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Times of Mass & Services

1st/2nd Oct. 2016

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)

Saturday	5.30 pm Pauline Hopkins RIP
Sunday	11.00 am Special Intention
Monday	10.00 am Sarah Dowd RIP
Tuesday	No Mass Today.
Wednesday	No Mass Today
Thursday	10.00 am Lina Donohoe RIP
Friday	9.00 am For the Starving
Saturday	5.30 pm Pauline Hopkins RIP
Sunday	11.00 am Special Intention

TUESDAY is Chapter Meeting and I also have a Funeral Reception in Coventry in the evening.

WEDNESDAY is the Funeral in Coventry. In the evening there is a Mass of Welcome for Fr Paul Gunter, O.S.B. in Alcester, which I must attend. There will not be Mass here on Tuesday or Wednesday this week. On Thursday the Mass is at 10am as I will be attending the Induction of Fr Andrew as Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Worcester, in the evening. No Holy Hour this week.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY IS THIS

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to join 32 year old Nicanora, from Bolivia, on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope and give what you can in the second collection next Sunday.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY IS ON 8th/9th Oct

It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. It was lovely that Bishop Robert was able to celebrate Mass at Long Lartin Prison last Sunday morning, a witness to the Year of Mercy. We have a Caritas affiliated charity which is solely dedicated to tackling the issues that arise from having a loved one in prison: the Prison Advice & Care Trust

(Pact). The charity works in all areas of the Criminal Justice System from the Courts to parole of ex-offenders. There are some envelopes at the back of church if you wish to make a contribution next weekend.

90th BIRTHDAY We congratulate Betty Gowers who celebrated her 90th Birthday on Wednesday. Betty told me how the present church, which had been a workshop, was bought by the local Catholics and dedicated to St Joseph the Worker in 1960. Betty recalls that prior to that, she, her father, and brother Peter, would walk to the nearest Mass which was at The Nunnery at Abbots Salford, (which is now a Hotel). They had one bicycle. Their system was that one would set off on the bike and partway leave it for the others, and each would take a turn. On the way back they would often stop at a shop in Salford Priors. When the lady learned what they were doing, she would thereafter make them a cup of coffee. Betty's brother Peter, is now Fr Stephen, a Cistercian monk at Mount St Bernard Abbey.

BUILDING COMMITTEE Please see the Minutes of our first Building Committee Meeting which took place in July. This month some members will look at some newer churches to further our understanding of design/cost.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 18th Sept. Offertory: £217.86, plus £270 in Standing Orders.

Home Mission Sunday: £68.89 Thank you 25th Sept. Offertory: £137.42, plus Standing Orders £270.

Development of the Shrine at Walsingham: £211.59 Thank you

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Mary Normoyle, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, John Fisher, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett, Peter Jones, Mary McInnis, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin.