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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 24th January 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'Repent and believe in the Good News! As Christians we have to review our lives in the light of the Gospel. This process goes on in our daily lives and we ask God to show us His ways so that we may choose the right path. The world as we know it is passing away and therefore we should not become engrossed in it.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you continued Blessings on this Sunday, which Pope Francis has dedicated as 'The Sunday of the Word.' He wants us to grow in our love and appreciation of God's Word and, after the example of Our Lady, to treasure and ponder this Word in our hearts. May God's Word always bear a rich harvest in our lives.

We have received several letters of thanks from various charities to whom we forwarded donations on your behalf. The monies come largely from your donations to the Poor Boxes in Church. The charities include: Tabor House, St Chad's Sanctuary and 'Standing Tall', a local charity supporting the homeless back into work. Our own SVP are particularly grateful for your contributions of non-perishable foods. They would welcome some more as the stocks are running low. Please see separate note from SVP inside Newsletter.

Father Joseph and I took part in a virtual Christian Unity Prayer Service, which is available for you to watch. The theme for the Service is 'Abide in my Love and you shall bear much fruit.' Please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/DhXNzssJmdU> Details are also available on the Churches Together in Central Solihull website- www.centralsolihullchurches.org.uk The Octave of Prayer for the unity of Christians finishes this Monday on the Feast of the conversion of St Paul. **You are welcome** to join this week's Lectio Divina, which will take place on Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm To participate please email Helen Brookes at-ehb73@yahoo.co.uk

If you know of any young Parishioners not attending a Catholic School who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please let the Clergy or Miss Libby Service know. Miss Service's email is: 1st4activities@gmail.com or tel: 07568 508 271

The following links have been forwarded to us by Mr Paul Northam, the Diocesan Evangelisation Worker. Paul meets each month with our Parishioners who form part of the Evangelisation Meeting, which any Parishioner is welcome to join.

<p>23rd January Saturday Feria in Ordinary Time St Nicholas Owen <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i></p>	<p>Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14 Mark 3:20-21 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Kevin Lawless-RIP</p> <p>Mark Holder-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>24th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY Sunday of the Word of God <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i></p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>Mary & Dave Walker-Intention Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Moya & Nicholas Halligan-RIP</p> <p>Patricia Connolly-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>25th January Monday FEAST the Conversion of St Paul <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i></p>	<p>Acts 22:3-16 OR Acts 9:1-22 Mark 16:15-18 10.00am Live streamed Mass Fr Paul's niece-Claire-RIP</p> <p>Ellen & Paddy Spillane-RIP</p>	
<p>26th January Tuesday Ss Timothy & Titus</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5 Mark 3:31-35 10.00am Live Streamed Mass Michael Doolan-RIP</p> <p>Mary Duggan-RIP</p>	
<p>27th January Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time Blessed Edward Oldcorne/ St Angela Merici</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 4:1-20 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass John McCaul-RIP</p> <p>Rosalind Setchell-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer / Confession 10.45am-11.15am 'Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm To join in the Meeting please email Helen Brookes who will forward you the link to join the Meeting.</p>
<p>28th January Thursday St Thomas Aquinas Patron of Catholic Schools</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:19-25 Mark 4:21-25 10.00am Live streamed Mass David Stainer-RIP</p> <p>Ed Kennedy-Intention</p>	
<p>29th January Friday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:32-39 Mark 4:26-34 10.00am Live streamed Mass Holy Souls(Andy)</p> <p>Charlotte & Maisy Holder-Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>30th January Saturday</p>	<p>Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Mark 4:35-41 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Mark Tomilson-RIP Bernard Adkins-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.30am-10am Confession after 10am Mass</p>
<p>31st January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish Kath Clark-Intention 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Pat Jones & Family-Intention Albert Woodruff-RIP</p>	

www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk The Bible in a year- <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm>

Finally, our sincere thanks to all our volunteers for being present at our public worship to help make the Church a safe environment for everyone. Whilst we are able to gather safely for Mass, please do not place yourself in any danger owing to your age or health. We are dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass for the time being. As Father Joseph said to one Parishioner recently who was distressed at not being able to attend Mass: 'Your home is your Church.'

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Third Sunday of Ordinary time (Jonah 3: 1-5

1Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20) Change of lifestyle Jonah the prophet and Jesus call us to repent, to a change of lifestyle. When we married there was a radical change in our lifestyles. He became husband, she became wife and together we became a flesh and blood 'sacrament of marriage'. This is our continued call to each other - live a new life of love in the Lord.

Next weekend second collection: Racial Justice

ST AUGUSTINE'S SVP 'FRIENDS IN NEED'

Do you know someone who needs the support of a phone call? Or a person or family going through hardship? Or perhaps you feel you could donate non- perishable food, drinks or toiletry items for people in need during these times? If so, please don't hesitate to phone or text the SVP on: 07568 508271. Thank you!

The vaccination programme has successfully started in Solihull, with the immediate priorities being over 80s and care homes. The next three phases are: 75-80 year olds, 70-75 year olds, and those with underlying health conditions. GPs will contact you when it's time to arrange your vaccination appointment. The most important thing is to register with a local GP if you have not previously done so. Try not to contact your GP to raise questions about the vaccine, as this will slow down the rollout. There's lots of information available about the vaccination programme at <https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/what-you-need-to-know/>

The Alliance of Catholic Marriage Organisations exists out of a shared desire to be united around our service to the Church and our commitment to offer clearer, more joined-up pathways of support for couples. The Alliance recognises that this commitment is best achieved through the deepening of our relationships - not formal structures - but with the hope that a more visible display of our unity will be a blessing to the Church and the couples we serve. For information: www.allianceofcatholicmarriageorganisations.org.uk

TWO WEBINARS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS seeking to unite their Christian faith and practice. 10am February 13th and 10am Saturday 13th March. For details:

www.christianheritagecentre.com/events

Mini retreat for care givers in the midst of the COVID pandemic Prepared by Ben Bano at Welcome Me As I Am, a scripture based reflection every day for a week (see attached).For more info

visit <https://www.welcomemeasiam.org/resources/resources-for-carers>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans, January 30th-31st 2021 An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. To find out more visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> or call 0845 2602016

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	Fr Fred Sheldon	
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Kath Reidy
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Anne(Eithne) O'Sullivan	John Doyle	Pat Ferris	Dan Doyle
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Malachy Hanly	Kevin McDaid	
Margaret Lennon	Joan Kennedy	James Brown	Tom Oliver	John Smith	Joan Kennedy

Everyone Who's Suffering.
May your love be strong in life
And strengthen the weak
And encourage the fearful And calm the horrible storm
And pray for the suffering every day
As I join the priests to pray for the sick today
And Lord Jesus Christ keep me safe and warm
Sheltered from the coronavirus storm
And stay in my heart every day
And deliver us from evil in life
And glory to the heavenly Father And God have mercy
And I promise I'll love and Pray for everyone who's suffering
From corona virus every day and
Lord Jesus Christ hear my prayer Amen.

David P Carroll.

Christian Unity

On the eve of his death, Jesus prayed for the unity of those the Father gave him:
“that they may all be one ... so that the world may believe”.

Joined to him, as a branch is to the vine,
we share the same sap that circulates among us and vitalizes us.

Please pray for: Archbishop Philip Tartaglia (Glasgow), Martin Yeates, Bertie O’Rahilly, Kevin Stevens and Father George Webster who died recently.

Also Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Doherty, John Christopher Francis Putil, Margaret Bourke, Roland(Rollo) Wolfe, Beatrice Eaglesfield, Grace Helen Pedley, Eileen Nimmo, Kevin Tynan, Bridget Bevan, Nuala Therese Carthy, John Michael Reid, Clifford Aplin, Bernard Adkins, Sylvia Pickering, Eileen Ashley and Albert Thomas Kennedy and all with anniversaries at this time

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