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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16th January 2022

Holy Mass

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass

Intention

Eileen Conlon RIP

William Buckley RIP

Pat McGowan RIP

Weekday Masses

Monday 17th Saint Anthony

9:30am Holy Mass Private Intention

Tuesday 18th

9:00am Rosary & Novena

9:30am Holy Mass
McGrory & McGee
Families RIP

Wednesday 19th Saint Wulstan

9:30am Holy Mass John, Pat & Mary McDonald

Thursday 20th

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass Holy Souls

6:45pm Reception Catherine Ready

Friday 21st Saint Agnes

---- NO Eucharistic Adoration

10:30am Requiem Mass Catherine Ready

Saturday 22nd The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00am Holy Mass Pro Populo

Next Sunday 23rd THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Theresa Murphy

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass Peter Kilroy RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass Patrick Crean RIP

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**

PEACE SUNDAY

Peace Sunday follows the international World Day of Peace and is celebrated in the parishes of England and Wales on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. The theme is taken from Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace: *Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace*.

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, takes the lead in providing resources for Peace Sunday. Its National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says:

"This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other.

"The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times."

Prayer

**O God of peace, who are peace itself
and whom a spirit of discord
cannot grasp,
nor a violent mind receive,
grant that those who are one in heart
may persevere in what is good
and that those in conflict
may forget evil and so be healed.
Amen**

OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January. The materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

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.

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. £600 & £100. Many thanks.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Catherine Ready –

Reception Thursday 20th 6:45pm

Requiem Mass Friday 21st 10:30am

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

Anette Anderson

Kate Ford

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Cahill Family and the Farmer Families.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

09.01.22 - Gift Aid: £154.10 Non-Gift Aid: £411.61

Total: £565.71

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Pax Christi

Next Weekend – Survive Miva

Friends of the Holy Land £100.75. Total Now £271.73.

Crib Offerings can still be given.

All collections will still be taken before and afterwards. 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 - SYNODAL PATHWAY

It's an invitation for us, as Catholics, to 'walk together' and every member of the Church has the right to speak, and the obligation to allow those charged with the work of discernment the freedom to do so.

For the first time, the Synod Office in Rome has produced a comprehensive process which encompasses the stated aim of the Holy Father that the Church in today's world should have a vision of missionary communion orientated to evangelisation.

The Holy Father highlights the importance of 'mutual listening' and that this will be at the heart of the synodal process throughout the Church and beyond the boundaries of the Church. In his meeting with the Council of Cardinals on 22nd September, Pope Francis continued his reflection on the process by saying that the Synodal process is not about a specific theme, but "a way of living the Church marked at all levels by mutual listening and a pastoral attitude, particularly in the face of the temptations of clericalism and rigidity." In response to the Holy Father's reflection, the Cardinals present added that there needed to be a clear overcoming of "sectarianism and partisan interests." As the Church in England and Wales begins its own process of listening, reflection and discernment, these themes will be important to the approach taken in our dioceses and communities to the whole question of "what is this Synod?"

The basis of the lived synodality which the Holy Father envisages, is that of the Church as the pilgrim People of God journeying together. The image of the people of Israel in their Exodus is the foundational basis of this image (see Lumen Gentium, 9) and how, by travelling together and being schooled by God and entering into a covenant with him, the people "were made holy unto himself."

A Parish Meeting to look at ways we can move forward after the last two difficult years and to look at the things the Holy Father wants us to reflect upon will take place during Lent.

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