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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 6th February 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

Intention

Kate Ford RIP

Betty & John Kaminski RIP

Pro Populo

Weekday Masses

Monday 7th

9:30am Holy Mass

Margaret Robinson RIP

Tuesday 8th

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass

Liam Duffy Ints

6:45pm Reception

Kathleen McFarlane

Wednesday 9th

11:00am Requiem Mass

Kathleen McFarlane

6:00pm Saint Andrew's School

First Confessions

Thursday 10th Saint Scholastica

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

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Mary Leighton RIP

6:45pm Reception

Paul Mahon

Friday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

---- NO Eucharistic Adoration

11:00am Requiem Mass

Paul Mahon

6:00pm Holy Mass

All who are sick

Saturday 12th The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00am Holy Mass

Holy Souls

Next Sunday 13th SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Bram Garner RIP

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Mary Gately Ints

11:00am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 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**



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

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

A number of donations towards the restoration of the Sanctuary. £500. 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*

Kathleen McFarlane –

Reception Tuesday 8th February 6:45pm

Requiem Mass Wednesday 9th 11:00am

Paul Mahon –

Reception Thursday 10th 6:45pm

Requiem Mass Friday 11th February 11:00am

Mary Leighton –

Funeral Service Friday 11th February 1:00pm

Josie Branigan

Ann O'Rourke

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Mary Gately and Ann & JP Flannery.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

30.01.22 - Gift Aid: £106.00 Non-Gift Aid: £527.87

Total: £633.87

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Pro Life

Next Weekend – Racial Justice

White Flower Appeal £227.40

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

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This year the celebration is on Friday 11th February. Holy Mass at 6:00pm with the Anointing of the Sick. If anyone is ill, they are welcome to receive Anointing. There will be also be another occasion in the near future if this day and time is difficult.

BAPTISMS For those wishing to get a child baptised the Next Baptism Preparation, Tuesday 8th March after 6:00pm Mass. Application forms can be collected from the sacristy after all Masses or from the presbytery during office open hours.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 'ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC'

There will be a meeting for all those who wish to be received into the Church on Saturday 19th February at 10:30am, after the Holy Mass. If this time is not possible, please speak to Fr Christopher as soon as possible.

NEW GUIDANCE FOR CHURCHES – COVID - JANUARY 2022

It is clear from scientific evidence that transmission from surfaces (touch transmission) is now minimal and so the use of hymn books, missals and other worship aids can be resumed with immediate effect. Whilst it is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches, there is no need for readers (or other ministers) to sanitise their hands before reading or performing other ministries in the church. All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay people) should still sanitise their hands for the distribution of Holy Communion. Holy Communion will continue to be distributed at the same place but will not be guided by the stewards. Please do not move until the Blessed Sacrament has returned to the sanctuary.

The main form of virus transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol. Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building. There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.

Offertory and Second collections will go back to pre-pandemic times using the red and blue collection bags.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Pilgrimage to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham - "Known as England's Nazareth"

From Sacred Heart & Holy Souls, Acocks Green,

St. Thomas More, Sheldon

St. Anne's, Chelmsley Wood

Special Offer from the Basilica and National Shrine

"Two Nights Half Board En-Suite Accommodation"

"Plus Cooked Lunch on Friday 25th March 2022"

Friday 25th March 2022 - Sunday 27th March 2022

Inclusive of Coach Travel Price: £ 160.00 Per Pilgrim

There is only En-Suite Accommodation Available on this Pilgrimage, due to other groups booking very early for 2022

Please Book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment

£ 50.00 Non Refundable Deposit Required

For Further Details: Contact Charles Keily on 07710 – 189036