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THE XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24th October 2021

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Rory Jack O'Grady

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Noreen Donohoe RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo

12noon Holy Baptism

Weekday Masses

Monday 25th

9:30am Holy Mass

Annie Reilly RIP Anniv

11:15am Funeral Service

Charles Ariss

Tuesday 26th Saints Chad & Cedd

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

The McCartney Family

Wednesday 27th

9:30am Holy Mass

Martin O'Meara RIP Anniv

Thursday 28th Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Danny Grahan RIP

Friday 29th

9:30am Holy Mass

Margaret Miles-Flynn

Saturday 30th

10:00am Holy Mass

Micky Dunleavy RIP

10:30am – 12:30pm

Prayer & Life Workshop

12noon Holy Baptism

12:45pm Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Saturday before the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays

Next Sunday 31st THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Edward Phelan

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Joan Dooley RIP

11:00am Solemn Mass

Private Intention

Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Charles Ariss – Funeral Service Monday 25th 11:15am

Filippo Vitello – Requiem Mass

Wednesday 3rd Nov 11:00am

Mary Cusack – Requiem Mass

Friday 19th November 11:30am

POPE FRANCIS – SUNDAY ANGELUS

“Is your faith tired? Do you want to invigorate it? Seek the gaze of God: put yourself in Eucharistic Adoration, let your self be forgiven in Confession, stand before the Crucifix. In short, let yourself be loved by Him.”

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOPS – THIS SATURDAY

This will take place in the Parish Centre.

The Prayer and Life Workshops are an ecclesial movement officially recognised by the Church. It offers a form of evangelization that is more alive and with a new positive vision.

It is a vibrant and active presentation of Jesus with a greater adaptation towards the necessities of our present society and what people really need, with its emphasis on Love's transforming power.

Based on the Bible:

The Prayer and Life Workshops method is wholly based on the Word of God. The central focus in each session is reading and meditating on the Word. During four months, for each day of the week, the participants are given text from the New and Old Testaments so that they can meditate and pray them in their homes using the Brief Guidelines to meditate and live the Word.

Christ-centered:

In the workshops, Jesus Christ is the beginning, the centre and the end in order that the participants feel, act and love like Jesus did, with the eternal question in their hearts – What would Jesus do in my place?

A life Workshop:

The Workshops are not a doctrine: neither are they theory nor theology.

They work following the orientations of life and their applications. Living the life experiences throughout the course, combined with the prayer methods, enables a deeper spiritual growth than with either one alone.

SYNODAL PATHWAY

The Holy Father has called for the Synodal Process to begin in the Dioceses of the world on 17th October 2021. The address he gave to the faithful of Rome 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.”

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Next Sunday is All Saints Day transferred to the Sunday. The Celebration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day is Tuesday 2nd November.

Holy Mass 9:30am, 12noon & 6:00pm

MARRIAGE CARE - are a Catholic Charity providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services both locally and across England and Wales. They are in need of volunteers to join the local centre team and help enable the vital relationship support work they do. In particular they are looking for those interested in training as counsellors. If you or anyone you know may be interested in supporting them or if you would like to know more about the charity, please do contact us [Christina Francis - birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org].

THE PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labour."
2. "You shall confess your sins at least once a year."
3. "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season."
4. "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church."
5. "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2042-2043)

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored by the Neal Family & Maria Macklin.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Priests' Training Fund £433.09
This Weekend – APF World Mission

SAINT MARY'S HOSPICE £2,531.21 was raised from the Street / House Collection. Many thanks

Weekly Giving to the Church

Gift Aid: £110.00 Non-Gift Aid: £440.25
Total: £550.25

All collections will still be taken before and afterwards. Please consider giving by standing order

A FREE FUN EVENING to help raise funds Saturday 6th November in the Church Hall. Two entertaining talks by Jonathan Walker; **'Thirty-five signs you're growing old'** - a tongue in cheek look at growing older in life and **'Being British'** - an essential guide to being a true Brit. No admission charge, give something if you've been entertained! First talk starts at 6.45 p.m. See poster in the porch for details.

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

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.

MUSIC AT THE SOLEMN MASS – 11:00AM

Sanctus & Agnus Dei – Plainsong Mass XVIII

Hymn at Holy Communion:

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with waters gushing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER

There will be a meeting after 6:00pm Mass on **Tuesday 26th October**. We still need donations of suitable bottles for the Bottle Tombola. More information over the coming weeks. Many thanks.

GOLD – GOLD – GOLD !

If anyone has any unwanted gold, odd earrings etc that you may wish to donate. The gold can be donated at any weekend Masses. We can keep this running for quite a few weeks, then the gold will be weighed and the money raised going to the church restoration fund.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

In order to raise money to help Saint Andrew's School (as they missed out before during the lockdown when we were helping Saint Thomas More) we would like the Parish to donate unwanted, clean clothing, handbags, paired shoes, hats, household linen and many other items. More information in the porch. **Please deliver the bags to the church hall before or after Masses from Saturday 30th October until Thursday 4th November.**

PARISH TOTE

Hopefully the Parish Tote will resume from the first weekend in November.