**Sunday July 24 Divine Office Week 1**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SAINT CECILIA**

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**Please keep in your prayers: Christina Morley; Chris Brown; Leander; Sandra, Teresa and Tom’s niece, who has a brain tumour; Father Tom and all at the Care Home where he is chaplain; and all families of those suffering at this time.**

**MASS INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLISHING BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE**

**SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C2**

**Saturday July 23**

**St Bridget, Patron of Europe (FEAST)**

**Sts Philip Evans and John Lloyd (Opt Mems)**

**9.30am Traditional Latin HOLY MASS**

**5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

**Sunday July 24 9.00am HOLY MASS 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday July 25 St James Apostle (FEAST)**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday July 26 Sts Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mem)**

**6.10pm Evening Prayers 6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday July 27**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday July 28**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Friday July 29 Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Mem)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**followed by Benediction**

**Saturday July 30 St Peter Chrysologus, Doctor of the Church**

**9.10 9.30am Traditional Latin HOLY MASS**

**5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

**Sunday July 31 9.00am HOLY MASS 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**There will be NO MASS on this Monday, July 25th**

**GIFT AID** - “The parish is immensely grateful to all donors who have supported the parish during the year and helped keep our doors open to achieve our Mission. If you don’t already do so, please consider whether you could increase the value of your donation by signing up for Gift Aid (more details and form available from your parish gift aid organiser).“

**GIFT AID DONORS** - You should soon receive an individual statement of how much you gave in the year so that you can check you have paid enough tax to cover the gift aid that the parish will claim. This statement will go to the address that is currently held by the gift aid organiser. If you are expecting a letter but do not receive one please contact, Ruth Hiscock, Parish Treasurer & Gift Aid Organiser, ruthhiscock@cbeeches.co.uk, or 01258 452283

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** - £300.83. **STELLA MARIS** - The final total is £404.25.  The money has already been forwarded to Stella Maris so if you still wish to give to the charity please forward a cheque to Stella Maris to the address on the envelopes. *Ruth*

With blessings on every one of our parish family

**Father Francis**

**Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus** Pope Francis on Tuesday [2 February 2021] added the memorial of Sts. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus to the General Roman Calendar, giving the siblings the combined feast day of July 29.

A decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship said on Feb. 2, 2021 that Pope Francis had included the three saints in the General Roman Calendar "considering the important evangelical witness they offered in welcoming the Lord Jesus into their home, in listening to him attentively, in believing that he is the resurrection and the life."

The General Roman Calendar is the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, which denotes the dates of holy days and the feast days of saints commemorated annually.

The memorial of St. Martha was already included on Jan. 29 in the General Roman Calendar before the Second Vatican Council, but St. Lazarus and St. Mary had been originally left off due to uncertainty about the identity of Mary Magdalene.

The decree explained that these uncertainties "have been resolved in recent studies and times," and pointed out that Mary and Lazarus are already commemorated on July 29 in the Roman Martyrology, the Church's official catalog of martyrs and saints.

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were three siblings living in the town of Bethany outside of Jerusalem during the time of Christ.

Signed by Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Divine Worship congregation, the pope's decree said that "in the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, and for this reason, the Gospel of John states that he loved them."

"Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death," the decree continued.

The July 29 feast day of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus will now appear in the Church's calendars and liturgical texts as a memorial. Memorials rank third in the classification of feast days on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar. The memorial of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus will be an obligatory memorial, which means it must be observed.

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***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

**BLANDFORD FOOD BANK** has asked if we could help their families have a little extra over the holidays.They would love to have some of the following

Corned Beef,Hot Dogs,Pasta Sauce,Tinned fruit or veg, Jelly, Angel Delight, Rice pudding,

Squash, Sweet treats. Thank you *Jan*

**PARISH BARBECUE** – **Sunday, 14th August, 12.30 for 1 pm**. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend. Please donate bottles (all sorts) for the tombola stall and leave them in the box at the back of church.

**We welcome contributions to this newsletter from parishioners - please send in links to websites, hard copy, email pictures, prose or poetry, whether to inform or to entertain..…**

Reality is that which,

when you stop believing in it,

doesn't go away.

- Philip K Dick

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“The modern habit of doing ceremonial things unceremoniously is no proof of humility; rather it proves the offender's inability to forget himself in the rite, and his readiness to spoil for every one else the proper pleasure of ritual.”

- C.S. Lewis

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