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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

11th October 2020

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday **No Saturday evening Mass at present**
Sunday 9.30 am People of the Parish

Monday [St Wilfrid, bishop]

9.00 am Marjorie Parsons

Tuesday [St Edward the Confessor]

9.00 am Private Intention (C.M.)

Wednesday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention (J. & M. R.)

Thursday [St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church]

9.00 am Graham Jones

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am Isobel Eustace

Saturday [St Ignatius of Antioch bishop, martyr]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **William Chinn; Sr M. Francis; Anna Maria O'Shea** (anniversaries)

Please note that confessions are now being heard in the church and not in the servers' sacristy as hitherto. Please also remember, because of local restrictions which currently apply to those living in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull and forbid people from two different households meeting either indoors or outdoors, that Holy Communion cannot be brought to housebound parishioners who live there.

Diocesan Levies. You will recall that last year the diocese proposed increasing the levy it makes on all parishes to pay for curial expenses and set it at 30% of what it called 'assessable income', which excluded such things as legacies, cemetery fees and receipts from votive candles, but included offertories, donations, tax refunds, unit scheme dividends. There was widespread dissatisfaction with the proposal and the matter was referred to a committee, who have now made a new proposal, which is likely to be implemented.

This would set the levy at 26%. In practical terms, that means that next year (2021) we will probably have to pay something in the region of £14,855, since our income in 2019 (the basis

for the 2021 assessment) was just over £57,000. It will obviously decrease in 2022, since the levy will be based on lower income during the present year, which has seen a reduction of offertories and donations (and will result in a corresponding reduction in the tax refund of gift-aided offertories and donations), together with less unit scheme dividends because of falls in the stock market and the fact that we have cashed in many of our units to pay for the renovation works.

Whatever we think of the proposal, and however we look at the situation, it means that over time we will simply not have enough money coming in pay the bills without dipping further and further into our reserves, and the long-term financial viability of the parish must be in doubt.

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