

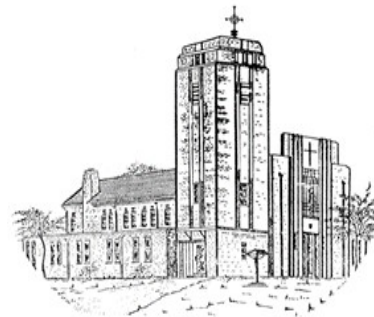


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BETHARRAM

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B
12th June to 20th June
2021**

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Today's Mass Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24;

Ps 91;

2 Corinthians 5:6-10;

Mark 4:26-34

**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW

After the most important seasons and feasts in the Catholic liturgical calendar: Lent, the Easter season, the Feasts of Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Readings reveal a significant message about faith and the Kingdom of God.

The Scripture Readings of this weekend remind us that small is not only beautiful; it is God's chosen way of manifesting his power and establishing his reign on earth. The God we worship is the God who uses tiny things to make big things happen; the God who chooses small beginnings, insignificant events and people to achieve his purposes; the God for whom vulnerability, powerlessness and smallness are blessings rather than curses.

In the First Reading the prophet Ezekiel uses the metaphor of a small shoot becoming a mighty cedar tree to encourage his disheartened fellow Israelites and keep their hopes alive. It was the time the people of Israel were exiled from their homeland and put to slavery in Babylon. The shoot refers to God's faithful people who remained steadfast in the midst of terrible adversity and became the heart of the restored Israel after the exile. By their fidelity to prayer and humble submission to God's will, this small shoot, transformed the messianic hope of Israel from a political to a spiritual one.

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus uses the image of small seeds producing extraordinary results to explain the growth of God's reign and His Kingdom on earth. The mustard seed which is the smallest seed refers to our faith. This highlights the mysterious way in which God works to achieve his purposes. God is at work even while we are asleep or when we think he is asleep or has abandoned us.

These parables help us to discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being. So, let us not lose hope in the face of adversity. Let us also learn the art of vitality in smallness and increase the quality of our faith and relationships in this seemingly challenging and uncertain time.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, Colin Steward and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Rose Bohan** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Kathleen Horrobin, Frances Pearsall, Pamela Fearn, Marie Hayes, Thomas Boyle, Patrick Redmond, James & Catherine Bergin, Ronald Lawrence, Sheila Duncliffe, Henry Detheridge, Mary Hill, Edith Kisel, Suisan Tabor, Philomena Bate, Thomas Quinn, Thomas McGovern, Jeremiah Holland, Kathleen McGovern, Fulvio Lufrani, John Hayward, Anne Duggan, Sheila Walsh, David Kelly Bernard Bryson and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Requiem Mass for Rose Bohan will be on Monday 28th June 2021 here in Holy Name Church at 12:30pm followed by Burial in Witton Cemetery 2:00pm.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation towards the flowers, in remembrance of a loved one, please enclose donations in an envelope with details, and hand in to the Parish Office.

As the Covid restrictions are slowly being eased I would like to appeal parishioners to help arranging the flowers in church. If anyone is willing and would like to practice your skills please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Vincent.

A WORD OF WELCOME CONFIRMATION

We welcome Reverend Bishop Stephen Wright to our Parish for the first time as a Bishop. He will celebrate Confirmation Masses and Confirm children from both our Parish Schools. We invite parishioners to pray for our children and their families that they may be strengthened by the seal of the Holy Spirit.



<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 12th June – Sunday 20th June (Psalter Week 3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 12th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</p>	<p>12:30pm Jack Quaid</p>	
<p>Sunday 13th June ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>8:30am Regina Bailey RIP 10:30am Pat Duffy</p>	
<p>Monday 14th June Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>7:00pm Confirmation Mass</p>	<p>Holy Name School Children</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th June Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9.10am Mass at Holy Name School - Vivian Boyland RIP 7:00pm Confirmation Mass</p>	<p>St Mark's School Children</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th June Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30am Maureen Powley</p>	
<p>Thursday 17th June Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10:00am Ints of Pat Byrne - Private Mass</p>	<p>11am First Reconciliation for Year 3 St Mark's School Children</p>
<p>Friday 18th June FEAST OF DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL</p>	<p>11:30am Michael O'Leary RIP</p>	
<p>Saturday 19th June Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Sandra Pearson</p>	<p>3:30pm First Holy Communion Mass for Holy Name School</p>
<p>Sunday 20th June TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR DAY FOR LIFE</p>	<p>8:30am Ints of Br Andrew Ferris 10:30am Alvin Thompson RIP</p>	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:
£351.10**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£146.60**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:176**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Job 38:1, 8-11; Ps
106; 2 Corinthians
5:14-17; Mark
4:35-41**

PASTORAL LETTER

This weekend we will hear Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter, introducing the Archdiocese's Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. Please look out for the prayer cards in church, and feel free to share copies with those who are unable to come to Mass.

You can find the Pastoral Letter in text, audio and video format on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision

NEW PODCAST LAUNCHES: WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE

A new podcast celebrates the lives and influence of women in scripture, some of the greatest women of all time.

Natalie Orefice, Advisor for Parish Evangelisation at the Archdiocese of Birmingham presents a monthly podcast with dynamic women from across the Diocese, each focussing on a different woman in the Bible.

It aims to ask and answer who they are and what they can teach us today. Each podcast will be accompanied by extra reading and resources for those who hunger for more.

The podcast is part of the God Who Speaks initiative, helping to deepen our faith and love of the scriptures.

The first podcast, about Ruth, launches on Sunday 13 June on SoundCloud, Spotify and iTunes. The podcast can be found on our podcasts page: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/podcast

INFORMATION AND NOTICES ABOUT THE WORK OF RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps to nourish and grow your marriage and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

Covid 19 has been a very challenging time for many marriages. "So much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart?" For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 1-4 July 2021, call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443; email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk