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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th July 2010

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office <i>No mass on Monday</i>
Tuesday		<i>No 9 a.m. mass on Tuesday</i>
	12.00 noon	Requiem mass for Teresa Lines, R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Laurence of Brindisi, priest and doctor. Born in 1559.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Mary Magdalene. One of Christ's disciples.
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Bridget of Sweden, religious, Patron of Europe
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass, followed by confessions as necessary
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The church is open for private prayer each weekday morning from 9 a.m. until midday.
Volunteers to help maintain this service are always welcome.*

Repairs and improvements update

The underpinning of the church foundations is complete, as are the repairs and resurfacing to the car park. The removal of asbestos and re-roofing of the veranda should be finished in a couple of days. We again have a general use toilet which is useable at the foot of the ramp. This needs a volunteer to paint the walls. Any offers? The meeting room is back in use, with a level access floor from the church and the disabled toilet will be completed by next weekend. I'm very pleased with all of this and you will be welcome to have a nosey next weekend at it all. All we have to do now is pay for it. The final bill has not arrived yet but it will be in the region of £60,000+. So far we have had generous donations totalling £1,448.00. This includes another very generous anonymous gift of £50 received this week. We really do need to get some serious fundraising under way. Several people have suggested a "thermometer" but no one has offered to make one as yet. Any other ideas?

Fr. Peter

Beatification of Cardinal Newman by Pope Benedict

Sunday, 19th September, at Cofton Park, Birmingham

There is a list in the porch for people who wish to attend the Papal Mass and Beatification ceremony. There will be five coaches travelling together from our deanery. The departure point will be St. Peter's, Mill Hill, Blackburn, and the cost will be £25. Would one of the "pilgrims" (email address required) please volunteer to be the parish contact point?

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Mary Boardwell, Margaret Smith

Anniversaries: Charles Butcher (18th July), Marta Fajkis (15th July)

Birthday anniversaries: George McCann (22nd July)

Other intentions: special intention – 4 masses, holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, Our Lady of good remedy, Brian Poultney, thanksgiving to St. Jude.

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collections £563.97
The Apostleship of the Sea £285.01

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	144	R. Johnson
2 nd prize	£10	100	Mrs. M. McKay
3 rd prize	£5	94	Louis McCann

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Readers</i>	A. Barker W. Godwin	A. Thompson D. Jarrett	B. Hughes D. Ross	D. Ryding Angela Gibbs
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	A. Barker A. Gibbs A. Walsh P. Ainscough P. Wardle	B. Melia P. Cooney M. Alvarez J. Briggs D. Forbes	T. McIver R. Knowles A. Barker A. Gibbs A. Walsh	F. Boudjeko A. J. Gordon G. Brindle D. Jarrett B. Melia

Ministry

There are many ministries in the Church. Some are big, full-time and obvious, some are discrete and temporary and there is everything in between.

Whatever kind of ministry we are involved in – and baptism gives us a share in ministry, so we've all got one, if not several! – ministry is a service. It involves deliberate choices. It involves commitment, it will at times be inconvenient, it will at times conflict with our other interests and life choices. This is because every ministry is a service. We offer to put ourselves second to the service of God and the service of his Church, which, being the Body of Christ, is also the service of God.

Ministry, whether it is as a Reader in church or replacing the toilet rolls in the parish hall, is not something that happens because we would be there anyway. It is a promise, a commitment, a service to God and the community. It involves planning, decisions, putting ourselves out, turning up when we've something else to do, or asking someone to stand in for us if we can't make it.

It's worth thinking about how many people are involved in committed ministry in St. Joseph's parish. Without them not only would there not be hymn books for us to pick up – instead of being on the floor under the benches, or the church unlocked, or the money counted, or the hall cleaned, or the church ready for Mass, or toilet rolls when we need them, but there would be no St. Joseph's. The Catholic Church is a lot of things, but it's essentially a voluntary organisation. Even the priest is a volunteer.

Which part of it are you keeping going?

How are you exercising your ministry for God and his Church?