

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £204.15.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: **29 July:** Bishop's Charitable Fund; **5 Aug:** Building/Maintenance Fund.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS/PRAYER GROUP: None during August. Mother's Prayers 30 July.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Wednesdays, after refreshments.

ADORATION: Thursdays, 10 am – 7 pm.

CHARITY NEARLY NEW SALE: Sat 18 August, 10 am, church hall. Any unwanted items/gift for the sale please, and also cakes & biscuits much appreciated. Please leave them in the church hall by Friday 17 August.

A GIFT TO CAFOD in your will is a wonderful way to share your faith, hope and love with future generations. Find out about CAFOD's free will-writing service for supporters by picking up a leaflet in the church porch, [email legacy@cafod.org.uk](mailto:email_legacy@cafod.org.uk) or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367 to find out more.

MASS FOR ANOINTING OF SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Sunday 2 September, 2.30 pm.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard or Mary Harris 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: Please make sure we have a form from every household. This includes those outside the parish boundaries who come to Mass here regularly.

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? **Recently demands on the foodbank have become heavier, but the donations from this parish have not been so generous. Please do try to support this venture on behalf of all the Churches in the Melksham area.**

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.

NEWSLETTER: Any information, articles, etc, please send to the presbytery at the address supplied on the front of the newsletter.

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SUNDAYS 29 JULY, 5 & 12 AUGUST 2018

Dear Friends,

Holiday time once again – at least, for many of us. I hope you will all be able to find some time for rest and refreshment.

Of course, we may take a rest from work and from certain other usual activities – but we should never take a holiday from God! Indeed, we should if possible try to find more time than usual to devote to God during our holidays, for he is the very source of our rest and refreshment; and it is only if we stay close to him during our holidays that they are likely to bring us real renewal.

*“Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.”*

We are also likely to be more refreshed if we spend time enjoying the things God has created. Let us try to put aside mobile phones, computers, electronic games, Ipads, and so on; let us try to spend time living in the real world rather than in virtual reality! These things can take over our lives, but we will find far more relaxation and refreshment enjoying the beauty of the world God has created: gardens, flowers, hills, trees, the sea, and so on. Have a great time, anyway, and come back truly refreshed.

In the love of Jesus,

Richard Northey

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| SAT 28 Jul | 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm. |
| SUN 29 | <u>SUNDAY 17 OF THE YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in hall. |
| MON 30 | Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Mothers' Prayers, hall, 10.30 am. |
| WED 1 Aug | Extended Morning Prayer at 9.30, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open & Sharing the Word |
| THU 2 | Adoration 10 am – 7 pm. |
| FRI 3 | No services in church. |
| SAT 4 | No Sacrament of Reconciliation. 1 st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm. |
| SUN 5 | <u>SUNDAY 18 OF THE YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am with baptism of Adrian Filak, followed by refreshments in the hall. |
| MON 6 | Feast of the Transfiguration Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. |
| WED 8 | St. Dominic Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open & Sharing the Word |
| THU 9 | Adoration 10 am – 7 pm. |
| FRI 10 | St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr, Feast Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. |
| SAT 11 | Sacrament of Reconciliation 11-11.30 am 1 st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm. |
| SUN 12 | <u>SUNDAY 19 OF THE YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am followed by refreshments in the hall. |
| MON 13 | Morning Prayer at 9.13 am; Mass at 9.30 am. |
| TUE 14 | Vigil Mass of the Assumption at 7 pm. |
| WED 15 | <u>ASSUMPTION OF B V MARY</u> (Holy Day) Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open & Sharing the Word. |
| THU 16 | Adoration 10 am – 7 pm. |

FRI 17 Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.

SAT 18 Charity Nearly New Sale, hall, 10 am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation 11-11.30 am.
1st Mass of Sunday (20 of Year) at 6.30 pm.

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

READINGS

Sun 17: 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 4: 1-6; John 6: 1-15
Psalm (144) Refrain: ***You open wide your hands, O Lord, and grant our desires.***

Sun 18: Exodus 16: 1-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24; John 6: 24-35.
Psalm (77) Refrain: ***The Lord gave them bread from heaven.***

Sun 19: 1 Kings 19: 4-8; Ephesians 4: 30 – 5: 2; John 6: 41-51.
Psalm (33) Refrain: ***Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

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, Terri Welch, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs. Adderley.

People's names can only be published in this newsletter now if they (or if too ill to do so, a close relative or carer) have given permission & we have been told of that permission.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM 30 SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE ONE SUNDAY MASS ONLY IN THIS PARISH: AT 9 am SUNDAY MORNING

This is a 3-week newsletter: please take home and keep for reference & bring back with you if you need it for the Sunday psalm refrains etc.

