



# Weekly Newsletter

## 11th - 18th August 2018



### Eucharistic Community of Saints Francis de Sales and Mary Magdalene Mass and Confession Times

**Celebrating The 60th Anniversary Of The Opening Of St Mary Magdalene Church & Diocesan Year Of Prayer And Vocation**

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	<b>ST FRANCIS DE SALES</b> Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b> Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Green)	6pm Rosary <b>6.30pm Mass</b>		<b>PARISHIONERS</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Green)	8.00am Rosary <b>8.30am Mass in Portuguese language</b>  11.00am Rosary <b>11.30am Mass</b> 12.30pm Divine Mercy	8.45am Rosary <b>9.15am Mass</b>	<b>NORMAN, ANN &amp; BRIDGET McEWAN RIP</b>  <b>ROBBIE SHEEHAN RIP</b>

## 19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week 3

<b>Monday</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Green)		09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>HUGH WM. CASEY RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Red)	<b>St Maximilian Kolbe</b> 11.30am Rosary <b>12 noon Mass</b>		<b>MRS ANNE ROONEY RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Blue)	<b>Assumption of the BVM - Holy Day of Obligation</b>  7.00pm Rosary <b>7.30pm Mass</b>	Adoration 7-10am & 12-7pm 09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>PETER MUSGRAVE RIP</b>  <b>PARISHIONERS</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Green)	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Friday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Green)		09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>JULIA BREEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Blue)	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b> 10.45-11.45am Confessions	<b>1) PRIVATE INT. (JG)</b> <b>2) MENA THORNTON &amp; FAMILY</b> <b>3) JOHN CLARK RIP</b> <b>4) PRIVATE INT. (MF)</b> <b>5) JOSEPH DONOGHUE</b> <b>6) ROBINSON (Foundation)</b>

**There is a 2nd collection this weekend for the Columban Fathers**

**WEDNESDAY IS A HOLY DAY DAY OF OBLIGATION SEE ABOVE MASS TIMES**



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## Forming Intentional Disciples

### The Mystery and Necessity of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is a **mystery** because it is *inexhaustible* in both its intelligibility and reality. Why so? Because in the Eucharist we find that the divine and human meet, eternity and time meet, the infinite and finite meet, the divine will and human will meet, justice and mercy meet, grace and nature meet. Consider for example some of the many dimensions of the Eucharist:

- it is at once the *re-presentation* here and now of the Sacrifice of Christ that saves us from our sins;
- it is the food and drink of eternal life as it is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ;
- it's the seed of our resurrection for we receive his glorified Body;
- it is the source of our transfiguration into being saints as adopted sons and daughters of God;
- it is the participation in the eternal life of the Trinity on this side of the grave;
- it makes us into the Body of Christ as the Church;
- it unites us to those in heaven, those in purgatory and those on earth in the Communion of the Saints who are present in the Mass with us etc...

Yet the Eucharist is also not just a profound and inexhaustible mystery it is also a **necessity** for mankind, if it is to be saved. As Jesus makes clear in these definitive words:

***“Amen, Amen I say unto you: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you will not have life in you.”*** [John 6:53]

***“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;”*** [John 6:54].

It is for this reason that the Eucharist is the *seed of the resurrection* and why on our *deathbed* we are called to receive the Eucharist as **Viaticum**. Hence, why it is truly the **Last Sacrament**:

#### **Code of Canon Law:**

**Can. 921** §1. The Christian faithful who are in danger of death from any cause are to be nourished by holy communion in the form of Viaticum.

**Can. 922** Holy Viaticum for the sick is not to be delayed too long; those who have the care of souls are to be zealous and vigilant that the sick are nourished by Viaticum while fully conscious.

#### **Catechism of the Catholic Church:**

**CCC 1524** Communion in the body and blood of Christ, received at this moment of "passing over" to the Father, has a particular significance and importance. It is the **seed of eternal life** and the **power of resurrection**, according to the words of the Lord: *"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."* The sacrament of Christ once dead and now risen, the Eucharist is here the sacrament of passing over from death to life, from this world to the Father.

**CCC 1525** Thus, just as the sacraments of *Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist* form a unity called *"the sacraments of Christian initiation,"* so too it can be said that **Penance, the Anointing of the Sick** and the **Eucharist as viaticum** constitute at the end of Christian life "the sacraments that prepare for our heavenly homeland" or the sacraments that complete the earthly pilgrimage.

## Parish / External Events & Other Information

<b>MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Alvah is the Parish Maintenance Co-Ordinator. Any maintenance issues, please email parishmaintenance@diginet2.co.uk or tel. 07961 500350
<b>SVP CONTACT</b>	Tel: 07803 369371
<b>GOING INTO MK HOSPITAL?</b>	<b>Chaplaincy: 01908 996061.</b> The Catholic Chaplain visits during the week & a lay team brings Communion Sundays. Call the Chaplaincy for Holy Communion.
<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> Mass cards cost 60p - please include money for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> class stamp (now 56p) if you need it posted to you	To have Mass offered, fill out a request form and hand it, with your money for the stipend, to the office at St Mary's, or put it in an envelope, clearly marked, in the collection basket & it will be taken to the office. Your Mass will be listed on page 1 of the newsletter on the week it will be said, showing which Church, it will be said at. <b>PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Mass intention slots are full until late August (Sundays have only a couple of slots before October).</b> <b>YOU NEED TO USE THE NEW MASS INTENTION FORMS which comply with the new GDPR Data Protection Act 2018.</b>
<b>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK</b>	If you are going into hospital, please do think about receiving the Sacrament of the Sick. Contact the parish office to arrange this.
<b>FRIDAY DIVINE MERCY</b>	Starts again 21st September at 3.30pm.
<b>"9-12" CLUB</b>	New dates will be published in the near future.
<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:</b>	Next date to be published soon at 3pm at St Francis de Sales.
<b>FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY after 9.15am &amp; 11.30am Masses</b>	No teas and coffees after 9.15am Mass at present. After 11.30am Mass join us in the garden at St Francis de Sales. <b>DO COME &amp; JOIN US AND HELP OUT IF YOU CAN TO SET UP BEFORE MASS OR WITH SERVICE AFTER MASS</b>
<b>TROUBLED WITH WASPS?</b>	Lawnscience will treat your wasps nest for only £40:00 (normal cost £80 plus Vat) all funds to go to the church. Call Terry on 01908 504664.
<b>YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND</b> <b>7-9 September 2018</b>	Theme: "Tell others the truth that sets you free" (Pope Benedict XVI). A full-board retreat at Douai Abbey run by YCA. This is a weekend packed with a variety of activities/talks etc - full details are on the posters in the porch.
<b>ITEMS BEING DONATED TO THE CHURCH</b>	Please would parishioners wishing to donate items such as furniture, electrical goods etc. clear this with Alvah first, <b>before</b> bringing these to either Church. The parish has been having to pay money, to dispose of donated items which are being left here and are not needed! Many thanks! Your donations <b>are</b> very much appreciated when we need items (see appeals in the newsletter from time to time), but we regret that we cannot accept items we are unable to use).
<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER</b>	<b>The copy deadline for the newsletter is 12 noon on Tuesday.</b> To have entry put into the newsletter please e-mail:newsletter@diginet2.co.uk
<b>SILENCE IN CHURCH</b>	
To encourage silence and prayerful thanksgiving after Mass, Fr Bernard & Fr Richard invite you to pray St Thomas Aquinas's "Prayer of thanksgiving after Mass." Copies are available at the back of church.	
<b>SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: for those unable to receive Holy Communion at Mass.</b> My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things: I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You, and I unite myself entirely, to You as if You had already come. Do not permit me to be ever separated from you.	
<b>GDPR</b>	Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice which may be seen in the Parish Office, on the Parish website, on the Diocesan website, or contact <a href="mailto:parish.data@diginet2.co.uk">parish.data@diginet2.co.uk</a>

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## An Opportunity For Fellowship & Important Things You Need To Know

<b>HOLY MATRIMONY</b>	Our programme covers such themes as: Does marriage really matter? And if it does, how do we begin to understand its mystery and meaning? How do we live this beautiful Sacrament day unto day? Come and see! Next course begins in September 2018. For further information please email matrimony@diginet2.co.uk One year's notice required.
<b>BAPTISM COURSE</b>	The autumn baptism course (preparing for Baptisms on 18th November) will start with an Induction session on 22nd September and then continues on 29th September, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th October. <b>It is necessary to attend ALL sessions including the Induction</b> to proceed to the Sacrament in November. Sessions run from 10am to 11.30am in the meeting room at St Mary's presbytery. To join this course, please <b>register by 31st August - late registrations after this date will NOT be accepted</b> (but another course will run in the New Year). To register, email: baptism@diginet2.co.uk
<b>RCIA ADULTS -APOLOGETICS</b>	<b>Mondays 7.00-8.30pm in the presbytery at Wolverton - Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> and continues: 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> September. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> October. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12, 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> November and 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018. Course will continue into 2019. Contact Fr. Bernard or email rcia@diginet2.co.uk
<b>RCIA YOUTH COURSE</b>	TBA for September 2018 onwards and is for those who are 9yrs+ and not been baptised or received First Holy Communion.
<b>ANCHOR COURSE</b>	For parents of children in the Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation programs. Continues on 21 <sup>st</sup> July from 11am - 12.30 at the Meeting Room, Saint Mary Magdalene Presbytery. <b>Please note that we cannot accommodate children at this course.</b>
<b>PARISH HALL CLOSURE</b>	The hall remains closed for urgent roof renovations and other work. Owing to Health and Safety, no one is allowed anywhere near this area. We do not know how long this will take, but the hall is very important to us as a Parish Eucharistic Community and we hope to be able to reopen it in September. Apologies to those whose bookings have had to be cancelled.
<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	The Confirmation Course continues after the summer break on 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> September, 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> November, 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>FAITH &amp; PIZZA SESSIONS</b>	<b>St Francis, 7.30pm - 9.00pm on 1st September and 6th October</b> for young people who have been confirmed including those who went through RCIA Youth.
<b>REQUIRED URGENTLY</b>	Someone is needed to clean the altar brasses at St Francis. This takes about 90 minutes a week. Contact Margaret at St Francis.
<b>JOB VACANCY - SVP</b>	The SVP are seeking to recruit a Young Vincentians Programme Manager: £30k pa; full time permanent contract. Closing date: 15:00 on Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2018. Interviews: Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2018. Start date: ASAP. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <a href="https://www.svp.org.uk/">https://www.svp.org.uk/</a>
<b>JOB VACANCY - SVP</b>	The SVP are seeking to recruit a Mini Vinnies Officer: £23k pro rata; 2 days/wk; one year contract. Closing date: 10:00 Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2018. Interviews: Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August. Start date: ASAP. Based at the national office. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <a href="https://www.svp.org.uk/">https://www.svp.org.uk/</a>
<b>DRESS CODE</b>	We need to recognize that our external dress must not offend against modesty nor reverence and respect. So please dress appropriately, even when it is hot! If you are unsure what is acceptable, please listen to advice offered by others.
<b>PARISH OFFICE CONTACT: office@diginet2.co.uk</b>	To contact the office, ring 01908 564363 normally Monday – Friday, 0900 to 12 noon. Or email office@diginet2.co.uk at any time ... or text 07761 583307 PLEASE ONLY USE THE EMERGENCY CONTACTS BELOW TO CALL A PRIEST TO THE DYING. <b>Do not ring the mobile for routine matters at weekends!</b>
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACTS</b>	Need a priest urgently? Call: Dawn (07761 583307), Derick (07484 162623) or Janet (07821 698419). These numbers are for <b>emergency use only</b> if you need to call a priest to the dying. For other matters, please contact the parish office, weekday mornings between 9am and 12 noon (01908 564363).

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