

OFFERTORY

Last Week: £1,887.24
S/O: £ 160.00
Total: £2,047.24

300 CLUB

Next Draw will
be on 25/08/2017

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2017 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Cycle A)

First Reading: 1 Kings: 19:9. 11-13; The Lord was in the gentle breeze.

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5: I would be willingly condemned if it could help my brothers

Gospel: Matt: 14:22-33; Tell me to come to you across the water.

Reflection: Christ is the still point in the midst of the turmoil of life.

Response to the Psalm: Let us see, O Lord in your mercy and give us your saving help

Monday is the Memorial of St Maximilian Kobe

TUESDAY – FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

Masses are at 8am and 12.15 and 8pm. The Novena to St Anthony will follow the 12.15 Mass as usual.

TODAY – PICNIC IN THE PARK

Nigerian Community is organising a picnic at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park at Westfield London this Sunday 13th of August 2017 and everyone is invited to join them. If it is not too early, if you could also allow all the Nigerians in the Church to know that there will be a Nigerian Independence day celebration on the 1st of October and everyone is invited and all should bring something to share.

LAUNDRY ROTA

Can you please collect Rota for Minister of Holy Communion Laundry. Many thanks

A DAY WITH MARY – 19TH AUGUST 2017.

You are invited to A Day with Mary at St. Anne Line, Grove Crescent Woodford, London E18. The theme of the day will be the Centenary of Our Lady at Fatima. The day commences at 9:15am until 4.15pm – please bring a packed lunch. Full details are on the poster at the back of the church.

FUNERAL MASS

Funeral Mass for Curtis Jules will be on Thursday 17th August 2017 @ 12.15. May he rest in Peace.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Forms are available for collection in the Church Porch. Children to be prepared must be baptised Catholics, living in the Parish of St Francis, who will be in Year 3 or above by this September 2017. Forms must be returned with a **COPY** of the child's Baptismal Certificate and left at the Parish Office or given to Sr Bernie, marked "First Communion Preparation" by Friday 1st September 2017.

BEACH TRIP

The Ghana Community is organising a beach trip to Clacton on Sea on Saturday 19th August 2017. Interested parishioners wishing to join the trip should text 'Beach' followed by name and telephone number to 07956 431673. Fare: Adult: £20.00, under 18 years, £15.00. Limited spaces and is strictly first come, first served. Deadline for payment 22nd July 2017.

SUMMERFEST 2017

Saturday 19th August from 12.00pm – 4pm Community fun day at Richard House Children's Hospice, Richard House Drive E16 3RG – 5 minutes from Royal Albert DLR. 50p entry for adults and free for children

THE BLESSED TANSI PRAYER GROUP

Invites everyone to their annual pilgrimage to Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Saturday the 26th of August. A coach will be leaving from the front of our Church 7a.m. For further details, please contact Francesca Uche on 07931 - 652056

LOURDES - SUMMER 2017

Turn your computer on, and enjoy the "virtual pilgrimage." Video clips of 2-10 minutes capture the flavour of the recent Diocesan pilgrimage, including all the homilies, and interviews with Bishop Alan and Fr Bob Hamill. You can find these via www.bcys.net or search "Virtual Pilgrimage – Lourdes 2017" on YouTube.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, PANAMA - JANUARY 2019

If you will be in year 12, or aged 17-27, in January 2019, then join the BCYS group travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for an encounter with 2 million young people from all over the world, and the Pope. This is truly a “once in a lifetime” experience and an amazing opportunity to discover and celebrate faith in Latin America. For more information, visit www.bcys.net or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 15th September 2017.

THOSE WISHING TO MARRY

Those wishing to prepare for marriage are reminded that the bishops have asked that they give 6 months notice of their intention. This time is needed for the obtaining of documents and processing them if the wedding is to be held abroad. More importantly, time is needed for the couple to think and pray about the sacrament they will celebrate together.

EXTRACT FROM POPE FRANCIS' AMORIS LAETITIA

LIFE IN THE WIDER FAMILY

The nuclear family needs to interact with the wider family made up of parents, aunts and uncles, cousins and even neighbours. This greater family may have members who require assistance, or at least companionship and affection, or consolation amid suffering.²⁰⁸ The individualism so prevalent today can lead to creating small nests of security, where others are perceived as bothersome or a threat. Such isolation, however, cannot offer greater peace or happiness; rather, it straitens the heart of a family and makes its life all the more narrow. First, let us think of our parents. Jesus told the Pharisees that abandoning one's parents is contrary to God's law (cf. Mk 7:8-13). We do well to remember that each of us is a son or daughter. “Even if one becomes an adult, or an elderly person, even if one becomes a parent, if one occupies a position of responsibility, underneath all of this is still the identity of a child. We are all sons and daughters. And this always brings us back to the fact that we did not give ourselves life but that we received it. The great gift of life is the first gift that we received”.

Hence, “the fourth commandment asks children... to honour their father and mother (cf. Ex 20:12). This commandment comes immediately after those dealing with God himself. Indeed, it has to do with something sacred, something divine, something at the basis of every other kind of human respect. The biblical formulation of the fourth commandment goes on to say: ‘that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you’. The virtuous bond between generations is the guarantee of the future, and is the guarantee of a truly humane society. A society with children who do not honour parents is a society without honour... It is a society destined to be filled with surly and greedy young people”.

There is, however, another side to the coin. As the word of God tells us, “a man leaves his father and his mother” (Gen 2:24). This does not always happen, and a marriage is hampered by the failure to make this necessary sacrifice and surrender. Parents must not be abandoned or ignored, but marriage itself demands that they be “left”, so that the new home will be a true hearth, a place of security, hope and future plans, and the couple can truly become “one flesh” (ibid.). In some marriages, one spouse keeps secrets from the other, confiding them instead to his or her parents. As a result, the opinions of their parents become more important than the feelings and opinions of their spouse. This situation cannot go on for long, and even if it takes time, both spouses need to make the effort to grow in trust and communication. Marriage challenges husbands and wives to find new ways of being sons and daughters.