

Our Lady of Compassion

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Times of Services and Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th September 2017

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 1st October 2017

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8.30am C.D. Boban RIP

10.30am

Monday The Holy Guardian Angels

NO MORNING MASS TODAY

Tuesday Feria

9.00am Brian Lambert RIP (Anniv)

Wednesday St Francis of Assisi, Rel

9.00am Brian Lambert RIP

Thursday Feria

9.00am Bonnie Gainza RIP

Friday Feria

9.00am Donald Faux RIP

9.30am **BENEDICTION**

Saturday 7th October 2017

6.00pm Hilary & Muriel Gaskin RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 8th October 2017

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Tim Grech

10.30am People of the Parish

6.30pm **BENEDICTION**

Prayers

Your prayers are asked for all who have recently died, also those who are sick including Derek Shephard, Maire Channer, Bridget Edwards, Bobby Hughes, Freda Lamb, Sue Yuhl, Katherine Tremain, Chris Hall, Connie Blackwell, Tom Faux, Win Connor, Isabel Durning, Brenda Faux, Rosemary O'Rourke (mother of Sinead Dorn), Carmel Beimann, Paul McCarthy, Jude Mack, Veronica Pretlove, Olivia Sturgess, Joan Howlett (friend of the Grossfields), Helen Weid (sister of Mike Rogacs), Nuala O'Callaghan, Vivian Barbour, Jan Wilkins, Oliver Hutchings, Michael Waterworth (colleague of Michael O'Sullivan), Inoo Faux, Nicholas Ripper, Lesley Shephard (daughter in law of Derek), Pauline Gudgeon (Aunt of Kate Griffin), Sue Bouton, Harold Cudden-Large, and for all in the parish who are housebound.

CTSW Prayer Focus - October

This month, prayers will be offered for Ashdon Baptist Church and Wimbish School.

Financial Matters

Offertory Collection

23rd/24th Sept £668.06

Standing orders: £612.31 £2,011.58

Gift Aid

Any Parishioner wishing to join the Gift Aid scheme, so that tax may be recovered on their offertory, please contact Andrew Page:

Tel: 01799 218201

Email: giftaid@olcsaffronwalden.org.uk

News and Events

This year's Parish Retreat will take place at St. Mark's on Saturday 7th October 10:00-15:00. It will be led by Fr Adrian Graffy on the theme: **Why was St Paul so angry with the Galatians?** Details are posted on the news page of parish website: www.olcsaffronwalden.org.uk/news-latest.html. Please confirm your attendance with either Fr. David or Lynn Ingamells by Sunday 1st October. All welcome.

Please note that there will be no morning Mass on Monday 2nd October.

On **Sunday 8th October** there will be Benediction for the Walsingham Walkers, but everyone is welcome to join us for this traditional Catholic devotion.



HARVEST FESTIVAL at ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

This year the Harvest Festival Celebration, when Children and Parishioners have an opportunity to join together to give thanks, will take place on

**Wednesday 17th October at 9.30am
IN THE SCHOOL HALL.**

All Parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and join in the Celebration at the school. Fr David will be there for the blessing of the Gifts and SVP Members will afterwards be distributing the Harvest as in previous years.

Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

PLEASE DO TRY TO COME ALONG

BIBLE STUDY GROUP. Our next meeting will be at 8pm in the Hall on Tuesday 10th October when we will continue with St Mark's Gospel. Everyone is welcome and no prior knowledge is needed.

There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend for Harvest Fast Day.

Parish diaries are now on sale in the church porch – still only 30p.

Music at the 10.30am Mass

1st Oct : Folk Group
8th Oct : Traditional Choir
15th Oct : Youth Choir
22nd Oct : Traditional Choir

Youth Choir - Practice 8th October

Continuing to encourage the younger members of our congregation to lead the singing at Mass, we shall have a short practice of our next hymn selection. Please stay behind after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 8th October - I promise we will be very quick! The hymns chosen for the Youth Choir singing on 15th Oct. can be found on the website under ministries - music. Contact Stephanie for more information (01799 550212)

Confirmation 2018

The first class will be 8th October 2017 after 10.30 mass in the Parish Hall. Application forms need to be returned to Fr David by this Sunday, 1st Oct 2017. For further information please see our website www.olcsaffronwalden.org.uk/sacraments-confirmation.html or contact Trish Cobby 01799 501478.

There is a Christian Aid Collection in town 09:00 to 16:00 on October 14th. Please let John Capper (01799 523805) know by Oct 3rd or 4th if you can collect for an hour, and any time restriction.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is Friday 6th October

This Harvest Fast Day we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please take a Fast Day envelope after Mass, fast this Friday and give what you can. Envelopes will be collected on 7th/8th October. Thankyou.

Inter Faith Group for North West Essex

A relaxed discussion group for people of all faiths, and none. The group usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd October, 6.30pm-7.30/8.00pm, in the parish hall. Revd John Goddard from the Baptist Church will give a talk entitled 'A brief introduction to Baptists and some other related groups' Further details from Shawn Martin: (07902 213503). EssexFaith@outlook.com

NEWSLETTER: If you have any items for inclusion in next week's newsletter, please contact Hayley Doe by Thursday evening : hayley.doe@ntlworld.com or telephone 01799 525617.