

**SAINT AUGUSTINE  
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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME    YEAR A    22nd January 2017**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**'Christ is our light and our help!** Christ lightens our darkness and helps us to see the real meaning of life. When he calls us to follow Him we must learn to put aside our differences. It is in true Christian charity that we are able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, and it is for this purpose that Christ calls us to follow Him.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Please pray for Emlyn Michael Pickup** who is to be baptized into the family of the Church this Sunday afternoon. The baptismal preparation evenings for February will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**For the weeks ahead there** will be a slight reduction in the number of Masses celebrated during the week. On Thursday, there will be **just the one Mass at 12.30pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12.00 midday. Also, there will not be a 9.00am Mass on Saturday morning. **Two of our Parishioners** are going on pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of this month. If you would like them to take any prayer intentions with them please hand them in at the Sacristy at your earliest convenience. **This Sunday evening, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** we have our Christian Unity Service at St Alphege's Church at 6.30pm. We do hope that you will make a special effort to attend. It is a lovely opportunity to meet and pray together.

**We would like to thank you very sincerely** for Gift Aiding your Sunday offerings. For last year's tax Year, the Parish has recently received from the Inland Revenue the sum of £8902:97. This sum will be of great help in the general maintenance and care of the Parish plant. Thank you very much indeed. **CAFOD have written** to thank us for the proceeds from the Christmas Fayre. It will make a huge difference to people's lives. We are also delighted to share with you the total donated from the Parish for 2016; it amounted to £24,183. A wonderful achievement. **Your help is needed to secure the progress of the Homelessness Reduction Bill.** There is another crucial debate on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and you are being asked to contact your MP to request that he/she attend the debate and vote in favour of the Bill. CRISIS, the housing charity have a way of directly contacting your MP. Please visit their website: [www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk) under the campaign title 'No one turned away.'

**We would like to invite the Parents and families** of all whose children were baptised during 2016 to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. Further details to follow.

<p>21st January Saturday St Agnes</p>	<p>Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14      Mark 3:20-21 No 9.00am Mass Isaiah 8:23-9:3    1 Corinthians 1:10-1,13,17 Matthew 4:12-23 12.30pm Emer McDonnell-Intention Maureen O'Meara-Intention</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon  Tea &amp; Coffee after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>22nd January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>Isaiah 8:23-9:3    1 Corinthians 1:10-1,13,17 Matthew 4:12-23  9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Paddy O'Sullivan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea &amp; Coffee after 9.00am and 11.00am Mass</p>
<p>23rd January Monday Feria in Ordinary Time St Nicholas Owen</p>	<p>Hebrews 9:15,24-28      Mark 3:22-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am May Clarke-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Journeying in Faith after 10am Mass-Presbytery</p>
<p>24th January Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Francis de Sales</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:1-10      Mark 3:31-35 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Francis &amp; Teresa. Private Intention Margaret Stanley-80<sup>th</sup> Birthday</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm  Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p>25th January Wednesday FEAST CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</p>	<p>Acts 22:3-16 OR Acts 9:1-22    Mark 16:15-18 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Teresa-RIP Michael O'Riordan- Intention</p>	<p>Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm- 7.30pm  First Holy Communion Meeting- Parish Hall 8pm</p>
<p>26th January Thursday Ss Timothy and Titus</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5 Mark 4:21-25 10.00am No Mass 12.05am The Rosary 12.30pm Margaret Bixby-RIP Mrs Pat Mullens</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12.00pm  S.V.P Meeting 7.00pm</p>
<p>27th January Friday Feria in Ordinary Time Blessed Edward Oldcorne/ St Angela Merici</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:32-39      Mark 4:26-34 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Finbarr Byrne-RIP 6.30pm Alfie Lamb-(LOM)</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass Until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>28th January Saturday St Thomas Aquinas 'Angelic Doctor'</p>	<p>Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19      Mark 4:35-41 9.00am No Mass Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31      Matthew 5:1-12 12.30pm John Glynn-RIP George &amp; Lily Dowson-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon  Tea &amp; Coffee after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>29th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 Corinthians 1:26-31      Matthew 5:1-12  9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Anne &amp; Thomas Maguire-RIP</p>	<p>Tea &amp; Coffee after 9am and 11.00am Mass</p>

**Offertory Collection last week: £1,202:02 (Gift Aid £397:60 Loose £804:42)**

Second Collection last weekend for :Pax Christi-£648:60

A 'Prayer Request' box can now be found in each entrance porch. You are welcome to place the names of those you would like prayers for, or any prayer intention you may have in the box as provided. Your intentions will be transferred to the Sanctuary on a weekly basis, and prayers will be offered for all those mentioned.

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20s AND 30s) 27th-29th January 2017**, New Cross London. For more information see poster in porch or contact Sr Lynne fcJ at: [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit website: [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**Annual Service of Unity for the Week of Prayer** for Christian Unity Sunday 22nd January 2017 6.30pm St Alphege Church, The Square Solihull, B91 3RQ Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please come to worship our Lord and support this important service of Unity between Christians in our Area.

**The Governors will soon be considering** applications for Reception Class 2017, if you wish your child to be considered for admission please supply the school with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and Supplementary Information Form-please contact the school office for further advice on 0121705 4355.

**The third St Basils Solihull Sleep outs** is taking place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the covered car park at the Renewal Church on Lode Lane. Sleep outs are fundraising events which involves volunteers 'roughing it' for a night in a cardboard box and raising money so that a vulnerable young person does not have to do this for real. St Basils is a charity working in Solihull and beyond supporting 16-25 years olds to prevent youth homelessness and provides accommodation for young people from Solihull who have become homeless. St Basil's staff then work intensively with those young people to help them regain the confidence and skills they need to access education, training, employment, and move on successfully with their lives.

**ST PAUL'S BOOK SHOP BY ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL**- a part time job (2 or 3 days per week, with the possibility of a full time position in future. Requires someone with an outgoing attitude, happy to work in the shop as well as willing and prepared to promote St Paul's relationship with the Catholic Schools and Churches of the city; salary negotiable; Telephone 0121 236 6336

**GOVERNING BODY OF BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL COVENTRY**-are seeking to appoint a new HeadTeacher with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Please see poster on notice-board for further details.

<b>Readers this week</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers this week</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>9.00am</b> Don Deneny Pam Davis	<b>9.00am</b> Anne & Michael Hallissey Joan & Dan Doyle
<b>11.00am</b> Marie Watts Sarah Pitchford	<b>11.00am</b> Eilish Duffy Tessy Nettikkadan
<b>Cleaning Rota: for week beginning January 23rd for Services 28th/29th January –E</b> Annie Fuller, Teresa Donovan, Rebecca Davies	
<b>Flower Rota: – for week beginning 23rd January for Services 28th/29th January- Cathy Street</b>	

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish**

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin
Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy
Mick Green	Andrew Simpson	Bernadette Day	Anthony Sadler
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	Finbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan
Dean	Elisabeth Scull	Richard Bird	Rita Jones
Baby Lara Constantinou			

**Christian Unity Week-** is motivated by the wish to fulfil God's desire "that all may be one"-

...I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you... May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

### **John 17**

If you ask Christians why they take part in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, their answers are likely to include some of these points:

- A common desire to communicate God's love to all the world
- Accepting that God's ultimate purpose is to unite all things in Christ
- Obedience to the prayer of Jesus Christ "That all might be one" (John 17:21) and that "There might be one flock and one shepherd." (John 10:16)
- Acknowledgement that Christ is the only one who can reconcile all things and people, and that Christ's people must pray for this reconciliation
- Acceptance that the Christian Church can only be the Church that God intended if all churches acknowledge their mutual interdependence
- Desire to demonstrate a unity that is sometimes hidden by denominational differences through the act of praying together
- Desire to achieve unity in a way that enriches rather than diminishes the legitimate diversity of local churches

Many people see it as their duty to pray not just for the unity of Christians but for the unity of all people who are made in God's image

### **How to Face the Storms of Life- Saint Francis De Sales-Memorial Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;**

**Rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are,**

**Will lead you safely through all things;**

**And when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in his arms.**

**Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;**

**The same understanding Father who cares for**

**You today will take care of you then and every day.**

**He will either shield you from suffering**

**Or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.**

**Be at peace,**

**And put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.**

**Please pray for:** Norman Eaglesfield who died recently. Also Philip Brian Mathews, James Keogh, Eileen Boyle, Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Doherty, John Christopher Francis Purlil, Margaret Bourke, Roland (Rollo) Wolfe, Beatrice Eaglesfield, Grace Helen Pedley, Kevin Tynan, Bridget Bevan, and Nuala Therese Carthy whose anniversaries are at this time.

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