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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME – 20<sup>TH</sup> September 2020 - A**



**St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch**  
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**Entrance Antiphon:**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 55:6-9*  
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

**Response to the Psalm:**  
The Lord is close to all who call him

**Second Reading:** *Phil 1:20-24, 27*  
Life to me is Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Luke 19:38*

Blessings of the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace be in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**Gospel:** *Matt 20:1-16a*  
Why be envious because I am generous?

**Communion Antiphon:**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**Masses**

<b>Sat</b>	5:30pm	Bridget Thornton Ints
	8:30am	Gerard Cooke, RIP
	10:30am	Patrick & Bridget McGrath and Michael Murray RIP Anniv
<b>Mon</b>		<i>Feast of St Matthew</i>
		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tue</b>	5:30pm	William O'Connor, RIP
<b>Wed</b>		<i>Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>
	9:30am	Smith & Fitzpatrick Families, Ints.
<b>Thu</b>		<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
	5:30pm	Anne & Joe Perkins, Ints.
<b>Fri</b>	9:30am	Sally, RIP

**Mass Intentions for Next Weekend**

<b>Sat</b>	5:30pm	McGrory Family, Ints
<b>Sun</b>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Paul Curry, RIP Anniv.

**Recently Deceased**

**Irene Scott**, Funeral Mass, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 11:00am.  
**Michael Reaney**

*May they rest in peace*  
*Family members only to attend funeral Masses.*

**Confessions** will be available in our church on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> from **10.00am-11.00am**. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the Confessionals cannot be used.

This week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, England's Nazareth. The Incarnation is a fundamental truth of the Christian faith. As we pray the Angelus daily we come to this Mystery in prayer: 'The Word became flesh. And dwelt amongst us.' I commend the daily praying of the Angelus to you as it is a reminder that through the Passion and Cross of the Lord we come to the glory of the Resurrection.

It is good that so many of you are making the effort to be at Holy Mass again. Thank you.

Please take great care of yourselves during these difficult times.

God bless you all.  
*Fr Christopher*

**St Peter's School** Virtual Open Events will be available to view on their website w/c 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Details in porch.

**September - Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**



Please remember in your prayers all the sick of our parish and all who's anniversaries occur at this time. Owing to New GDPR regulations we are unable to publish names publicly

**Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks.**

First Sunday of Advent 2019 to the First Sunday of Advent 2020.  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday, Ordinary Time**  
([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))  
**Reflection for Married Couples**

'My thoughts are not your thoughts'

God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, "Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ": for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.

**A Spiritual Holy Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

**We are a Covid Secure environment therefore Public Services will continue to be celebrated in Church.**

Those attending Mass will be required to wear face coverings-masks or home-made face coverings. It is the responsibility of the person coming to a public service to provide their own face covering. **The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended.** The diocese is encouraging people to attend a weekday Mass, for their weekly Mass, to avoid congregations on Sundays being too large for safety. **Weekday Masses in our church will take place as follows: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am (church open at 9am) and at 5.30pm on Tues and Thurs (church open at 5pm).** At the weekends we will be following our standard Sunday Mass times- Sat 5.30pm, Sun 8.30, 10.30am

**Thank you for Father John**

There will be a retiring collection as you leave Mass over the next few weeks for Fr John. You can also hand in to the piety stall or If you would like to give but aren't currently attending Mass, you can put through the Letter box at the presbytery.

**'Abortion Reversal Pill – A Second Chance to Choose'**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 3-4pm. Upper Cloister Room of the Birmingham Oratory. More Info in Porch.

**Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes**

are available for collection in the porch at weekend masses or phone the presbytery to arrange collection during the week.

**Coronavirus Update- Re-Opening of the Church for Public Services**

Our church is open for 1 hour per day. This includes the time for daily public Mass. The daily schedule that we are following is: Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, 9am-10am; Tuesday, Thursday evening, 5pm-6pm. Thanks to the parishioners who have offered to be volunteer stewards. If you would like to be a volunteer Steward please contact Fr Christopher. The church toilets will not be available when the church is open for private prayer or for public Mass.

Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-plan-to-reopen-places-of-worship> and also <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-bishops-respond-to-governments-lockdown-easing-plans/>

It is appreciated that it might be very difficult for parishioners to continue to make donations to the parish in these uncertain economic times. For those who are still able to donate, there are standing order & Gift Aid forms available on the Archdiocesan Website. For any further information and support regarding Parish procedures, please contact the Presbytery on 0121 743 2367. Visit [www.stthomasmorechurch.com](http://www.stthomasmorechurch.com) or [www.birminghamdiocese.org](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org) for more info.