

Saturday 3rd **First Mass of Sunday**
6.00pm Patrick Cahill RIP (Geraldine & Robert)

Sunday 4th **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**
8.00am Patrick & Tim Ryan (Sister)
9.00am Parish Family
11.00am Margaret (Peggy) Peck RIP (Catherine Carlin)
4.00pm Syro Malabar Mass

Monday 5th
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mark Keily & Patric McDonah Int. (Anne Kelly)
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 6th NB **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
8.30am Olive Monisse RIP (Prudence Heldt)
10.00am **Funeral of Pamela Rita Guilfoyle**

Wednesday 7th
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am James Pathrose Anniv. (Myrtle James)
12.30pm Bridget Hayes RIP said in Newham Hospital

Thursday 8th **St. Dominic**
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Sr. Joseph Dominic RIP & Sr. Mary Dominic RIP
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9th **St. Benedicta of the Cross, Edith Stein, Patroness of Europe**
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Giseppiua Di Marie RIP (Grancsca Burgio)
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10th **St. Lawrence (Deacon)**
11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation during which we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
11.45am Mid Day Prayer, Benediction and Angelus
12.00noon In Thanksgiving (Johnson+ Pnimole)

Saturday 10th **First Mass of Sunday**
6.00pm Fr. Francis Int.

Sunday 11th **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**
8.00am Parish Family
9.00am Olive Theresa Monisse RIP (Fred & Michael & Family)
11.00am Elizabeth Xavier Anniv. (Xavier)
4.00pm Malayalam Mass

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Dear Parishioners, **Farewell from Tony Grant**

I would just like to thank everyone for the wonderful stay I have had at St Michael's in my placement as a seminarian. I especially wish to thank Canon Bob for the kindness, patience, friendly cheerfulness and joy, he has shown me, in teaching me the importance of care and compassion to all, particularly those who are forgotten by society. He does this for love and the greater glory of God. You are blessed to have a priest like Canon Bob who tirelessly and selflessly works so hard for the parish and the wider community, with a special charism shown to special needs children and adults. Also, a big thank-you to Rev Fr Francis who is following in the ways Christ by his devotion and love for the faithful.

I also wish to thank the entire parish team (including Chris, Christy, Patrick, Maureen, Maria, Eucharistic Ministers, catechists, servers, teachers, maintenance workers and cleaners, all those who serve the community, and all the religious), that work so hard for the parish in a rich variety of ways, and showing me such kindness and patience – a trainee priest who has still has much to learn. They are the workers in the vineyard, quietly working behind the scenes, planting new seeds of faith. Their true treasure is being amassed in heaven. Finally, I wish to thank you, the parishioners, for the wonderful welcome I have received at St Michael's. I have many fond memories of St Michael's that I will take back to Rome with me, when I resume my studies. Blessed (soon to be canonized) Cardinal Newman wrote: "I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: 'Go down again – I dwell among the people.'" Though the Catholic Church recognizes the importance of Faith and Reason; to me, the heart is where our Christian faith is truly formed. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not appeal to people's minds, when he was preaching the Good News, he appealed to people's hearts, or as Blessed John Henry Newman said about God: "Heart speaks to heart." The importance of the heart is expressed beautifully in the picture of Divine Mercy that is on the wall at the back of the church – an image of God's eternal love and mercy for us all. And so, it is with a heavy heart that I leave you all, but also one filled with the joy and hope for the future, because your inspiration of Christian love I will take with me in my own heart on my journey of faith.

May the Good Lord bless and keep you and all your families, now and forever. I will keep you all in my prayers my brothers and sisters.

Your brother in Christ. Tony Grant

Tony has been with us for five weeks and has been a great help with the work in the Parish. He spent the first week getting to know people and what goes on in St. Michael's Parish. The second week he spent each day at St Bonaventure's School with the Retreat Team from the BCYS and the Dominican Priest and Sisters. He was put into Classes and the students would ask him about his life and why he chose the path to the Priesthood. Tony also went to St. John's Special Needs school and joined in the Masses we had and met with the Students and Staff again answering all sorts of questions. Wherever I went Tony would join with me and certainly involved himself with whatever work that needed to be done. He had very little time to himself and was constantly involved with the activities, so much so that he would be glad to see the end of the day, knowing that he had achieved much experience of the work in a Parish and the work a Priest is involved with. A huge thank you to him for his generosity in supporting everything that went on.

GOD BLESS, Bob

Activities This Week

- 4th Sunday** Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm
- 5th Monday** Visiting people with Special Needs.
- 6th Tuesday** Funeral of Pamela Guilfoyle – 10.00am
- 7th Wednesday** **Church Cleaning after the 9am Mass**
Mass in Newham Hospital – 12.30pm
S.V.P. meet in Parish Room 7.30pm
- 8th Thursday** Visiting Day Care Barkingside – 12.00noon
- 9th Friday** Returning from a Mini Break
- 10th Saturday** Hoping to have everything ready for the week-end
- 11th Sunday** Communion to the Housebound - 1.30pm

Coming Events

Meeting in Presbytery, Monday 12th August
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday 15th August
Ilford C.F. AGM, Sunday 18th August
Visit to Aylesford, , Thursday 22nd August

300 CLUB: Dues for August will be taken after this week end the Draw will take place after the 11.00am Mass next Sunday. Many thanks to all who support the 300 Club.

EXTREMELY URGENT – if you are using box No. 251, 262, 295, 300, 303, 317, 258, , 169 please come into the office or ring the office on 020 84722557; and fill in a Gift Aid form.

ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GET ACTIVE: A few weeks ago our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and what a special day it was! But that was only the beginning, Our young people have discussed a number of things they would like to do to get involved in the life of our Parish, creating a youth group and putting our faith into action.

So we are inviting all young people who are thinking of being confirmed next year, and those who have been confirmed already (aged 12 to 20yrs) to join us in this adventure, and get involved.

If you are interested please speak to Johnny or email stmichaelsyouthgetactive@gmail.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Next Marriage Preparation Course that will take place at St Antony's Church Forest Gate and will be held on Saturday 12th & 19th October

2019. The course consists of the two days and couples should be able to attend both days in order to complete the course. Each day runs from 10am-5pm (which includes lunch) and there is a £60 donation payable.

OUR LADY OF FATIMAis coming!!!

The 3rd Order Apostolate of the Two Hearts (Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart), is bringing the Centennial Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which was Blessed by Pope Francis in 2017, to our Parish on **Saturday 7th Sept 2019**. Please note the new date as the previous date was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The programme will run from 10.00am till 5.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

SUMMERTIME PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY FOR ADULTS: enjoy a long weekend in the beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, on either 9th-12th or 23rd-26th August. Fully catered, with daily Mass, Adoration, Morning and Evening prayer, as well as 14 acres of grounds in which to stroll, read, pray and reflect. For more details email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org, call 01277373959 or look at <https://bcys.net/events/quiet-residential-retreats-adults-august-2019/>

LOST AND FOUND: A small photo album has been found. If it is yours, please come and get it from the Parish Office, please bring proof with you.

HOLIDAYS: All Schools are now closed for the Holidays and from what I was hearing in Lourdes, the first week was exceptionally hot. It was the same in Lourdes itself. Very hot at 41-43 degrees. Let us hope that the weather will continue to be warm, throughout the holidays and that everyone will have a wonderful time. We pray also that those travelling will arrive at their destinations safely and enjoy a good rest and return home for the next new School year.

PROLIFE PILGRIMAGE to Walsingham on Sunday 6th October, Coach leaves, Our Lady of Compassion at 7.30am returning at around 8.00pm Tickets £18 from Mr.Varghese-020 8470 4863 or from Sr. Immaculata & Sr. Patricia on 020 84705816.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW: We have on sale and we hope everyone will take at least one book of Tickets to sell, to help raise funds for our Building Project. The Draw will take place on 1st January 2020. The Prizes are **1st Prize £500.00, 2nd Prize 350.00; 3rd Prize 250.00** followed by **25 Prizes of £50.00**. The tickets are £5.00 each. There are ten tickets per Book and I do hope everyone will support this Draw and help raise the funds needed for the new Toilets and Office.