



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2020 23rd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Mass Times in Church this week

Sat 5th Sept	23rd SUNDAY of the YEAR (A)	*4.30pm*
Sun 6th Sept	“ “ “	10.00am
Mon 7th Sept	Feria	_____
Tues 8th Sept	The NATIVITY of OUR LADY	10.00am
Wed 9th Sept	Feria	_____
Thurs 10th Sept	Feria	_____
Fri 11th Sept	Feria	12.00noon
Sat 12th Sept	The Most Holy Name of MARY <i>Vigil Mass</i>	*4.30pm*

Annual Harvington Hall Pilgrimage online

This year's pilgrimage will be aired on the Archdiocese website and Facebook page at 3pm, on **Sunday 6 September**. Mass will be celebrated by **Mgr. John Moran** in the Hall's chapel - a unique room with an historic hide, which at one time would have been used to conceal any evidence of Mass in the event of a house search.



Message from Father Gerry

Dear Friends, I hope and pray that you are all keeping well. Today the Church celebrates the 23rd Week of her year, and our readings at Mass all reflect the theme of Love. St. Paul tells us that love is our calling as Christians and that love is the thing that marks us out as different from others. He was writing to the earthly Christian Church in Rome and, although its members sometimes had their differences, history tells us that the overall impression the pagans had of them was that they loved one another. St. Paul goes on to remind them that love is the answer to every one of the commandments because it is the only thing that cannot hurt our neighbour.

In the Gospel, Jesus is very explicit about the action we should take if we fall out or have a row with each other. When that happens (as it does for all of us from time to time!), the worst thing we can do is to brood on it and let it fester inside us. Doing that only poisons our minds until we can't think about anything else. What may have begun as a very small thing starts to grow out of all proportion and consumes us totally. Jesus tells us not to let that happen but to go and talk to whoever it is we have fallen out with and try to resolve the situation amicably, holding our hands up and admitting if we're in the wrong and, with God's help, to try to hold out to each other a hand of friendship and reconciliation.

Mass times for this first this week of September will be as follows:

Saturday 5th: *4.30pm* (There will no longer be Mass at 6.30pm)

Sunday 6th: 10.00am

Tuesday 8th: 10.00am

Friday 11th: 12.00 Noon

There will be Mass with Year 6 in Our Lady & St. Kenelm's School on Thursday at 9am but, due to social distancing guidelines and current Government restrictions, the number allowed at Mass is limited to the children in the class only; parents and parishioners are not permitted to attend.

It has been encouraging to see faces gradually returning to Mass in Our Lady & St. Kenelm's. Our seating capacity remains at 33. The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended, but do try to come to one of the Masses this week if you are well and feel safe to do so. I don't know when, or if, we'll be able to return to normal (as it was) but be assured that every precaution is being taken to keep you safe in Our Lady & St. Kenelm's.

Fr Gerry x

MASS INTENTIONS to Parish Clergy please

Mass Intentions. If you require a Mass intention, speak to Father Gerry either personally at Mass or give him a call on the 'phone. He celebrates Mass every day.

What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Follow Mass on-line: *<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>
*<https://www.mcncmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints> or visit the Birmingham Archdiocese website to find other churches in the diocese to stream.

Making a Spiritual Communion

- * Make the sign of the cross
- * You could read the Gospel of the day
- * Then share prayer intentions
- * Say the Lord's Prayer
- * Make an act of spiritual communion
- * Close with the sign of the cross.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

John Conlan writesMaintenance work in church continues

We have continued vital maintenance work (remember the roof leaks before lockdown) while the church has been closed even though the parish income has fallen dramatically in the absence of offertory collections.

If anyone who has not been able to give would consider switching to bank standing order to help us during this time it would be enormously helpful. You will find a standing order form with instructions for completion on the "Your Offertory Giving" page on the parish website at <https://www.ourladyandstkenelm.org.uk/how-to-support-the-parish.html>

We are working hard to ensure that your church is in the best condition possible for the day when we all meet up again at Mass.

**Your Offertory giving is still vital.
Please consider a standing order.**

Sound system replaced and loop system installed

Thanks to John Conlan looking after the parish budget and Pete Ash and his pals we now have new speakers, microphones, amplifiers and a loop system for those who use a hearing aid.

**Next Weekend Sat/Sun 12/13 September '20
24th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

MASSES at revised weekend times

Saturday : *4.30 pm.*

Sunday : 10.00 am.

SVP Parish Group supports Fatima House in Birmingham with gift of £200.00

Close to the centre of Birmingham, Fatima House offers safe shelter to female asylum seekers who would otherwise be destitute and homeless. Up to eleven women can be housed at Fatima House. The SVP across the Archdiocese offers befriending and support to the women staying there. The SVP also provides destitute Fatima House guests with access to a small weekly allowance. The Parish SVP Group has donated £200.00 to the SVP Fatima House Appeal to help ensure the weekly allowances continue. Many thanks to parishioners for their continued support of the SVP and making this donation possible.