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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th October 2020

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome Fr. Michael Dolman, our Vocations Director. In addition to giving us great encouragement, he will also be making an appeal for the Clergy Training Fund which pays for the training of the priests and deacons of our diocese. I hope you will be very generous.

Julie Gallagher’s funeral is going to be on Tuesday 10th November at 10.45 am. She is being buried at Oscott Cemetery. At present only 30 people are allowed to attend a funeral. I shall let you know more about the arrangements next weekend.

Next Sunday, 1st November, is the Solemnity of All Saints and the following day is All Souls Day. On All Souls Day we shall have public Masses at 9.30 am at St. Joseph’s and at 7 pm at Sacred Heart. At Sacred Heart the All Souls book with the names of the faithful departed is on the table in the porch and you can add any more names that you wish. At St. Joseph’s there are All Souls envelopes for you to take in which to put the names of those you wish remembered and you can then put the envelope in the box in front of the altar on All Souls Day.

We shall start have two public weekday Masses. Wednesday at 10 am at Sacred Heart and 12 Noon on Fridays at St. Joseph’s. It would be good to have a number of people at these, so do come if you can.

This Sunday’s Gospel is Jesus’ summary of the Law bringing together Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. To love God and to love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole of the Law, and the Prophets also. Love is not about feelings, but about the whole direction of our will. To love God we need to bring our wills into line with God’s will. “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. And to will the good of others, our neighbours, which means the people with whom we come into contact in our daily dealings. Our minds and our wills can become very clogged up so it is important the keep on resetting them. We are given the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist to make this easy for us.

May the God of peace be with you.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

CLOCKS CHANGE this weekend 24th/25th October. They go back one hour.

This weekend there will be a second collection for **The Clergy Training Fund**.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Johnson Association** which funds retired and sick priests of our diocese.

Collections last weekend:

Sacred Heart First collection £268.90 Missio £151.26

St. Joseph’s First collection £55.00 Missio £60.71

Masses now on Saturdays 11 am at Sacred Heart 6.00 pm at St. Joseph’s

On Sundays 10.00 am at Sacred Heart

I am able to hear some confessions before the Mass on Saturdays in the Sacristy maintaining social distancing. Otherwise you can make a special appointment by phoning Fr. Stephen.

ALL SOULS LIST At Sacred Heart please add any names you wish to the book in the porch. At St. Joseph's please take an All Souls envelope.

BLESSING OF GRAVES At St. Joseph's Cemetery we shall have this on 8th November at 3 pm starting outside the west door. Oscott Cemetery are not having a Blessing of Graves ceremony this year.

MASS INTENTIONS this weekend. Saturday 11 am Charles Samuel Johnson
Saturday 6 pm (St. Joseph's) Eileen Mannering
Sunday 10 am Fr. Crean

Bible Study Group now meets on Skype on Mondays **at 7.00 p.m.** If you would like to join it, please contact Shirley on 07562754382. All are welcome.

40 Days for Life continues each day from 8 am to 8 pm outside the abortion clinic in Kings Norton. Please join your prayers with those praying and offering help at least by saying the Holy Michael prayer each day. The 40 Days ends next Sunday 1st November.

Rachel's Vineyard – Healing the trauma of abortion one weekend at a time Rachel's Vineyard has now got charity status. The team is very excited about this because we can now help more post-abortive women and men who seek support after the trauma of abortion. The retreats are a safe place where those affected by abortion can grieve and seek the healing they need in a confidential and supportive setting. Our next retreat this year is 27th-29th November.

We plan to have 4 retreats next year. For more information either call Rachel 07734 059 080, look at the website www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk or email Rachel Mackenzie: rachelmackenzie1@hotmail.co.uk Please pray for this ministry and support us in any way you can.

Stress in Your Marriage? – This has been a very difficult year for many couples.

RETROUVAILLE is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year alone. There is no group therapy or group work For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 12th -15th Nov 2020, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 - or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Tuesday 27th October is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com Please invite your friends and Family to join us via this Facebook event; <https://www.facebook.com/events/2739924072936969>

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2020 Sunday 1st November, 12noon, Celebrant Bishop David Evans. Livestream via St Chad's Cathedral website (<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>) Couples are encouraged to join the Mass at home which will include the Renewal of Commitment If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary (1st or every 5th year up to 60 years and every year over 60) Please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org with the following information to be included in the booklet. Full name of the couple Anniversary being celebrated in 2020. You are also encouraged to email photos of your wedding day and a current one. Please include the parish you were married in as well as the name of current parish

Encyclical Letter: Fratelli Tutti Pope Francis has published an encyclical letter. I refer you to the Bishops' website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/the-church/the-pope/pope-francis/fratelli-tutti/> where you can get the full text (75 pages) short or long summaries and highlights.

EWTN is broadcasting what it calls EWTN essentials which is a continuous devotional broadcast with the Mass every 2 hours. Get it on the free EWTN app.

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, William Parish, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure, Phil Robinson, Mona Recci.

CORONAVIRUS For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

USEFUL WEBSITES <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

<https://magiscenter.com/>

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

DAILY EXPOSITION and the English Prayer Time are suspended during the Corona virus pandemic. To check on any further details phone Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thess 1:5-10 Matt 22:34-40) *How can I best love you today?*

In today's gospel Jesus says love should be at the centre of our lives, so we must ask 'How can I best love my spouse today?' To know how our spouse experiences our love best, we need to explore together whether it is through compliments, special time together, presents or acts of service, or simple hugging and kissing.

Feasts and Memorials this week. Wednesday is the Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude. St. Jude is the Patron Saint of lost causes and the saint we turn to for help when we are desperate.