

DIARY

- SAT** 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **SUNDAY 25 OF THE YEAR**
Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.
- MON** Our Lady of Walsingham
Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
- WED** Morning Prayer at 9.45 am, Mass at 10 am (Fr. Vincent) followed by refreshments and Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.
- THU** Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
- FRI** Morning Prayer at 9.30 am.
- SAT** Morning Prayer at 9.45 am; Mass at 10 am;
Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30-11 am
- NB From next Sunday there will be only 1 Sunday Mass; on Sunday morning at 9 am.

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 1.

READINGS

Reading 1: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20.

Psalm (53) Refrain: ***The Lord upholds my life.***

Reading 2: James 3: 16 – 4: 3.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37.

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mrs R. Menghini, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs. Adderley, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlan, Katja Lubina, Mrs. A. Tickner, Mrs. Jonasz.

IN CASE IT TAKES A WHILE TO GET THE NEWSLETTER GOING, THE USUAL TIMES FROM NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Sunday: Mass at 9 am (only), followed by refreshments in the hall.

Monday: Mothers' Prayers, hall, 10.30 am.

Wednesday: Morn. Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10 am, followed by refreshments & Breaking Open...

Thursday: Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.

Friday: Morning Prayer 9.30 am; Prayer Group at 7.30 pm in hall.

Saturday: Morn. Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10 am; Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30-11 am.

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SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 2018

Dear Friends,

You have been very kind and patient with me over the last 14 years! I sincerely thank you. It has been good to journey together in faith and be part of the same parish family, and I will greatly miss you. But for us there is no lasting home until our final destiny; we are all "pilgrims and strangers"; we meet for a while on the journey, and then move on. But we will still be one in Christ's Body.

Inevitably, for some of you, parting will be "such sweet sorrow"; but if anyone would care to stay in touch, my future address will be:

Westering, Brentfields, Polperro, nr. Looe, Cornwall PL13 2JJ

Hopefully, my email address will remain the same. But please remember if you should write and wish me to reply – those addresses collected in the census were for the parish and new parish priest, not for me; so you will need to include your full address. Also possibly with some of you whom I have been used to addressing with your Christian name, I do sometimes have difficulty in remembering surnames these days! Time I retired, I can hear you say!

I will have no personal accommodation for overnight guests, but if you are passing or staying locally I will be delighted to see you. I will not forget you; you will be much in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to bless and guide you & keep you in his love.

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

RECENT COLLECTIONS: 12 Aug: £189.00; 19 Aug: £237.40; 26 Aug: £222.14; 1 Sept: £188.93; 8 Sept: £199.85; 16 Sept: £156.36; Sept Bldg/Maint: £150.45; Cath. Educ: £165.10; Home Mission: £166.20. Also the Nearly New Sale for the Parish Charities raised £335.30 – well done to those who arranged it and those who supported it.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Mondays, 10.30 am in the hall.

NEXT SUNDAY: Monthly retiring collection for the Building/Maintenance Fund.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel, Wednesday, after Mass & refreshments.

ADORATION: Thursdays, 10 am – 7 pm.

PRAYER GROUP: Fridays, 7.30 pm in the hall.

THANK YOU for the splendid celebration on Wednesday, especially to those involved in organising it. So many people got together and worked hard to make this possible – a great example of the Body working together! And thank you especially for your wonderfully generous farewell gift!

A WARM WELCOME to Fr. Vincent, who will be taking over the parish as parish priest from Wednesday. Please keep him in prayer at this time. May God richly bless his ministry here; and may he experience as much joy in leading this parish as I have.

OPEN DAY at St. Patrick's Primary School, Corsham, Friday 5 October at 9.30 am. Please see poster in church porch. We will also have a couple of the staff speaking briefly at Masses this weekend.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Vincent or Mary Harris (01249730340) know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every 3rd Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

PARISH CENSUS: Have you all filled these in and returned them?

25 September - 7.00pm – St John's Church, South Parade, Bath. Fr James Hanvey SJ makes a return visit to St John's in Bath for this [third lecture in our series](#) marking the first five years of Pope Francis' pontificate. On Tuesday 25 September, Fr James – Master of Campion Hall, Oxford - helps us consider Francis' vision for the Church of the twenty first (if not the twenty second) century. He will invite us to consider what challenges Pope Francis now faces in leading the Church but also Fr James allows us to reflect upon what challenges *us* as the Church in preaching the Gospel of Christ. How do we give credible, authentic witness today and how does the church Pope Francis shepherds continue to speak a *good news* through its word and example?

CAFOD Family Fast Day. Friday 5th October 2018: On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites you to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who live in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle

to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure that Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day (Friday 5th October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply - perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal - and giving the money we save to help people like Longora. Fast Day envelopes will be available from church next weekend 29th/30th September and give what you can.

LADIES' BREAKFAST: Saturday 6th October 2018, 8:45am for 9:00am at Queensway Chapel Speaker Sharon Firth. Please sign your name on the sheet in the Porch if you can attend, before October 3rd

NEWSLETTER: As I have produced the newsletter myself in recent years, I am not sure how long it will take to get a lay team together to get a regular newsletter going – you may need to be patient!

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there *is* a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM NEXT SUNDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 SUNDAY MASS IN THIS PARISH: ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9 am.

