



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH (Vol 8: Issue 130)

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2022 **25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: YEAR C**

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GOD OUR FATHER, GRANT ETERNAL REST TO ELIZABETH 11, OUR LATE QUEEN.

Reflection: During August 29th to September 9th, 17 of us were on tour to Oberammergau and Lake Garda.

In the early 17th century, all was well in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau in Southern Germany. Then a returning man from the village inadvertently brought the Black Death plague into their midst. Many lost their lives as a result. The villagers then made a pact with God – to the effect that if there were no more plague deaths in the village, they would stage every 10 years a Passion Play. There were no more deaths, and they have remained ever faithful to their pact.

Clearly Oberammergau was, and still is, very religiously devout.

Our Oberammergau tour was booked as long ago as late February 2018. We had expected to go in late August 2020. Unsurprisingly, we were deferred for 2 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic – (in view of the history behind Oberammergau's Passion Play, there surely was something of an irony in this respect!)

As was only to be expected, in view of its universal renown, the Play was a magnificent spectacle from start to finish. The population of the town is around 5,500 and all villagers have some involvement, even if behind the scenes in the vast preparations beforehand.

It would be a shame to "give the game away", so to speak, by lengthily commenting on the Play. Rather, it needs to be experienced for oneself. It is very faithful to both the Old and New Testament and is unswervingly loyal to Jesus and to His Message, Mission & Ministry.

Our party travelled with Leger Holidays Coach Travel. They secured excellent near-to-stage seating for us. It will next be staged in 2030. **DO GO IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN!**

N.B. FROM OCTOBER, WE RETURN TO MASS AT 9.15am MONDAY to FRIDAY INCLUSIVE.

Saturday 17th September 2022

Confessions: 10.30-11am & 5.45-6.15pm

6.30pm Mass: Martin Healy R.I.P. (AG)

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

7.30am: Adoration

8.30am Mass: Hironomus Msefya R.I.P.

11.00am Mass: PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday 19th September 2022 Feria

7.30pm Mass – Sean Gavigan R.I.P. (Hickey family)

8.00pm Adoration

Tuesday 20th September 2022 St. Andrew Kim Taigon (Martyr) *et al*

7.30pm Mass – For God's guidance & protection & in thanksgiving for continued healing (UU)

8.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 21st September 2022 Feast: St Matthew (Apostle)

7.30pm Mass – Sundram Manuel Joseph R.I.P. (32nd anniversary)

8.00pm Adoration

Thursday 22nd September 2022 Feria

7.30pm Mass – For Zena & family

8.00pm Adoration

Friday 23rd September 2022 St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

7.30pm Mass – In thanksgiving for St. Pio's intercession for his spiritual children & others

8.00pm Adoration

Saturday 24th September 2022 Our Lady of Walsingham

10am Mass: For Micah, Jenny & John to become a truly Catholic family

Confessions: 10:30-11am & 5:45-6:15pm

6.30pm Mass: Deceased & living members of the Extrass family

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2022:

AMOS 8: 4-7

2 TIMOTHY 2: 1-8

LUKE 16: 1- 13

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"THOUGH NO ONE CAN GO BACK AND MAKE A BRAND NEW START, ANYONE CAN START FROM NOW AND MAKE A BRAND NEW ENDING."

(CARL BARD)

Autumn Fundraising: For October & November, we will be repeating the 2 months of fundraising as in the past 2 years. It was very well supported and much appreciated, and not least because in both years it was not possible to stage an annual bazaar. This will be the final one in this format because 2022 is our definitive 60th birthday year (and this initiative invited parishioners to contribute £60 in cash, to mark that numeral). The draw prizes will be as per last year i.e. £500, £300, £200 respectively, and from donations.

Many thanks to Agnes (cooking) and Issy (serving) for the "Food in Garden" sessions on the 4 Sundays of August. Food sales raised £215 for parish funds and many thanks to all attending.

Please see the flyers in the church relating to the 5 Saturdays of October. There will be tables that parish members can book for the sale of items on which they wish to de-clutter – the parish garden is the venue.

We plan a Christmas bazaar for SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER (11am-4pm) - to prepare for this, after a 2-year gap, there will be meetings on: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27th; TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER; TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22nd. All welcome to these meetings. Please arrive at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Thank you.

New Addington Foodbank: Many thanks for your regular contributions. Special thanks to Richard (Francis) who faithfully takes them to the Foodbank on Tuesday evenings. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies (size 4 & higher sizes); baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

2020 Diamond Fund: this dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60th Year (Diamond Anniversary) as a parish. 2020 marks 60 years of our church being built, before its final unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

Gift Aid Scheme: Parishioners who are not currently members, if taxpayers, are encouraged to join. You have paid tax on your weekly giving to the parish. We can claim this back from HMR & C, at no cost to you.

2nd Collection this Sunday: it reflects September 18th being **Home Mission Sunday**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE HEALTH ISSUES: Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Grace Sebastian-Price, Sally Grante, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Alexandra Munn, Ann Gavigan, Caroline Morrison, Cathy Joyce, Peter Enohoro, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Pat & Chris McRedmond, Monica & Pat Courtman, Kathy & Terry Jobson, Ainsley Carr, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Toni Kilonzo, Margaret Furey, Bryan & Maria Smith, George Peach, Edith Mack, Mary Johnston, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Teresa Holmes, Mike Cogavin, Salvatore Basilio, Rebekah Stone (16), Amelia & Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, Pat Vaughan, Enis Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, Mike Slattery.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

Sunday 28th August: Attendance: 194 1st Collection total: £389.80 2nd Collection: £89.09

Sunday 4th September: Attendance: 150 1st Collection total: £384.69 2nd Collection £88.68

Sunday 11th September: Attendance: 202 1st Collection total: £491.35 2nd Collection £151.10

Many thanks for your customary all-round weekly generosity.