

FUNERAL FR MICHAEL PHILLIPS OSB Fr Michael's body will be received into the Abbey Church on Thursday 19th August. A Solemn Sung Funeral Mass will be held at 11.30am Friday 20th August, followed by burial in Monks' Wood.

ORDINATION BISHOP-ELECT Canon Tom Neylon will be ordained as Auxiliary Bishop at 12 noon on Friday 3rd September at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Would anyone like to arrange group transport from the parish for this event?

POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST Evangelisation: let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

'Most of us will remember the moment in March 2013 when the newly elected Pope first appeared on the balcony of St Peter's. Something about him told us a lot even before he opened his mouth: the plain cassock, the simple cross and the patient smile. This initial impression was confirmed by the words that followed: his initial *buona sera*, his reference to himself as the Bishop of Rome, his request for the faithful to pray silently for him. And then there was the name he had chosen: Francis, the saint of the poor. Already, we had a glimpse of his vision for the Church.

That impression was confirmed six months later when the first interview was published. In it he spoke of the Church as a field hospital after a battle. "It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol or about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal." Like a field hospital, Francis wants the Church to be focussed, not on itself, but on our world's wounds. He wants the Church to be involved in the real lives of people, bring healing and consolation to those who suffer, and above all reaching out to the poor, the forgotten, and the despised. From that perspective, Francis has questioned many aspects of how we live, including the inequalities that lie at the heart of our world order and the associated depletion of our planet's resources.

Francis wants the Church to be a better image of its Founder, who came to serve rather than be served, and offered forgiveness to sinners and hope to those on the margins. Francis longs for a Church that will be less grandiose, less triumphant, more humble, more inclusive, more Spirit-led. It's not surprising that his reforms have provoked misunderstanding in some quarters and bitter resistance in others. That's how it was for Jesus too.' (Extract from Living Prayer 2021).

APPEAL FOR MALE CLOTHES AND TOILETRIES FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS 120 male asylum seekers have recently arrived in the area after spending 5 days in a holding centre, having crossed the English Channel in small boats. The asylum seekers only have the clothes they arrived in and have no other possessions. If you can assist with donations of clothing for men aged 18 - 35, usually small/medium/large, specifically jeans, joggers, hoodies, tea shirts, shorts and trainers, then please leave in the box at the back of church (coffee room) or contact Janet. Please note: we don't need women's or baby items at the moment. Thank you for the donations we have received so far, and for your continued generosity. Douglas Valley Outreach contact is: Janet Decamp 07845493389.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (B)

15th August 2021

Celebration of Holy Mass

15 th Sunday	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10:30am Pro populo
16 th Monday	St Stephen of Hungary	9:15am In Thanksgiving (M)
17 th Tuesday	Feria	9:15am John Ramsbottom
18 th Wednesday	Feria	9:15am John-Paul Wilson
19 th Thursday	St John Eudes, Priest	9:15am Intentions Fr Barry
20 th Friday	St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor	9:15am Fr Michael Phillips OSB
22 nd Sunday	SUNDAY XXI OF THE YEAR	10:30am Pro populo

MASSES Weekday Masses will be held at 9.15am Monday to Friday inclusive, until 27 August.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Peter Sephton, John Lumb, Pauline Cunningham, Sheila Jennings, Fr Terence Perkins, Fr Cassian and Michael Smith (sick); all those affected by the Corona virus pandemic, and all in our parish who don't feel able to come to Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES Indra Hickey, Anthony Pickett, John Kervin

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY Thank you for your offerings. Due to staff holidays, the totals will be included in next week's newsletter.