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**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) 23rd/24th August 2014**

**Sat 23rd August 5.30pm @ CQ Frances Fleming RIP**

**Sun 24th August 9.30am @ QF Donor’s Intention**

**Sun 24th August 11.00am @ CQ People of the Parish**

Mon 25th - 9.30am @ QF Liturgy of the day Anne & Louis McKeown

Tue 26th – 10.00am @ CQ Liturgy of the day Theresa Channell RIP

Wed 27th - 9.45am @ CQ **Novena to Our Lady**

 “ “ - 10.00am @ CQ St Monica Evans Family Thanksgiving

Thu 28th - 9.30am @ QF St Augustine Matthews Family Thanksgiving

Fri 29th - 10.00am @ CQ The Passion of St John the Baptist Clarisse Mercer RIP

 “ “ - 1.30pm @ QF **Funeral Service for Clarisse Mercer RIP**

Sat 30th - 9.30am @ QF Liturgy of the day

 “ “ - 5.30pm @ CQ

Confessions - Saturday after 9.30am Mass @ QF & 5.00pm @ CQ

**Sunday 11am Bidding Prayers Rota**

Aug 24th – Claire / Aug 31st – Jess

Sep 7th – Rita / Sep 14th - tbc

**Church Cleaning Rota CQ**

w/c Aug 24th – Lia & Joyce

w/c Aug 31st – Marilyn & Angela

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word Rota**

**No liturgy now until Sep 7th**

**Collections**: this weekend (23rd/24th) there will be retiring collections for the people of **Gaza** and **Iraq.**

**Lord, send us the gift of peace** and fill us with your Spirit so that with one voice, throughout the world, we may cryout: **Lord, send us the gift of peace.** Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

**Mission Appeal:** next weekend (30th/31st Aug) there will be a mission appeal by St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society, there will also be a retiring collection at each Mass. The collection for The Poor Parishes will now take place on the weekend of 6th/7th September. Gift Aid donors will find the envelope for this in their pack.

**Food Bank**: Families are still in need. Thank you for bringing food to church. Please continue your generosity.

**Children’s Liturgy Group**: will re-start on Sunday 7th September. New volunteers would be welcome to either lead the liturgy or to help out while we are in the Sacristy (subject to a CRB check). If you are interested please speak to one of the team.

**The Catholic Universe**: Please remember that the Universe Catholic weekly is now available in our parish every week for a special price of only 50p (normally £1.30), with all monies going to help parish funds. Please do take a copy at the back of church and place your 50p in the box on the wall marked PAPERS

**Collection:** Last weekend was £202.99 with a further £441.50 from the Gift Aid envelopes. The Church Maintenance Fund raised £549.79 of which £415.00 was Gift Aided. These will give our parish an extra £214.12 we can claim back from tax paid. Please consider giving your offertory in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax.

**The Middle East:** Cafod thanks in advance for your generosity and also asks us to sign a petition to the Foreign Secretary, Phillip Hammond.

**What has happened in Iraq?**

 **Escalating violence in northern and central Iraq has caused devastation and the mass displacement of 1.2 million people since January. The Islamic State - formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) - has taken control of large swathes of Ninewa, Salah Al-Din and Diyala provinces.**

**Religious minorities, including Christians, Shia Muslims, Yazidis and Turkmen, have been singled out for attack. On 18 July, Islamic State issued threats directly to Christians in Mosul, resulting in the sudden flight of the remaining 500 families to safer areas of Ninewa. In total, an estimated 100,000 Christians have fled their homes. Many families who have fled the violence are living in empty houses, schools, clinics, mosques, church compounds and abandoned buildings, with living conditions deteriorating rapidly.**

**Items for the bulletin**: to Carmel Smith, tel.01244 830985 or e-mail carmel\_smith@sky.com by Weds evening please.