**Sunday 27th August 2023 Psalter: Week I**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SAINT CECILIA**

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**Please keep in your prayers: Father Robert; Ruby Cooper, Iris Bell; Christopher; Noreen Breadmore; Christina and John Morley; Leeah, Marjorie’s daughter; Sandra, Teresa and Tom’s niece; 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**

**Saturday August 26 Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi *and* St David Lewis, Martyr**

**NO LATIN MASS**

**5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

**August 27**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**Monday August 28 St Augustine, Doctor of the Church (Mem)**

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

**Tuesday August 29 The Passion of St John the Baptist (Mem)**

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

**Wednesday August 30 St Margaret Clitherow, St Anne Line *and* St Margaret Ward, Martyrs**

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

**Thursday August 31 St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne**

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

**Friday September 1**

**(WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION)**

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

**followed by Benediction**

**Saturday September 2**

**NO LATIN MASS**

**5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY September 3**

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**At the request of the diocese Fr. Francis will not leave until November. At the end of that month a new parish priest will take up residence.**

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes You may know that some of us will be making a pilgrimage to Lourdes next month - 11-14 September. If you have any special intentions for Our Lady, please just write them down and give them to me or to anyone you know will be coming. We’ll just put the envelopes or papers into the repository where intercessions to be made at Mass or the daily prayers are placed.**

**Marlene Watkins** has written a book called *Modern Miracles at Lourdes: Twenty Extraordinary Experiences Along the Way to the Grotto.* If you wish you can hear her on the Catholic Exchange Podcast: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umrlzXAaqps

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY** The week-end of **26/27 August** is the annual Appeal made by the diocese for the Society. If you wish to give independently from our collection in church, the following will be helpful:

**Donations can also be made by –**

**Visiting our** Annual Appeal Crowdfunder page –crowdfunder.co.uk/p/creating-hope-for-families-changing-lives; **Post** by sending a cheque made payable to ‘Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth)’ to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL; **BACS** direct into our account – Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth) sort code – 52-41-60 account number – 06024335; **Text** – to donate £5 text 5CCSP to 70085; to donate £10 text 10CCSP to 70085; or to donate £20 text 20CCSP to 70085.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** – to be published when available. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2023** - Copies of the accounts were made available last weekend. If you wish to receive a copy electronically, please email me at ruthhiscock@cbeeches.co.uk or if by post please include your name and address.

*Ruth Hiscock* Parish Treasurer



**BONIFACE** - has been counted and £360.42 has been sent to assist in the education of Jackline Namatoya. Thanks to all who contributed.

With blessings on every one of our parish family,

Father Francis

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

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**KNIT & NATTER** next meeting in the hall on **Tuesday September 5,**

**2-4pm**. All crafters welcome! *Christina*

 **RIDE AND STRIDE 2023** On Saturday 9th September some of us will be taking part in Ride and Stride, raising money for the historic churches of Dorset. Half of what we raise comes back to this church.

Patrick will be looking for sponsorship in the coming weeks and the link for mine and Richard's sponsorship page is https://www.justgiving.com/page/blandfordrccain

If riding or striding isn't for you, maybe you could volunteer to be a welcomer on the day, offering tea/coffee/water and maybe cake to the weary walkers and cyclists. It would be great to have people from 10am-6pm, in 1 or 2 hr slots. Volunteers to bake cakes or biscuits would be much appreciated too. There will be a list at the back of church for people to sign up to help from this weekend. *Ali* alisoncain@gmail.com 07729 139439

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**FOOD BANK** Thank you to everyone who generously responded to the Food Bank appeal. Please keep it coming. *Jan*

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**PARISH SWEEPSTAKE** The final draw for the 2023 Parish Sweepstake, took place on Sunday 20th, after the 9:30 Mass. I am happy to report that Odile Wells has won £25. Thank you all for your support with the sweepstake.

Hopefully, I’ll be running the sweepstake again for 2024. Envelopes for that sweepstake will be available from October. *Mike Moore*

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**PARISH BARBECUE** a big thank you to everyone who contributed their time, donations and effort to make the Barbecue a success. It really was a wonderful parish team effort. The net proceeds after expenditure was £849.05, which goes in the Parish Funds, but even more pleasing was the great togetherness and sense of community engendered by all those who helped and all those who attended. A Catholic, Christian community at its best! Here’s to next year’s event! *Anthony*

**'A HELPING HAND'** Many thanks to all who have expressed a willingness to help members of the parish in need of our help at this time . As Father Francis spoke, he explained that your time will be only required once a month for a matter of 2 to 3 hours. The title 'A Helping Hand ' is to alert you to any meetings or information regarding this.

A REQUEST Would all those who signed please email me their contact details / email or phone numbers. to philippadaffern@btinternet.com.

I am away until September 9th and hopefully we can meet shortly after that as a group and you will have a better idea of how you can help. Warmest wishes, *Philippa*

*The moon, standing between the sun and the earth, transmits to the earth whatever light it receives from the sun. In like manner, Mary stands between God and human beings and pours His grace upon us.* - St Bonaventure