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***Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year (C)* 17th / 18th September 2022**

**Weekend Masses (17th / 18th September) Mass Intention:**

Saturday 12.30pm Maureen Keenan RIP

Sunday *10.15am (NB New time)* *In Memory of Queen Elizabeth II RIP*

Wednesday 9.10am Mass at Sacred Heart School – Parishioners always welcome

**Next Sunday (24th / 25th September)**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Mass Intention:**

Saturday 12.30pm Garret Shevlin (RIP)

Sunday *10.15am (NB New time)* Michael Delaney RIP (Anniv)

*Readings: Amos 6: 1, 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31*

**Centenary Mass for OUR Church: NEW DATE: Saturday 15th October 2022 at 2pm** celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Each parishioner is asked to actively invite anybody they know who has links with our parish and now lives away. Don’t let them say they never knew.

And anybody who lives locally but might not know about it. They are all most welcome.

**2 things to do now:** Please continue to spread the word!

Also, please **volunteer to be part of the day**. Everybody is welcome to be part of hosting our guests and making this a really important moment to remember in the history of our parish.

**OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATION IS ONLY THREE WEEKS AWAY!**

In preparation for the big day, there are going to be 2 Sundays where we invite as many people as possible to stay behind after Sunday Mass for just half an hour to clean, prepare:

Sundays **2nd and 9th October**. No need to bring anything. Please just stay and help.

And **one more bonus session this Bank Holiday Monday from 3pm to 5pm.** This Monday session – after the opportunity to watch the Queen’s Funeral – will be a deep clean so please bring old clothes for what might be some jobs that will get you a bit dirty!

Remember – it is all about taking ownership of our church for its Centenary.

**Daughters of Divine Love** (our Religious Sisters) will be selling raffle tickets to support their charitable work in Nigeria. This will take place THIS weekend (17 / 18 September.)

**Today is *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel) Sunday.** Formerly Home Mission Sunday

**Second Collection:** This Sunday for the work of Catholic Evangelisation

Next Sunday for Fr Hudson’s Care, Social Care Agency. [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**Last Friday of the Month** – at our church – TRANSFORM NIGHT VIGIL 7pm to 9pm.

All welcome. Holy Mass, Word of God, Healing Prayers. **(FRIDAY: 30th September**)**.**

This initiative is already growing and this month, we are going to be joined by members of the Diocesan Youth Service, the Kenelm Youth Trust. Please join us.

**The Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes** are in the UK at the moment. They will be coming to our Diocese next month: Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October at St Chad’s Cathedral.

**Friday 7th October**

6.00pm Cathedral Opens in preparation for 6.30pm – Liturgy of Welcome.

7pm to Midnight – an opportunity to visit and venerate the relics of St Bernadette

**Saturday 8th October**

8am to 11.30am – an opportunity to visit and venerate the relics of St Bernadette

12 noon Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

1.30pm to 5.30pm – an opportunity of visit and venerate the relics of St Bernadette

6pm Mass animated by the Kenelm Youth Trust

7pm End of visit.

**Deanery Visitation of Parishes by Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans**

A Deanery is a group of parishes that work together in a particular area. For many years, our parish has formed part of the Birmingham Cathedral Deanery made up of city centre parishes. The priests and deacons of the deanery meet monthly. We discuss issues of common interest, we pray together and we have a meal.

Every 5 years or so, it is the duty of a Diocesan Bishop to visit each parish or to oversee the visit by a bishop who assists him.

Beginning this autumn, the parishes of our Deanery will be visited.

Now our Deanery has recently expanded quite considerably as it has merged with what was previously the Birmingham (South) Deanery and taken on parishes a little further afield: Redditch, Bromsgrove and Studley, Halesowen, Warley, Oldbury and Blackheath.

There is to be an important Opening Gathering for the Visitation at The Oratory Church, Hagley Road, Edgbaston on **Wednesday 12th October at 7pm**. It would be really good for our parish to be well represented on that occasion. Individual Parish Visitations will follow.

**Prayers for members of our parish community who are sick or housebound**: Maura Greene, Mary Levell *(please let Fr Tim know if there is anybody who needs prayers and who has given their permission for their name to be listed here)*.

**Prayers for those who have died: Queen Elizabeth II**; Iris Mee, Mary Williams, Mary Kate Moore. During this, our Centenary Year, let us remember all those who have lived in our parish and all those who have prayed in our Church and who are now with God. May they rest in peace.

**Forthcoming Marriages at Sacred Heart Church:**

Saturday 1st October at 2.30pm Cletus and Debora Azange

Friday 7th October at 1pm Anthony Haydock and Violette Horton

**Forthcoming Baptisms at Sacred Heart Church:**

Sunday 2nd October at 12.30pm Raphael & Xavier Forde

Sunday 9th October at 12.30pm Ethan Woodward