

NOTICES

Did you remember to bring items for our needy families?

BACK TO SCHOOL APPEAL – See Purdey Reece or any member of the Care Ministry. Donations of items are to be submitted by 3rd September, while cash may be donated afterwards.

CARIFESTA CELEBRATORY MASS – St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Cathedral at 11a.m on 20th August, 2017. Participants of CARIFESTA and the Diocese family are all invited. An art exhibition entitled **WINDOWS TO THE SOUL** will follow Mass, showcasing our Diocesan creativity.

OUR BLESSED MOTHER IN SCRIPTURE – a bible course giving an opportunity to learn more about what the Scriptures say about Blessed Virgin Mary, selected handmaid of the Lord. Every Monday from August 21st, 10:30AM at St. Dominic’s Pastoral Centre, presented by Mrs. Barbara Taylor.

CATHECHIST & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER GENERAL TRAINING – 26th August 9am-3pm OLQU Black Rock. *All Catechists and Sunday School teachers are asked to make a special effort to attend this training session.*

CURSILLO DE CURSILLO WEEKEND – Inviting Cursillistas to renew their Cursillo Weekend by attending the weekend from October 19th-22nd at Marian Retreat House Verdun. *Contact: Marion Clarke -2482519; Jackie James - 240-4432 /6221781; Elva Hall - 4286090; Susan Marshall - 4220115*

MASS INTENTIONS

Note: Please remember when booking Mass intentions with the office that Mass on Sunday is said for our parishioners and benefactors.

POPE’S AUGUST INTENTION

Universal: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

VISION OF OUR CHURCH

By 2019 the Roman Catholic Church in Barbados will be a leader in integral development, forming mature disciples who build strong Christian families and vibrant communities in the service of Christian Unity, the Common Good and the Kingdom of God.

MISSION OF OUR CHURCH

To lead all people to Unity, Encounter and Participation in Christ.

Place prayer requests in the box at the back of the church.

NOTE: *All cheques are to be written in the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Bridgetown. Thank you.*



The Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th August 2017**

**The Family
That Prays Together
Stays Together**



First Reading

Is. 56:1, 6–7

Resp. Psalm

Ps. 67: 2–3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading:

Rom. 11:13–15,
29–32

Gospel Acclaim

Mt. 4:23

Gospel Reading:

Mt. 15:21–28



**O God,
let all the
nations
praise
you!**

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, increase our faith and bless us!

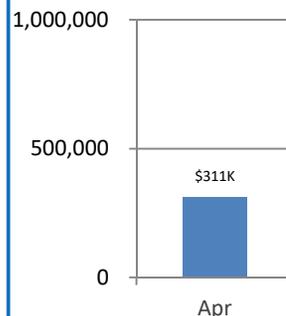
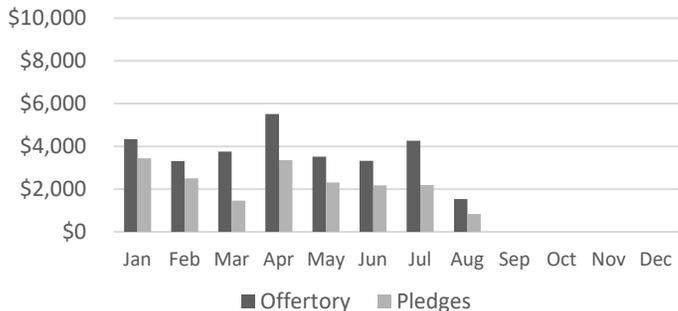
Parish Priest: Fr. Clement Paul

Timetable

Bank Holidays – Holy Mass 7:30 am
Monday – Holy Mass: 6:15 am
Wednesday – Holy Mass & Rosary: 6:15 am
Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm

Office Hours

Wednesday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Friday: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Friday – Confession 5:00-6:00 pm
Friday – Holy Mass: 6:00 pm
Sunday – Holy Mass: 7:00 am



**When you enter THE CHURCH talk to God;
when you leave - talk to each other!**

Positive, Patient, Persistent

First Reading [Isaiah 56:1, 6-7] Without being racist, do I go out of my way to welcome newcomers to our island?

Second Reading [Romans 11:13-15, 29-32] "To make my own people envious of you." Am I envious of new converts who feel the presence of Christ more than I do?

Gospel [Matthew 15:21-28] Am I as persistent in praying as the woman in the gospel was?

FAITH

In this Sunday's gospel a woman came to Jesus asking for healing for her daughter. Jesus at first said not a word and ignored her – then he spoke rather rudely seeming to refuse her – until in the end, moved by her faith he healed her daughter. In the process her faith was growing stronger than ever.

A friend of mine whose daughter has been ill for a long time read that piece of the gospel and thought that God was speaking personally to herself, to go on praying when all seems lost and God is silent.

Often enough she felt like giving up and could take no more of God's silence and lack of response. All the time her faith has been growing stronger, but it certainly didn't feel like it. That is what was happening to the woman in the gospel. Jesus' silence and apparent lack of compassion brought her to a deeper faith.

If you are serious about praying and growing closer to God, there will come times when God simply seems to disappear. If you remain faithful to praying and growing in the love of God there would surely come a time when your prayer will seem to be meaningless and you may even feel you have lost your faith - or rather as some people express it, feel that your faith is drying up and will soon be gone completely.

*But your real faith is growing deeper
as you are becoming entirely dependent on God.*

Then just occasionally will come a brief and vivid flash of awareness of God's presence, as if the Lord is saying "Do not be afraid. Stay with it, I have not forgotten you." Stay faithful to the Lord until eventually you will hear him say, "You have great faith. Let your wish be granted."

Fr. Michael



Upcoming Activities

CARIFESTA

CARIFESTA CELEBRATORY MASS – Today
Sunday 20th August, 11:00AM St. Patrick's
Cathedral

WINDOWS TO THE SOUL – art exhibition after
CARIFESTA MASS

WORKSHOPS

**THE CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY OF
TECHNOLOGY TO CARIBBEAN CULTURE AND
IDENTITIES** – Wednesday 23rd August 3:30-
4:30PM, Cave Hill Campus – presented by
Bishop Jason Gordon

VOCATION OF THE BUSINESS LEADER –
Saturday, 9th September, 2017
Time: 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Living Water
Community, St. David's - \$100 Contribution

Guess Who?



Philip Jr. and girlfriend Amanda, celebrated Mass with us during his recent visit with his parents "Hal" and Marcie.



Also celebrating Mass with us, were Amy and her son D'Andre, parishioners of St. Patricks Church in The Nature Isle, Dominica.