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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

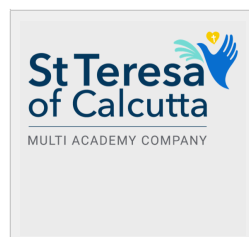
SATURDAY 14TH FEB	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Patrick & Bridget Norris
SUNDAY 15TH FEB	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	George Todd Margaret Roberts Collette Ryan
MON 16TH FEB FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	May Fagan
TUES 17TH FEB FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	T.K. Matthew
WED 18TH FEB ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE	10.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kenneth, Edwina & Rebecca (Lines) Wells Richardson Intentions of Joe & Rose Moran Julia Mitchell
THUR 19TH FEB LENTEN FERIA	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass	Dorothy Cross
FRI 20TH FEB LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am <u>6.30pm</u> <u>7.00pm</u>	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass Stations of the Cross Holy Mass	Tom Diver Intentions of Carole Stanley
SAT 21ST FEB LENTEN FERIA	10.00am 10.30-11.00am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Josie & Bernie Fitzpatrick

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 21ST FEB	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Angelo & Ida Lombardi
SUNDAY 22ND FEB	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Tina McAtavey Dave Dring Joe McLoughlin

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

HOLY SOULS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mallard Close, B27 6BN
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SVP OUTREACH

The SVP is active in our parish to visit those who are housebound or lonely and to support people in need. Do you know someone who would appreciate a visit? Please call 07917 346765.

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last two weeks, we have shared with you the booklet *Investing in Our Parish*. It has provided an opportunity to be grateful for so much at the heart of this parish community and to reflect on its needs moving forward. We are very grateful to you to help increase the financial health of the parish in order to preserve and continue our mission. For those able to take up standing orders or increase them, and for those able to increase their contributions to the offertory collection thank you very much. To those able to *gift aid* their financial contribution, thank you for providing the information in order to set this up. Alongside the offertory today thank you for returning the form indicating how you can help. If you have not taken a copy of *Investing in Our Parish* or the form to indicate how you can contribute, please take them today and consider how you can help.

THE WEEK AHEAD

ASH WEDNESDAY: We begin the great Season of Lent this Wednesday as our time of preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at the three Masses 10am, 12.30pm & 7pm. There is a wonderful tradition in our parish of coming in great numbers for the start of Lent. So let us make this a great beginning.

DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Wednesday is a meatless day and for those between ages of 10 & 60 we are asked to fast with one simple meal and two lighter portions. Of course people outside these age groups may very well want to share in the fast.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On Monday and Friday mornings before Mass during Lent and before the evening Mass on Fridays.

FRIDAY EVENING MASS: As part of our Journey through Lent, there will be evening Mass every Friday evening. Perhaps this is something you can take on as part of your prayer for the Season of Lent.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS: Please take these away with you today to support your prayer during the days of Lent.

ADORATION: Please remember our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday and Saturday mornings and now on Friday evenings.

PLACE OF WELCOME: The next meeting of our group for those with special needs or none will be held today at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Everyone welcome.

PRE LOVED SALE: Thank you for the great response to items for the Pre Loved Sale. The sale begins next weekend Saturday 21st Feb and Sunday 22nd Feb and then the following weekend Saturday 28th Feb and Sunday 1st March after all weekend Masses in the Parish Meeting Room. Do come and take part in the sale which will support the development of the parish.

FUTURE EVENTS

MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK: Calling all singers and musicians! Music plays an important part in our Easter Triduum liturgies. This year, we are making a special appeal for singers and musicians to join us. Everyone is welcome to come along - don't be shy and definitely don't hide your musical talents under any bushels. Rehearsals take place in the Lady Chapel throughout Lent on Mondays at 7pm.

HOLY SOULS YOUTH: Watch this space for future events for our young people! New events coming up very soon!

PRAYER GROUP: The next meeting is on Thursday 26th Feb after morning Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. Come and join us for a time of prayer, praise, and intercession to the Lord. All welcome.

LEISURE CLUB: The next meeting is Tuesday 3rd March. No meeting this week.

FORMATION

BELOVED DISCIPLES: Our next session is on Tuesday 24th February gathering in the Parish Meeting Room at 6.30pm onwards.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: Our sessions for those wanting to discover the Catholic Faith are being held in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursdays from 7.00pm.

PREPARING FOR RECEPTION: During the Season Lent, candidates for Baptism and reception into the Catholic Church will be moving into a period of preparation to be Baptised or received into the Catholic Church at Easter or at Pentecost. Please do pray for them at this incredibly important time.

BAPTISMS: If you have a baby / child needing Baptism, please get in touch with the clergy to arrange this as soon as possible. It is important the little ones are baptised soon after their birth rather than leaving this before applications are made for places in school.

OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

FOOD BANK: Many thanks for the donations of non-perishable foods that can be used to create a meal for those who have little. We would be delighted to receive donations from anyone who comes along to our weekend Masses. In recent weeks, we have needed to provide support for many more people in need.

SVP BASIC NEEDS: Thank you to everyone who donated toilet rolls and toiletries in such an abundance. We now have plenty of supplies of these items for the time being and will let you know if we need more. Again, many thanks for your generosity!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - NEED A VISIT? Are you elderly or housebound or alone? Do you know of someone who might appreciate a visit from us? We can also reach out to support people in need. For more information call 07917 346765.

SPARE GARAGE / STORE PLACE: The SVP would welcome the use of a spare garage / store place that a parishioner might have. We need a place to store furniture and other items that are donated to us that can be passed on to people in need. If you can help contact a member of the SVP on **07917 346765**.

CAFOD FAST DAY: Next weekend, envelopes for the Cafod Fast Day will be distributed in preparation for the Fast Day on 27th Feb.

IN OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

LIVE-STREAMING: This church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in church for more detail.

SAFEGUARDING: This parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Aldora Johnson and Tracey Mulcahy sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240, or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

CAN YOU HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH: We have had a couple of responses to the appeal for a few more cleaners to help our cleaning teams. We could do with a few more! The idea would be to join one of the four teams and be able to offer an hour or so once a month to help with the cleaning. **That's right - AN HOUR ONCE A MONTH -** that's all! If you can help, please email the parish, or speak with one of the priests. Many thanks!

PARISH TOTE: The winning numbers are 1, 3, 4, 24. No Jackpot winner- 1 person had 3 numbers and receives £180 – Marian Reid. **Jackpot next week is £1,300** and will be drawn on Thursday 19th February 2026 in the Presbytery. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it.

EASTER TOTE DRAW: A special Easter Tote draw has begun and will be drawn on Easter Monday. There will be a pot of £600 in prize money. If you want to take part in this draw please mark your envelope with the letter 'E'.

SLEEPING ST JOSPEH: He has arrived!!! There are 20 statues of sleeping St. Joseph in the Piety stall £10.00 each.

AND FINALLY

As Lent approaches, may this forthcoming season be a renewal in our lives of faith and service of the Lord. During the weeks ahead, may we consider how we can contribute of our time, skills to the service of the Gospel especially in this community.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday and a good week ahead
Fr Jonathan & Fr Toby

Recently Deceased: Jennifer Brooks, Josie Teall, Jim Bradley, Fr. Brian Wall, Anthony Murphy, Charlotte Harris, Mary Bergin, Carmel O'Regan, Seamus Fleming, Christine Wiltshire, Margaret Westney, John Joseph Gillespie.

Anniversaries: Patrick Murray, Mary Sandys, Maureen McGrath, Michael Mulcahy, Mary O'Grady, Alfred Harris, Maureen Jameson, Maurice Ellis, Eddie Carroll, Stephen McGrath, Michael Jennings, Joseph Gilmore, William Smith, Patrick Cosgrove, Mary Sullivan, Margaret Mullrennan, John Kelly, Francis McNerny, Mary Byrne, James Rooney, Leslie Bird, John Mannion, Marjorie Byrne, Baby Prince Powell, Anthony Halpin, Margaret Millwood, Anthony Farrell, Peter Fagan, Maureen Parkes, Mary Bridget Quinn, Bill Iles, Chris Norris, Josie Enright.

Sick & Housebound: Tom Foley, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox, Margaret Norris, William Moran, Patrick Collins, Sue Allen, Mary O'Driscoll, Jean Taylor, Mary Lloyd, Julia Donovan, Paddy Mitchell, Mary Pearmain, Kevin Creighton, Wendy Cain, Ron Powell, Elizabeth Connaughton, Kathleen & Tom Connaughton, Kathleen Sommers, Elizabeth McMahan, Liam Lewis, Adam Bridgewater, John Farrell, Tasha Tibbetts, Dmitri Sataev, Michael Farmer, Maggie Duggan, Keith Allen, Deirdre Griffith, Fr Michael White, Bonnie Kileen, Mary Philpott, Eamon Mullins, Heather and Lawrence Jones, Con Murphy.