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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no. 234216

THE XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 10th September 2023

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Deepa Abraham Ints

SUNDAY 10th

9:00am Holy Mass

Colin & Valerie Mulvany RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Joe & Mary Macklin RIP

12noon Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Monday 11th

9:30am Holy Mass

Tony Mahon RIP

Tuesday 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

George Cassidy RIP

Wednesday 13th Saint John Chrysostom

9:30am Holy Mass

Michael Mullen RIP

Thursday 14th The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

David Allen RIP

Friday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

9:30am Holy Mass

Pat Kavanagh RIP Anniv.

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 16th Saint Cornelius & Saint Cyprian

--- NO Morning Mass

XXIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Alice Macklin RIP

SUNDAY 17th

9:00am Holy Mass

Julia, Mary & Paul O'Connor

11:00am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

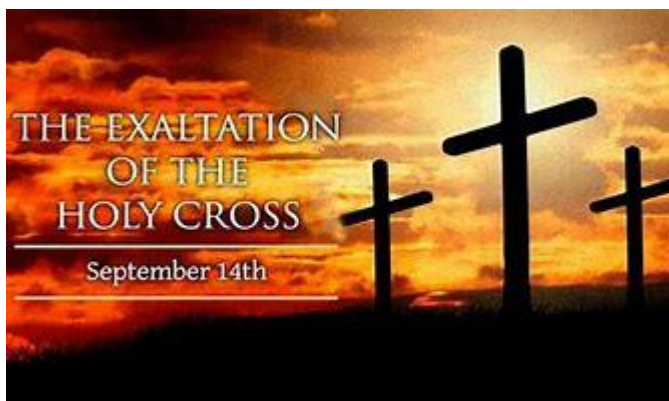
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday NO Morning Confessions 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.



OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

We are the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) which is based in Nottingham. Our goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land stay at work as olive wood carvers it is one of the most important sources of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. By selling their produce here on their behalf, will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there is only forty one thousands Christians left in the area.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



ALTAR SERVERS

If you are able and would like to serve at the Altar, particularly at the 11:00am Solemn Mass on Sunday please let us know. Just come to the Sacristy after Mass.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Michael Slattery, Katie Comerford, Michele Madden, John White, Daniel Allen, Margaret Kerrigan, Kenneth Brumant.

John Cunniam Requiem 20th September 12:30pm

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for the O'Meara Family.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS This week are sponsored by Mary-Ann Galstaun

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

03.09.23 - Gift Aid: £106.82. Non-Gift Aid: £445.03

Total: £551.85

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Education Service - £260.50

This Weekend – Friends of the Holy Land selling Olive Wood Carvings.

Next Weekend – Catholic Evangelisation

24.09 – Father Hudson's Society

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Nightingale. They can be contacted at:

sg.stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PARISH DIARY SEPTEMBER

September in our Deanery time of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and there will be events throughout the Deanery to pray for this intention.

Thursday 21st

Prayer for Vocations

Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Holy Mass 7:00pm

ARCHDIOCESE VISION

Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. How can you be part of it?

The Archbishop says:

To prepare the way for this dialogue I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

Evangelisation – Encouraging others to know God's love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

Formation - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support – helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

Liturgy and Worship - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

Social Outreach - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work.

Parish Meeting – Tuesday 26th September 6:45pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 12th September**, at 6:30pm, after the evening Mass.

BIRMINGHAM HOSPICE

The Hospice street collection - Total collected: £3482. 80

Thank you to all who helped in any way.

THE DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies and the Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk websites. The closing date is Monday 18th September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.



ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE – JACKPOT £250

Winning Numbers for 6th September 2023 – **05-11-02-10**

No Jackpot Winner – 2 Winners with 3 numbers

Next Draw Wednesday 13th September after Mass