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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2020 25th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Mass Times in Church this week

Sat 19th Sept	25th SUNDAY of the YEAR (A)	*4.30pm*
Sun 20th Sept	“ “ “	10.00am
Mon 21st Sept	St. MATTHEW Ap Ev	_____
Tues 22nd Sept	Feria	10.00am
Wed 23rd Sept	St. Padre Pio P	_____
Thurs 24th Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	_____
Fri 25th Sept	Feria	12 noon
Sat 26th Sept	Ss. Cosmas & Damian MM <i>Vigil Mass</i>	*4.30pm*

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY : The Holy Places

Message from Father Gerry

Dear Friends, I hope you are all well and keeping safe. Coronavirus is again rearing its ugly head across the globe, and you don't need me to remind you that it's very important that we all obey the rules to protect ourselves and each other. Our Lady & St Kenelm's remains open for public Mass at this time and we continue to maintain our strict cleaning and sanitation programme to ensure your safety in church. Although some of our Bishops have reinstated the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays, in our own Archdiocese of Birmingham the Sunday Obligation remains suspended. Come to Mass if you can and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, but only come if you are well and feel safe to do so. Weekday Masses this week will be:

Tues 22nd September: 10.00am **Fri 25th September: 12 noon**

There will be Mass in Our Lady & St Kenelm's School on Thursday 24th September at 9am but, due to social distancing rules and government regulations, parents and parishioners are not permitted to attend at this time.

In today's Gospel (Mt 20: 1 - 16), we find Jesus nearing Jerusalem. It's late September, and the grapes are ripe and ready to harvest, so it's 'all hands on deck' to gather them in before the rain comes. The labourers toiled at this work from sunrise at 6am till sunset at 6pm. We can imagine their discontent when they realised that those workers that began work at the 11th hour (5pm) were going to be paid a full day's wage, the same as them. I'm sure today's Trade Unions would have something to say about that if the same occurred in 2020! The story 'though is not about industrial relations. Rather, it illustrates Jesus' call to each of us to come to Him and the generosity God shows to all. It also reminds us of the dignity and importance of human work and the right of all people to receive a decent living wage. God is generous with His gifts and we are the recipients of His generosity. Let's try to imitate Him to the best of our ability, by giving generously to others in need according to our means. God loves a cheerful giver, and it is my experience that there is far more joy in giving than there is in receiving.



Have a good week!

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.mcnmedia.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

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Heal the sick! Sustain and support the anxious. Be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

"Make mercy the air you breathe."
Pope Francis

May they rest in peace

Had the SVP Parish Group been able to meet during this month, we would have remembered those who have recently died (Philip Curtis, Brian Bonehill, Mick Massingham, Frank McCann, Vera Jarvis and Sheila Knight) and those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur about now – Denis Abbott, May Bradley, James Breen, Pat Carew, Denis Clarke, Pat Dawson, Maria Rowley, Bernadette Realf, Olive Shelton, Philip Smith.



* The Requiem Mass for Sheila Knight (RIP) will be in Our Lady & St Kenelm's on Wednesday 30th September at 1.00pm, followed by burial in Powke Lane Cemetery at 2.30pm.

Life "Inside"

For the last two winter seasons, the SVP Parish Group has taken warm overcoats & anoraks donated by parishioners and neighbouring SVP groups to Hewell Prison for distribution to offenders when they have completed their sentences. Rosaries and other spiritual and recreational materials have also been provided through the SVP across Dudley to support the Prison Chaplaincy.

Nick Cosgriff, the new Catholic Chaplain at the prison, has been in touch to introduce himself. In doing so, he has given an insight into life "Inside" during the Coronavirus. Nick writes, "could you reassure the members of your local SVP and parish, that their prayers and actions in support of the men are not done in vain, but are channelled through to the men. They may be interested to know that are around 900 men here at HMP Hewell, of which some 114 were Roman Catholic. Although current COVID lock down measures prohibit group worship in our Chapel, I am able to pray daily with individual men on their wings, as well as to bring individual men down to the Chapel to pray on a 1:1 basis. These are occasions of grace. Prayer beads, religious cards and pictures, books on lives of the saints, and prayer books are of enormous help on these occasions."

**Next Weekend Sat/Sun 26/27 September '20
26th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

MASSES at revised weekend times

Saturday : *4.30 pm.*

Sunday : 10.00 am.