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### The Week Ahead

#### *Psalter Week 4* *Weekday Cycle of Readings Year II*

#### **Sunday 18 August, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**09:15: Ken Kingsley R.I.P.**

#### **Tuesday 20 August, Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church**

09:30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00: Kate & Des MacNamara (JA)

18:00: *Rosary Group (led by Steve, all welcome)*

#### **Friday 23 August, Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr**

18:30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

19:00: Annual Mass for Benefactors (JA)

#### **Sunday 25 August, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**09:15: Geoff Wolfe**

**Confession:** Available during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for August:** We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**We remember in our prayers:** The sick and housebound of the parish and all known to us who are particularly unwell at this time.

**Gift Aid-** Please speak with Helen Dudley if you would like to know more about our planned giving scheme, Gift Aid and Standing Orders.

**Volunteer Please:** We have an opportunity for a Local Secretary (Parish Missio Representative) to take charge primarily of the Red Box Appeal. The position is not onerous; a Handbook is available as is the contact details for the Regional Representative who will provide help and advice if needed. Please let Fr Paul know ASAP if you can help so he may pass on your contact details to the Regional Rep.

**Cycle ride in aid of Prostate cancer:** Peter would like to extend his sincere thanks to all who supported his recent Coast to Coast cycle ride which raised £2800, well above all expectations. **Thank you all so much for your support and generosity.**

**Archbishop Bernard's call to celebrate the Season of Creation:** Archbishop Bernard has released a video ahead of the Season of Creation to encourage you to take up the opportunity which the Holy Father has given us to celebrate the Season. He says: "As you may know this is something growing year by year as we become more and more aware of our calling as Christians to have a care for the whole of the Created world..."

"Pope Francis is asking us to think about how we care for the whole of Creation as an expression of our own Christian Faith and is referring us to St Paul's letter to the Romans, which speaks about the whole of Creation groaning, but also looking for the freedom which Christ brings us as children of God..."

"**Hope and Act with Creation** is the theme for this year, and I hope you'll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising God and also caring for those who are most in need." You can find the full celebration guide as well as other prayers and resources on the Diocesan website.

**Adoremus here at St Joseph:** On Sunday 15 September, the Bishops of England and Wales invite all parishes across our countries to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

Here at St Joseph Exposition will follow directly after our 09:15 morning Mass on the 15<sup>th</sup> and continue until 11:30. Respectfully, I ask you depart Mass in silence that day should you be unable to stay.

#### **Early heads up! Pastoral Statistics Return 2024:**

Volunteer please to count the Mass Attendance for the following Sundays: September 22 & 29 October 6 & 13. Many thanks.

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