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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27TH September 2020 - A



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Tel: 0121 743 5675. Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly

Entrance Antiphon:

Headteacher: Mrs Kate Madia

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy

First Reading: Ezek 18:25-28 When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Response to the Psalm:

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11 In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23 If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Gospel: Matt 21:28-32

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

Communion Antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Masses		
Sat	5:30pm	McGrory Family, Ints
	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Paul Curry, RIP Anniv.
Mon	9:30am	Noel & Noleen Nevin
Tue		Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
	5:30pm	Raymond Cunningham, RIP
Wed		Memorial of St Jerome
	9:30am	Richard Comerford, RIP Anniv.
	10.30am	Private Intention (St Thomas More School)
Thu		Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus
	10:00am	Mary Dalton, RIP Anniv (St Andrew's School)
	5:30pm	Bram Garner, RIP Anniv.
Fri		Memorial of the Guardian Angels
	9:30am	Billy Jones, RIP

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat 5:30pm Michael McTernan, RIP Anniv Sun 8:30am People of the Parish 10:30am Jerry Corkery, RIP Anniv

Recently Deceased

Irene Scott, Funeral Mass, Tuesday 29th September 11:00am. Michael Reaney

Thomas Connor

May they rest in peace Family members only to attend funeral masses.

Confessions will be available in our church on Saturday October 3rd from 10.00am-11.00am. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the Confessionals cannot be used.

Thank you for your continued financial support during these difficult times. It helps us to continue the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this place. I am thankful for the anonymous offering of £500 for this work.

Please pray for the children of our schools especially those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments in the coming weeks. The Schools are now having Holy Mass every week, however, in order to keep them in their safe bubbles these Masses will be for the schools only.

God bless.

Fr Christopher

September - Month of **Our Lady of Sorrows**



October Rosary

During October we will pray the Rosary after Mass each day. This is a wonderful way to grow closer to Jesus as we meditate upon the Mysteries of His life.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of our parish and all who's anniversaries occur at this time. Owing to New GDPR regulations we are unable to publish names publicly

Year of the Word -The God Who Speaks.

First Sunday of Advent 2019 First Sunday of Advent 2020. Twenty-Sixth Sunday, **Ordinary Time** (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) Reflection for Married Couples

Maintain a common purpose

Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. St Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: "Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.'

A Spiritual Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

We are a Covid Secure environment therefore Public Services will continue to be celebrated in Church.

Those attending Mass will be required to wear face coveringsmasks or home-made face coverings. It is the responsibility of the person coming to a public service to provide their own face covering. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still suspended. The diocese is encouraging people to attend a weekday Mass, for their weekly Mass, to avoid congregations on Sundays being too large for safety. Weekday Masses in our church will take place as follows: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am (church open at 9am) and at 5.30pm on Tues and Thurs (church open at 5pm). At the weekends following our standard Sunday Mass times Sat 5.30pm, Sun 8.30, 10.30am

Thank you for Father John

There will be a retiring collection as vou leave Mass over the next few weeks for Fr John, you can also hand in to the piety stall or If you would like to give but aren't currently attending Mass, you can put through the Letter box at the presbytery.

Next Weekend there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence. As it is not possible to send the collection bags round it will be taken in the form of a retiring collection.

Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection in the porch at weekend masses or phone the presbytery to arrange collection during the week

Coronavirus Outbreak Church for Public Services

Our church is open for 1 hour per day. This includes the time for daily public Mass. The daily schedule that we are following is: Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, 9am-10am; Tuesday, Thursday evening, 5pm-6pm. Thanks to the parishioners who have offered to be volunteer stewards. If you would like to be a volunteer Steward please contact Fr Christopher. The church toilets will not be available when the church is open for private prayer or for public Mass. Please visit https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new- taskforce-developing-pan-to-reopen-places-of-worship and also https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-bishops-respond-to-governments lockdown-easing-plans/ It is appreciated that it might be very difficult for parishioners to continue to make donations to the parish in these uncertain economic times. For those who are still able to donate, there are standing order & Gift Aid forms available on the Archdiocesan Website. For any further information and support regarding Parish procedures, please contact the Presbytery on 0121 743 2367. Visit www.stthomasmorercchurch.com or

www.birminghamdiocese.org for more info.