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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 23rd January 2022

Holy Mass	Intention
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	
5:30pm Vigil Mass	Theresa Murphy
SUNDAY	
9:00am Holy Mass	Peter Kilroy RIP
11:00am Solemn Mass	Patrick Crean RIP
2:00pm Churches Together Unity Service	
Lyndon Road Methodist Church	

Weekday Masses

Monday 24th Saint Francis de Sales

9:30am Holy Mass Canon Matthias Corrigan

Tuesday 25th The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass Olegario & Delia
Santisteban RIP

Wednesday 26th Saints Timothy and Titus

9:30am Holy Mass Annette Anderson RIP

Thursday 27th

---- NO Eucharistic Adoration

---- NO Mass

Friday 28th Saint Thomas Aquinas

---- NO Mass

---- NO Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 29th The Blessed Virgin Mary

---- NO Morning Mass

Next Sunday 30th FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass Richard Lambe &
Deceased of Lambe Family

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass Nancy Whyte RIP Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass Pro Populo

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening only 4:45pm – 5:15pm

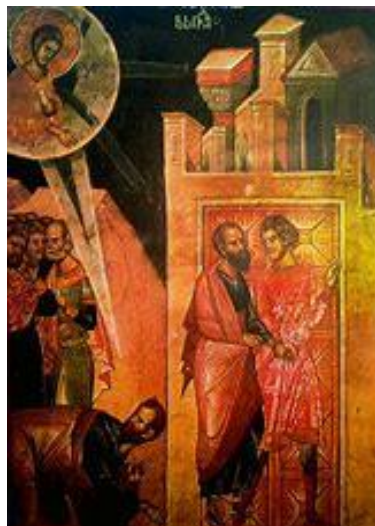
Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

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**



THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

This turning point in Paul's life, this transformation of his whole being was not the fruit of a psychological process, of a maturation or intellectual and moral development. Rather it came from the outside: it was not the fruit of his thought but of his encounter with Jesus Christ. In this sense it was not simply a conversion, a development of his "ego," but rather a death and a resurrection for Paul himself.

One existence died and another new one was born with the Risen Christ. There is no other way in which to explain this renewal of Paul... Turning now to ourselves, let us ask what this means for us. It means that for us, too, Christianity is not a new philosophy or a new morality. We are only Christians if we encounter Christ. Of course, he does not show himself to us in this overwhelming, luminous way, as he did to Paul to make him the Apostle to all peoples. But we too can encounter Christ in reading Sacred Scripture, in prayer, in the liturgical life of the Church. We can touch Christ's Heart and feel him touching ours. Only in this personal relationship with Christ, only in this encounter with the Risen One do we truly become Christians.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - TODAY

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis – 'Aperuit illis'

Commissioning of all our Readers at all Masses this weekend.

SURVIVE MIVA

This weekend there is a presentation of their work and an appeal.

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.

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

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 in memory of Anette Anderson RIP.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS Next week are sponsored in memory of Anette Anderson RIP.

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

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

16.01.22 - Gift Aid: £159.00 Non-Gift Aid: £364.81

Total: £523.81

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend – Survive Miva

Next Weekend – White Flower Appeal

Pax Christi - £114.13

Friends of the Holy Land £15.00. Total Now £286.73

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 – 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.

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.

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.

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