



The Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon & St. John the Evangelist, Mildenhall



Sunday, 5th August 2018 – Sunday 12th August 2018

Fr Dick is away from August 6th to August 12th.

Mothers of the Church

The “Fathers of the Church” are those whose wisdom, courage and faith have led the faithful from the Church’s foundation until today. They are much respected and rightly so.

Comparatively little is said or known about the role of women in the development of the Church. True St Jerome, who usually regarded women as less important than a spittoon, praised his friend **Paula** highly for her virtue and holiness. In fact, many ancient Christian women were known for their heroic faith. They were often commended for their unique purity of life, their inner strength, and even their “virile” courage. Perhaps most famous women martyrs are the young North African mothers, **Perpetua** and **Felicity**, whom the Romans threw to beasts in the third century.

Amongst the early monastic settlements of Egypt there were many that were led by women. **Egeria**, for example, sailed to Jerusalem and back in order to instruct her fourth-century community with eyewitness accounts of liturgies. **Macrina** was the elder sister of Saint Gregory of Nyssa, who was a mystic and theologian and spoke of his sister as his teacher. Perhaps the best known of the early Mothers of the Church was actually a mother – **St Monica**, St Augustine’s mother. It was her prayers that brought her dissolute son back to the Church to have a profound influence, still felt today, on theology and the practice of the faith. Women as martyrs, spiritual guides, teachers, and, of course, mothers have continued throughout our history to provide models for all of us. There will be more about them next week.

Contentment: a meditation

“I have been asked on more than one occasion if I am truly happy. In reply, I say that I don’t sort out what happiness is, or what others mean by it. It is not part and parcel of my own life or what others mean by it I find the worldly conception of happiness to be ephemeral, fleeting and transitory. I would rather talk about serenity or steady contentment. They offer some real possibilities and something that all of us can apprehend.

Blessings of the Daily: A Monastic Book of Days
Brother Victor-Antoine d’Avila Latourrette OSB

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St Dominic (1170-1221) was a Castilian priest and founder of the Dominican Order. Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers.

"Arm yourself with prayer instead of a sword; be clothed with humility instead of fine raiment." St Dominic -Source - ThoughtCo.com

Notices

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA • 10-15 SEPTEMBER 2018

The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Alan Hopes.

For more details or to request a booking form, please contact Pilgrimage People:

Tel: 0800. 612 3423

Email: office@pilgrimagepeople.org

Stapleford Granary, Bury Road, Stapleford, Cambridge CB22 5BP

WORLD YOUTH DAY • PANAMA 2019

Come and find out more at the Diocesan Launch

26th November 2018

(National Youth Sunday)

See Poster on notice board

Finance

Offertory collection, Sunday 15th July

Standing orders	£127.80
Gift Aid envelopes	£87.00
Non-Gift Aid envelopes	£66.00
Loose plate	£272.74
TOTAL	£553.54

PARISH DIARY

Date (Readings and Psalter Week)	Feast	Place, Time, Service M: Mildenhall; B; Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday 5th August Readings – Year B	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 1100 AM Mass	<i>The Darlings</i> <i>People of the Faith</i>
Wednesday, 8th August	St Dominic	B: 1100 AM NO MASS	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 9th August	St Benedicta of the Cross Patron of Europe	M: 1100 AM NO MASS	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday, 12th August Readings – Year B	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 1100 AM Mass	<i>Kathleen Conlan RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community: Sue and Tony Aldous, Marion Arkell, Patrick Blakey, Elizabeth Bolton, Rose Bruton, Sonia Buonocore, Tom Blong, Philip Dean, Bev and Amie Drill, Sheila Douglas, Clare Dower, Dorothea Edwards, Beth Fox, Pati Edmonds, Gill Foster, Bob Gormans, Yuang Rong Fen, Claire Hall, Kelly Hanson, Bridhe Heron, Douglas Knab, Melinda Lloyd, Emma Marshall, Mike Murray, Derek Newman, Gill O'Brien, Leonora O'Hanlon, George Pearson, Rosemary Peters, Penelope Post, Neville Reeve, Blanche Richardson, Phil Richardson, Aira Siczek, Sheila Smith, Clive Townsend, Robert Williams, and Philomena Wiswell ... **and all those in our intercession books.**

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially: Mary Baynard, Peggy Beckham, Louis Bucheron, Mario Buonocore, Eardley Bulley, Lilian Canaman Wood, Lilian Camps, Violet Celentarcic, Alicia W. Campos, Edmund Czarnowski, David John Dallimore, William James Dolan, Patrick Driscoll, Anne Durrant, Brendan Fulham, Rose Gower, William Halnan, Hlen Harris, Eileen Ann Hazard, Eileen Herrington, Roy Hubble, Irene Human, Maria Ivanicka, Raymond Julian Jureko, Sheila Karnes, Oscar Knab, Emily Korobczuk, Gertrude Lavender, Margaret Leonard, Kristof Lewandowski, Rafaela Lopez, Katherine MacAndrew, Peter McCann, Bridie McGowan, Frances McKenna, Herbert Moore, Jane Moore, Patrick Mulvihill, Theodore Neruda, Monique Newman, William Vincent O'Grady, Jerzy Okulich-Kozenya, Patrick Osborne, Leon Rapacewicz, George Robinson, Patricia Simmonds, Mollie Starr, Jennifer Waterlow, Catherine Wenton, Lillian Western, Bernie Willet, Joseph Willett, Maureen Wilson, Robert Wilson, Danka Wojciechowska.