDAY** **The Passion of St John the Baptist**  
9.15 am Paul Liddiand RIP (Lane)  
**THURSDAY** 9.15 am Raymond Cavanagh RIP (Justice & Peace Grp)  
**FRIDAY** 9.15 am Charles Crasto RIP  
**SATURDAY** 6.00 pm Hans Strub RIP  
**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY YEAR B**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2018 9.00 am James Patterson RIP (Anniv)  
11.00 am Michael John Murphy RIP  
5.00 pm Graham Lewis RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**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 Evangelisation

Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to “go out to the whole world and proclaim” our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**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

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26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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

After the 2nd World War the two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union embarked on a race to see who could be the most technologically advanced. This race didn't only take place on earth, it also took place in outer space as well. When the rocket launches first began, the American space agency N.A.S.A. discovered a problem. They found that because there was no gravity in space the astronauts' pens wouldn't work because the ink wouldn't flow through the pens.

The best brains in N.A.S.A. got together to form a group to resolve this. After 10 years of intensive research and having spent millions of dollars they came up with a solution: a space pen that would not only work in zero gravity but also in temperatures between minus 20 degrees and plus 40 degrees Celsius. They were so proud of their invention that they decided to show it off to the Russians to show how much more advanced they were. The Russians looked at it and said: “we use pencils.”

Sometimes our reaction to Jesus' message in the gospel can be a bit like that of N.A.S.A. We spend a long time trying to understand every single part of it when in fact it is staring us in the face all along. Unfortunately, when people don't fully understand something the temptation is to give up on it. We see this in today's Gospel where Jesus' declaration that he is the living bread and the source of eternal life proves too much for the crowds to accept. But it is interesting to note Jesus' reaction to this rejection. He doesn't take back anything that he has said, nor does he try to make his teaching more palatable to them. Instead he turns to his disciples and says to them: “will you also walk away?”

What Jesus is asking of the disciples at this point isn't understanding but faith in himself and in the end it is Simon Peter who answers him with those beautiful words: “Lord who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life and we believe.” *Fr Dan*

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**          26<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
 12.30pm **Baptism:**          **Ruben Skehill**  
    **Vogue Skehill**

**WEDNESDAY**          Church Cleaning

**THURSDAY**          Choir Rehearsal: **9am Choir:** 8pm

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

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**      2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2018  
 12.30pm **Baptism:**          **Charlie Vincent Daniels**  
    **Jessica Adele Daniels**  
 Choir Rehearsal: **9am Choir:** 2pm

**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:** Eamonn McCanny, Aaron Kumar, Barbara Beams, Graham Lewis, Teresa Ellerby, Kathleen Warner, Reese Belgira, Vincent Bunce. **Clergy:** Fr Bernard Collings, Canon John Sloane, Canon John Walsh. **Eternal rest grant to them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

**Father Dan away:** Please note that this weekend (25th/26th August) Father Dan will be in Walsingham for the Youth 2000 Festival. Father Paul Keane, the Vice Rector of Oscott College, will be celebrating all of the weekend Masses while Father Dan is away.

**OFFERINGS** Thank you for your generous **Offerings last Sunday of £1695.99 (£1219.63 Gift Aided), and £56.91** in the **CAFOD BOX** to support our parish **CAFOD Project** in **Sebeya, Ethiopia**.

**Altar Servers** - Training for new altar servers will begin in September for anyone who will be in Year 4 and above, and who has made their First Holy Communion. Please collect an application form from the sacristy and return it to the parish office FAO Sarah Dean by 6th September.

**Fire Warden Training:** We now have Fire Wardens for the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses but we still require Wardens for the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 5pm Masses. Please speak to Fr Dan.

**New Parishioners:** If you are new to our parish, do please introduce yourself to Father Dan at the end of Mass. New parishioners are encouraged to fill in a registration form which can be found in the church porch. We are also able to arrange a visit from some existing parishioners if you would like more information about what is available in our parish.

**Michael Barwick:** We are delighted to welcome Michael Barwick, a student for the priesthood for our diocese, who will be beginning a 6 month placement with us from the beginning of September. Michael will be introducing himself at all of the Masses on the 8th and 9th of September.

**Prayer Partners for First Holy Communion:** We are looking for adult volunteers who will be prepared to pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion in our parish next year. If you are interested in taking part in this ministry there will be a list at the back of the church next weekend for you to put your name to. Each prayer partner will be given a child's first name and asked to commit to praying for that child during the time they are preparing for their First Holy Communion. On Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at the 11am Mass we will be celebrating the enrolment of the First Holy Communion children and we would ask all of their prayer partners to attend as well.

**Alpha Course:** Beginning on Sunday, 16th September we will be holding an Alpha Course in the Pastoral Centre starting at 6.30pm. Alpha is for anyone who wants to learn more about what it means to be a follower of Christ and it is particularly helpful for those who are not Christians or for those who, for whatever reason, no longer come to church. Alpha sessions always begin with a meal followed by a short presentation and an opportunity to discuss questions raised within a small group context. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining Alpha please fill in the registration form at the back of the church and hand it in to the Parish Office or give it to Father Dan. For more information please email: [alpha@mostholyredeemer.org](mailto:alpha@mostholyredeemer.org) or visit the alpha website: [alpha.org.uk](http://alpha.org.uk)

**Southend Girls' Choir** present an afternoon of beautiful music, to raise funds for Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Sunday 23rd September, 2.30pm, St Basil's, Luncies Road, Basildon SS14 1SD. The concert is free, with a raffle and refreshments at the interval, and donation boxes at the end. Booking is not needed; both classical and popular songs will be performed by this talented choir who regularly tour Europe. Further info from Eileen, 07718 530421.

**The Catholic Church and the European Project** A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The speaker will be Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark, and Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Ministry at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The day begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

**BAPTISM Congratulations to the family of Jack Michael Gregory Parsons who was Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.**