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**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th October 2021**

**Dear Parishioners,**

'Christ's death is our ransom. God showed His love for us by sending His Son to be our brother. Christ shows our love for the Father by giving His life in atonement for our sins. He is our high priest gone to the highest heavens but not before experiencing the depth of human suffering.'  
(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, join with you in welcoming Sister Sebastian from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to our Masses this weekend. Sister will be selling Raffle Tickets in aid of the homeless.

Several of you have asked when the Church is open for private prayer. You are welcome to visit after the 10am Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday up until 11.30am. On Wednesday from 10.45 up until the 11.30am Mass; on Friday for the Holy Hour from 5.15pm-6.15pm and up until the 6.30pm Mass; on Saturday from 11.45am up until the 12.30pm Mass. If we have more volunteers, we will be able to open the Church for further periods of private prayer.

This weekend we have a pastoral letter from Archbishop Bernard in which he invites us to begin a shared journey, referred to as a 'Synodal pathway.' Part of the purpose of this shared journey is to deepen our experience of travelling together as a pilgrim people and to increase our ability to listen well to one another, inwardly digesting what the other person is saying or attempting to say, without being too quick to butt in with our inadequate responses. If this Synodal pathway is to bear fruit, we must constantly seek the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We will continue to issue the Parish census forms and ask you to complete them and return them at your convenience. Do please continue to pray that the 'assisted dying bill' will be defeated when it comes before the House of Lords on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for signing the forms. If you have time to write to a member of the House of Lords explaining your opposition to the bill, please would you do so. There is some helpful information on the Diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) Please pray for Ella Harvey who is to be baptized into the family of the Church this Sunday. Your prayers are also asked for Abi Takyi and Martin Muiri who are to celebrate their marriage at St Augustine's on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 2pm

**BLESSING OF GRAVES- 2pm** (apart from Oscott-3pm) 7<sup>th</sup> November **Brandwood End; Quinton; Woodlands;** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November **Oscott** (3.00pm); 14<sup>th</sup> November **Widney Manor;** 21<sup>st</sup> November **Robin Hood- Kings Norton ;** 28<sup>th</sup> November **Wythall**

<p>16th October Saturday St Hedwig/ St Margaret Mary Alacoque</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45 <b>12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass</b> Val Burgess-RIP</p> <p>Tommy Beggan</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>17th October  TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN  ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45 <b>9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass</b> Pauline Glen-Intention</p> <p><b>11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass</b> All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer  10.30am Confessions 10.30am-10.45am</p>
<p>18th October Monday  FEAST  ST Luke</p>	<p>2 Timothy 4:10-17 Luke 10:1-9 <b>Public and Live streamed Mass</b> <b>10.00am Irene Sutton-RIP</b></p>	<p>Church Visit for private prayer after 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>19th October Tuesday  St Frideswide/  Ss John de Brebeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues  St Paul of the Cross</p>	<p>Romans 5:12,15,17-21 Luke 12:35-38 <b>10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass</b> Roger Henry Pearson-RIP (KCHS)</p> <p>Peggy Lennon-In Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Church Visit for private prayer after 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>20th October Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Romans 6:12-18 Luke 12:39-48 <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b> <b>11.30am Anthony-RIP</b></p> <p>Church Visit for private prayer 10.45am until the 11.30am Mass</p>	<p>Private Prayer &amp; 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. Helen's email: <a href="mailto:ehb73@yahoo.co.uk">ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</a></p>
<p>21st October Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Romans 6:19-23 Luke 12:49-53 <b>10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass</b> Molly &amp; Dan-Intention Tante Fanfen-RIP</p>	<p>Church Visit for private prayer after 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>22nd October Friday Feria in Ordinary Time St John Paul II</p>	<p>Romans 7:18-25 Luke 12:54-59 <b>Nuptial Mass 2.00pm</b> Abi Tayki &amp; Martin Muiru <b>6.30pm Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b> Karla Hughes-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Church open for private prayer from 5.15pm-6.15pm and up until 6.30pm Mass</p>
<p>23rd October Saturday St John of Capestrano</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52 <b>12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass</b> John Owens-RIP Wedding Day- Benedict Everitt &amp; Kathleen Baptiste</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am until 12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>24th October  Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  <i>World Mission day</i></p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52 <b>9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass</b> Rod Bolton-RIP <b>11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass</b> Patrick Ryan-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confession 10.30am-10.45am</p>

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Isaiah 53: 10-11 Hebrews 4: 4-6 Mark 10: 35-45) To love is to be strong Today we are reminded that Jesus has turned all worldly values upside down. When we place our faith in God's saving love and copy that in our marriages, we too, in spite of our weaknesses and failings, are renewed and made strong in our love for each other. The more we give our love away the more it grows!

**Next Chinese Chaplaincy** Mass takes place. It is Tuesday 26 October at 1.30pm in St Catherine's, Bristol St, Birmingham B5 7BE. The Chaplain comes up from London, Fr Joseph Liang. Mgr Danny hopes to be there too.

**Marriage Care Birmingham Centre** based in Acocks Green is looking to recruit those who would be interested in training as counsellors to provide relationship counselling services to those in need - regardless of their ability to pay.

**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. [birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org)

**Do you have a child** in Year 3 or above attending a non-Catholic school? Our 2021-2022 classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be starting here at St Augustine's Church very shortly. Please contact Libby Service (St Augustine's Catechesis Team) on 07568 508 271, to make sure your child is registered for a place. For the parents of our Year 3 children at St Augustine's School we have a Meeting at School on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Following on from this there will be an enrolment Mass in Church for all candidates for First Holy Communion at 9am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November. **We have also arranged** two Meetings for parents to choose which one to attend; Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm in St Augustine's Parish Hall. We will request **Free** car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road.

**HCPT Group 712** is our local youth service group which supports the disabled and disadvantaged children's groups with the HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes each Easter. We will fly to France on Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, returning on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Throughout the week we will support children's groups from the Midlands by marshalling processions, providing music and games for the children, and assisting experienced group helpers in caring for and entertaining the children who are the focus of the pilgrimage. Young people aged 16 and above who would be interested in joining the group for Easter 2022 should email Deacon Tim from the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood: [group712@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group712@hcpt.org.uk). We will assist with fundraising and bursary grants to support you in raising the fare of £657. See also [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk).

**The organisation 'Time 4 Change** have organised a Racial Reconciliation Gathering at St Andrews, home of Birmingham City Football Club, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm. (Doors open 3pm). If you would like to attend, please visit the Diocesan website and book your place- [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**Prayer & Life Workshops** is a great opportunity to change and develop your relationship with God, become more like Jesus Christ, and transform your life so that you become more authentically Christian. **YOU ARE INVITED** to the 'taster session' which will be held at St Thomas More's, Sheldon at 10:30am, and will include an invitation to complete the Workshop over a period of 15 weeks. The taster session is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and lasts for two hours For further information please contact Fr Julian Green on 01782 782121 or [fr.julian.green@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.julian.green@rcaob.org.uk) or one of the speakers after mass.

**PIETY STALL**-Christmas Piety items for sale in the main porch after Masses weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**.Thank you for your Offertory** contributions. 10th October Gift Aid: £152: Loose £375:52 Total £527:52

Second Collection last weekend: PACT £251:51 Second Collection next weekend World Mission Sunday

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Fr Fred Sheldon	Mary Ryan
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Ken Bolton
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Dan Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown	Gillian Jones
Margaret Lennon	James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Eve	Noreen O'Connor
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and	peace in the Mbag Family		Steve Bates
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Amanda Stellfox	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	
Mary Johnson	Anne Deary	William Moran	William Charles Moore		

Assisted Dying Bill which is due to receive its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22 October 2021

## **Novena to St John Paul II**

There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the Second Reading falls. **It will run from 13th-22nd October.** You will find a short and simple novena prayer for use in parish newsletters in the weeks ahead. This will also be accompanied by digital resources within the next few days which can be accessed via this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

Bishop John Sherrington (the Bishop responsible for the Day for Life) has said of the Novena:

‘Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher’s Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October.

The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us.’

## **The Novena Prayer for Parish Newsletters**

**Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II’s apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the ‘Assisted Dying’ Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...*

**Please pray for:** David George Heap (Robin Hood Crematorium, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am), Adriana Wheatley (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 11am at Olton Friary. Reception into Church on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm) Mary Cusack and Jane Tabbs who died recently.

Also, Richard Palmer, Peter Satelle, Stella Gilbert, Patricia Mason, Jerzy Stanislaw Bartoszewicz (George) Broderick Anthony Light, Mercedes Sancher and Edith Campbell and all with anniversaries at this time.

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