

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** (Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September)

Agnes Green 1976; Dr John Riley 1987; William Monks 1988; Genovella Manfredi 1988; Mary Savage 1988; Mary Pamela Bratt 1990; Patrick Joseph Lee 1990; Ann Atkin 1992; Frank Harry Brown 1992; Annie Lilian Sear 1992; Anne Sarah Maunder 1992; Edward Kaniwwicz 1993; Austin George Hamilton 1993; Alice Marian Stanway 1994; Arthur Alfred Monk 1997; John Brown 1997; Joan Frances Oriel 1998; Edward Ernest Wells 1998; Thomas Anthony Broughton 1999; Catherine Yvonne O'Neill 1999; Edwin John Staples 1999; Philip Edwin Bromley 2000; Mary Ellen Delaney 2000; Bernard Shaw 2000; Dr John Oriel 2000; Lawrence Brendon Levins 2001; Irma Lelia 2002; Barbara Stevens 2003; John James Murphy 2004; Angela Patricia Brewer 2004; Mary Margaret Webb 2004; Jean Roger Petillion Yves 2005; Francesco Colloto 2005; Mary Gabriel Atkinson 2006; Robert Arthur Clare 2007; Agnes Mary Skeatham 2007; Dorothy Shiers 2008; ; Gary McAllister 2011; Joan Williams 2011; Mary Nelly Price 2011; Barbara Mattock 2012; John Brian Maguire 2012; Gioconda Mussari 2012; Beata Joanna Molnar 2012; Rene Wells 2012; Stefania Juszczak 2014; Brian George Jones 2014; Raymond Cunningham 2016; Norman Odell 2016; Anna Odell 2016; Theresa O'Donovan 2017; Mgr John McLean 1885; Bishop Dunn 1931; Canon Bernard Farmer 1962; Fr Patrick O'Hanlon 1972; Fr Joseph Jones 1980; Fr Oswald Lofthouse 1985; Canon Alfred Baldwin 1989; Fr Joseph Briffa SJ 1990; Fr Patrick Mulligan 1994; Canon James Monaghan 2001; Fr Paul Casartelli 2001; Fr Joseph Carty 2005; Fr John Troop 2006; *Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

(con'd from page 3) As you know, I always consider Our Lady of Victories Parish as my second home .Sincerely, I do appreciate everything you all do for me.

It is my fervent prayer and hope that God will continue to bless you all with good health and assist you all in all your endeavours, to do his will. Let us not forget to support each other in our prayers.

By the grace of God and all things being equal, I hope to see you all in good health in August 2019. As usual you are all invited to Ghana for either a Gap Year or a Holiday . My contact address is FR JOHN BOAKYE MENSAH, ARCHDIOCESE OF KUMASI. ST MICHAEL PARISH, P.O.BOX KS99 , KUMASI , GHANA

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**2nd September 2018**

**Readers: 6.30pm:** Youth Group **10.00am:** C Goddard G Hill

**Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm:** C McInnes J O'Leary B O'Malley M O'Malley P Pelos

**10.00am:** T Page B Phillips D Quinn K Quinn T Ruane (Weekday A)

**Counters:** B Phillips N Tiney A Eaves J Edwards

**Welcomers: 6.30pm:** B O'Malley M O'Malley B Coombs **10.00am:** J Clarke M Cullen E Ventriglia

**Bidding Prayers:** M Mihovilovic

**9th September 2018**

**Readers: 6.30pm:** M Mihovilovic **10.00am:** H Powell G Powell

**Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm:** J Shellard J Snaith B Spicknell B Stewart S Tacey

**10.00am:** N Tiney F Wilson V Winter D Bebb P Bebb (Weekday B)

**Counters:** F Wilson C Wilson N Williamson

**Welcomers: 6.30pm:** J Maguire M-A Campbell B Stewart **10.00am:** B Shepherd C Shepherd J Mayes

**Bidding Prayers:** H Goodson



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2nd September 2018  
Week 22 of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2

## Times of Services

### Sunday: 22nd of Ordinary Time

Sat.6.30pm Mass - John Scannell R.I.P.

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Personal Intention

10.00am Mass - The Parishioners

12noon - Baptism of Oscar Myles Murphy at Husbands Bosworth

2.00pm - Baptism of Eva & Keira Darcy

### Monday: St Gregory the Great

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass - Personal Intention

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass - Personal Intention

Rosary after Mass

### Wednesday: Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass - Joe Coleman R.I.P.

### Thursday: Feria

9.43am Rosary

10.00am Mass - Vic Norton R.I.P.

### Friday: Feria

6.45pm Prayer of the Church

7.00pm Mass - Wellbeing of Nellie Read

### Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

NO MORNING MASS (Mass in the Prison)

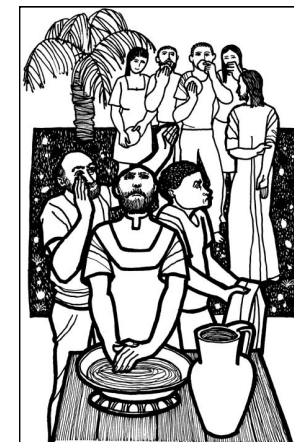
6.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday 9th - The Parishioners

### Sunday: 23rd of Ordinary Time

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Personal Intention

10.00am Mass - Helena Nowakowska R.I.P.

*You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions*



### Confessions Saturday

11.00 - 11.30 am

5.30 - 6.00 pm.

& on request

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

10.30—11.00 a.m.



## **OBSERVATIONS!!**

1. As I prepare this newsletter, you will appreciate that I have just returned from my holidays and as yet have not had a chance to open my mail. So apologies if there are any notices for inclusion in this weeks newsletter. Hopefully I will have looked at the mail by the weekend and if there is anything urgent I will announce it from the Lectern at the end of Mass.
2. On my return last night (Wed at 10.30pm) I was delighted to see such a wonderful display of blooming flowers outside the Hall doors, the presbytery door, the Church door, and the space between the presbytery and the church. Ritchie's green fingers and skill, together with mother nature, have given us a wonderful display of colour, beauty and welcome.
3. I noticed too that the trees outside the church and the Catholic club have been cut and reshaped. The last cut was some 12 years ago. Let's hope this one lasts as long also. Progress in decorating and refurbishing the Kavanagh Room is well in hand.
4. My special thanks to Fr John for his pastoral and spiritual care for all of you in my absence. We are truly blessed to welcome him each year. Let's hope it can be for a few more.
5. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the many who took on various responsibilities in my absence. To name them would be unwise, but you have done the parish a great and blessed service. Thank you all so very, very much. well done one and all.



**PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:** As I am now on my return journey after a very lovely, relaxing holiday in the company of my family and friends, I first of all want to thank God for the blessing of my own family - my siblings, my in laws, nieces and their lovely children. How blessed I am with such a wondrous gift. My holiday was also the more enjoyable because of the very pleasant weather we had, and the welcome I received from the Golf Clubs and courses I was able to play.

However, not all was bright and cheery. The lead up to the Pope's visit in Ireland last weekend caused much pain, hurt and "Church and Pope bashing" via the media in general and some political and former influential personalities in Ireland. It was a sad time, a painful time in that lead up. The pain, the agony, the hurt of many was, and is understandable. As the Pope said in his letter of last week to the Catholic world "*the heart wrenching pain of these victims (of clerical sexual abuse) was long ignored, left quiet or silenced*", "*we showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them*". Against that background, in my view the Pope was coming to Ireland in "a no win situation". Many have abandoned the traditional practice of the Catholic faith, though I would say that they appear not to have abandoned the faith itself. Many young people would appear to have dismissed the moral, ethical and theological teachings and directives of the Catholic faith, but again have decided on their own faith journey with their own interpretation and application of the faith. Against that background, Pope Francis arrived in Ireland to celebrate "the World Meeting of Families", to visit and pray at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock (with a restricted attendance of 45,000; also the Phoenix Park in Dublin on Sunday, again before a restricted crowd of 500,000 on health and safety grounds). We waited, we prayed, we hoped that in the current circumstances, the Pope would be given a warm and sincere welcome, that he would be respected as leader of the Catholic Church, that his message would be listened to and respected, and that he would leave our shores safe and well, with a message, a hope, a challenge for the Church in our time and for the future. We simply waited and prayed in silence.



**PERSONAL REFLECTIONS POST POPE FRANCIS VISIT: JOY, SHEER JOY - CELEBRATIONS AND JUBILATION:** There are some of my personal descriptives at the reception given to Pope Francis during his 36 hours visit to Ireland, Thousands upon thousands turned out to greet him, to cheer him, to welcome him. Having been officially welcomed by the President of Ireland, he was then welcomed by Ireland's Prime Minister (the Taoiseach) with the words, "welcome to a new Ireland", when he asked the Pope to respond to the "new" Ireland with much of "its newness" now enshrined in the Irish constitution, now clashing and contrary to church teachings and dogmas. The sad issue of clerical sex abuse and its subsequent hurt, damage and betrayal was an overriding matter raised and addresses by Pope Francis in all his addresses, but anything the Pope said by way of sorrow, shame and betrayal, hurt etc... was not sufficient for the victims of the said evil. Apart from that overriding sorrow and the wounds that are still so raw, still festering and still hurting the Pope's visit was a success, a huge blessing and a huge celebration. It was also a historic occasion which will be recorded for future generations. I have no doubt that the Pope's visit will bear fruit, that there will be a renewal of faith, not the traditional faith that many of us have known, and tried to live out in our daily lives, but a "new" faith adapted to present times, to a generation of it's time. I also believe that Pope Francis is the Pope to lead, to adapt and to inspire. We wait and live in hope that "the Holy Spirit will work over time" and take us, under the Pope's leadership where God wants us to be.



**OUR BISHOP PATRICK** has emailed all the clergy of our Diocese to let us know that the strict letter of civil and canonical law would be applied to any allegations against any clergy in our Diocese, found to be guilty of any kind of clerical sexual abuse of young persons. He also wished all our parishioners to be informed of this intent. He also requested our prayers for all victims of clerical sexual abuse.

## **GOING BACK TO GHANA ; FR JOHN BOAKYE MENSAH**

Unfortunately once again, all too soon, my 16th year 'busman's holiday' has quickly come to an end. As usual I have had a wonderful bit of rest. I'm travelling back to Ghana on Wednesday, 5th September 2018 to continue my Pastoral work in my PARISH, ST MICHAEL'S AT KYIRAPATRE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KUMASI. Really I have enjoyed your hospitality during my short stay with you all. Your wonderful co-operation and support are much appreciated. Indeed as usual I'm ever grateful to Canon O'Neill, the Parish Priest for welcoming me to his presbytery. I'm so grateful to all those who took care of my stomach most especially, Margaret Kenny and all who invited me to their homes. My sincere gratitude also goes to all those who helped me in the Liturgy. My sincere gratitude also goes to Maggie Lane, and the Third world Group for their immense support in my pastoral ministry in Ghana. I do appreciate your constant support. The last but not the least, many thanks to all those who gave me lifts in my pastoral ministry in the parish, and from, and to the Heathrow Airport. May God bless you all.

How I wish I could get more time to stay here with you but I have got to go and continue my pastoral work in my parish in Ghana. Undoubtedly I know you will continue to pray for me and support me.

(con'd on page 4)