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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13th February 2022

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Bram Garner
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Mary Gately Ints
11:00am Solemn Mass	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Monday 14th Saint Cyril & Methodius

9:30am Holy Mass Ann O'Rourke RIP

Tuesday 15th

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass Mary Murphy RIP

Wednesday 16th

9:30am Holy Mass Stephen Farr RIP

Thursday 17th

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Joe Lucey

Friday 18th

9:30am Holy Mass Frank Reilly RIP Anniv

10:00am – 11:00am
Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 19th The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00am Holy Mass Patsy & Thomas Diver RIP

Next Sunday 20th SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass David Hannon RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass Doreen Quinn RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass Kitty Ready Months Mind

12noon Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening only 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays

The Day of the Lord - Dies Domini

**Sunday encounter with Christ is vital,
indispensable and irreplaceable for
Catholics**



Evelyn de Morgan, By the Waters of Babylon

SEPTUAGESIMA – Preparation for Lent

Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people: that we who are justly afflicted for our sins, may be mercifully delivered for the glory of Thy name. Through our Lord.

Just as Lent recalls the forty years that the Hebrews spent in the wilderness, Septuagesima recalls the seventy years of the Babylonian Exile, when the Chosen People were so homesick that they could not sing a song of Zion. (Psalm 136, 3-4). Septuagesima and Lent are sober reminders of our status as wayfarers living east of Eden, "justly afflicted for our sins" in a valley of tears. That hope, which is an echo of Psalms is present at every Mass in the *Suscipiat*, when the faithful pray that God will accept this Eucharistic sacrifice for the praise and glory of His name. Septuagesima is a time we have lost but it is good for our spiritual well being to start to think about how to prepare for the holy season of Lent.

WELCOME – First Holy Communion Children

The children from Saint Thomas More School are making their commitment at the Solemn Mass this weekend as they begin their preparation for the Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation and then for their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them and their parents at this most important time in their lives.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - The theme is "In the Image and Likeness of God"

The English Bishop's are encouraging Catholics to mark the day by praying the words of Pope Francis taken from his encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti – on fraternity and social friendship:

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves.
Amen.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove your face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

GENEROUS DONATIONS

Gold! The collection of gold raised **£3,360.00** for the Sanctuary. This was a wonderful outcome. Many thanks.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Josie Branigan –

Reception Wednesday 23rd February 4:00pm

Requiem Mass Thursday 24th 10:15am

Ann O'Rourke

Requiem Mass Friday 25th February 10:00am

Larry Keohane

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Patricia Preston & Barbara Harper.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS Are sponsored in memory of Paul Mahon.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

06.02.22 - Gift Aid: £125.00 Non-Gift Aid: £472.00

Total: £597.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Racial Justice

Next Weekend – Retiring Collection for the Priests Training Fund

Pro Life - £220.71

Please consider giving by standing order

Office Hours: The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

A LISTENING CHURCH – THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

PRAYER FOR THE SYDODAL PATHWAY - *ADSUMUS*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

WALKING TOGETHER - THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

Parish Meeting: **Tuesday 22nd February 6:30pm** after the Evening Mass in the Saint John Fisher Room. All welcome. The gathering of the People of God is to see how we can respond to the Holy Father's wish for the Synodal Pathway and then for the Church to prepare for the Synod in 2023 in Rome.

Questionnaires available, please return by the weekend of 19th/20th February



40 DAYS FOR LIFE - ABORTION EXPOSED

– an insight into the abortion industry from ex-MSI director Kevin Duffy. Also one mum tells her story of reversing her abortion. Sun 27th Feb – 2pm. St Joseph and St Helen's Hall, 84 Northfield Rd, Kings Norton B'ham B30 1JG. For further details call Isabel on 07773 501721.