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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 September 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Peter Hammond, Frank & Sonia Prince, Linda Wragg, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

Changes to weekday Mass times

From this week Mass on Mondays and Thursdays will be at 9.00am. The familiar 10.00am time for Tuesdays and Fridays will remain unchanged. Hopefully, having dropped their child or children off at school, this might enable some parents to find a moment in church for some peace and prayer and also give them an opportunity to more easily stay for Mass should they wish.

Eucharistic adoration

Saturday, 14 September, will see the 24th National Eucharistic Congress, *Adoremus*, take place at Oscott College, near Birmingham. To mark the event we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on that same morning from **9.30 - 10.30am**. This will enable us to unite with those at Oscott and with the universal Church as we come before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in prayerful preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025.

In order to foster further and regular Eucharistic devotion we will, subsequently, **have Exposition & Benediction on the first Saturday morning of the month, from 9.30 - 10.30am**. This will commence on Saturday, **5 October**.

There will be a meeting for **anyone who would be interested in becoming a reader on Saturday, 21 September, at 10.00am** in the church. Older children and younger adults – especially those recently Confirmed - are particularly encouraged to consider deepening their participation at Mass by serving our communal worship in this way.

The **Liturgy of the Word for children** will resume at the Sunday, 10.00am Mass next week. As always, we thank our dedicated team who lead the children in this important part of their worship. **If you would be interested in getting involved** then please speak with Fr. M. Please note that the care and Safeguarding of our children means that there are certain steps that must be followed and we need to allow time for those to take place. Thank you.

This coming week sees the beginning of the new Academic Year for many of our schools and we wish them every blessing in their most important endeavour – the education of our community's children. In particular, we also take this opportunity to **welcome back to school all the members of St Joseph's** community - both new and old - and we wish them every grace and accord.

The Season of Creation

This is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our global home, from 1 September to the feast of St Francis, 4 October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The Season of Creation offers us a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through prayer and action for our common home.

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you with all your creatures
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.
We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.
In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.
Through faithfully following your Son
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of You.
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.
Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation
and drew order out of the chaos
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty
where the poor of the earth are crying out.
You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

‘A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment. It is no coincidence that, in the canticle in which Saint Francis praises God for his creatures, he goes on to say: “Praised be you, my Lord, through those who give pardon to your love.” Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.’

Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si’*

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 1 September <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am Roy Dyson 10.00am Mgr Peter Moran</p>
<p>Monday 2 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>9.00am</u> Deceased & Sick members of Stella's Family</p>
<p>Tuesday 3 September <i>Pope St Gregory the Great</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am John & Margaret Brennan</p>
<p>Wednesday 4 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial List</p>
<p>Thursday 5 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>9.00am</u> Private Intention 1 (BC)</p>
<p>Friday 6 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>11.00am</u> Requiem Margaret Spychala <i>RIP</i></p>
<p>Saturday 7 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Margaret Breslin</p>
<p>Sunday 8 September <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am Thomas Creswick 10.00am For the people</p>

Last week's collection was £493.44 (£283.50 in offertory envelopes, £209.94 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Please pray for Margaret Brennan & Robert Colley *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The **Piety Stall** is usually open before and after Mass on Saturdays and after the Sunday 8.45am Mass until the 10.00am Mass.

There is a **Cleaning Rota available** at the back of the church. Thank you to all our cleaners! **More volunteers are always welcome**, especially if there is a group of you who want to form a new team.