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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

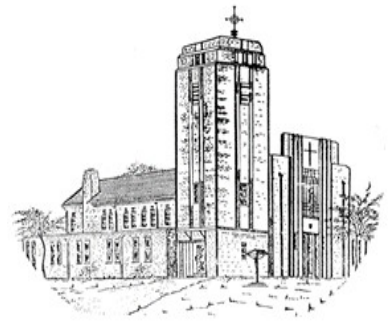
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



**TWENTY– FOURTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR B
11th and 19th
September 2021**

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

Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 50: 5-9;

Ps 114;

James 2: 14-18; Mark

8:27-35

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We live in a celebrity obsessed society – one that places great emphasis on beauty, wealth, fame and popularity. We measure success or failure according to these standards in sports, business, politics and even religion. For example, a business is successful if it generates big profits; a church is successful if it attracts a lot of worshippers; a government is successful if it performs well in the polls.

The Word of God this Sunday challenges these basic assumptions. It defines the meaning of life not in terms of personal gain, self-interest and shallow success, but rather in terms of one's sense of duty, commitment and fidelity. Ultimately, it is our ability to live life's bitter disappointments that determines our Christian discipleship.

During the time of Jesus, the people were confused. They had diverse ideas about him. They regarded him as a political messiah, teacher, healer, wonderworker, prophet, king, and more. They did not know what to believe about Jesus. After surveying the opinion polls about him, Jesus asks a question to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" It is to this question that Peter gives the answer: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

What follows this is an unexpected experience for Peter and the other disciples. Peter, whom Jesus called the rock, is praised for recognising the Messiah. However, the rock can be either the corner stone or the stumbling block. As long as Peter lives out the call to emulate the Suffering Servant as mentioned in today's First Reading, he is the rock of strength. But, Peter is rebuked and called a stumbling block because he wants to remove the cross from the mission of the Christ and Christian discipleship. True discipleship is seen when we are faithful to God in times of suffering. Jesus led by example and his total love for each of us was shown by his terrible suffering and death on the cross.

So, who is Jesus for me personally?

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, 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, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember Douglas Meghan, Margaret Charles, Paul Summers, Shirley Guerin, Mary Richards, Joe Mullaney, Rosina Amy Tumblety, Susan Trickett, James McBrinn, Patrick Finn, Angela Carter, Eric Clemton, Patrick Donaghey, Sally Wilkes, John O'Gorman, Hilda McGrath, Patrick Jacob, Felix Hughes, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SCJ ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The Annual Sponsored walk in support of the Sacred Heart Father's Mission in India, will take place on 25th September 2021 at 1:30pm on the Canal Towpath route near Knowle. This year Bro Andrew will do the walk. You are invited to sponsor him or take part in the walk with him. Sponsorship and Gift Aid forms are available from Br. Andrew outside Church after the weekend Masses. If you plan to join us please let Bro. Andrew know.

NATIONAL MASS FOR THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

This year Archdiocese of Birmingham has been asked to host this event. The Mass will take place on Saturday 25th September 2021 at 12noon, at the Parish of St Mary and St John in Wolverhampton. To book your place please go to the diocesan website or follow this link: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/national-mass-for-the-guild-of-saint-Stephen-September-2021>.

HELP NEEDED

The Cleaners are back! They would welcome some extra pairs of hands on a Thursday Morning starting at 10:00 am. If you can help please come along. Tea and coffee are provided.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 11th September – 19th September Sunday (Psalter Week 4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 11th September Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30 pm Philip Davies RIP</p>	
<p>TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday 12th September RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE</p>	<p>8:30 am Pauline Gallahan RIP 10:30 am Angela McHugh RIP</p>	<p>1:15 pm Baptism</p>
<p>Monday 13th September Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>10:00 am Helena Mahoney - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Tuesday 14th September Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</p>	<p>10:00 am Francis Burke - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Wednesday 15th September Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</p>	<p>11:30 am Ints of Joe McNally</p>	<p>7:30 pm Baptism Preparation</p>
<p>Thursday 16th September Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</p>	<p>9:30 am Ints of Marist Sisters from Hythe - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Friday 17th September Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30 am Mollie Kelly RIP</p>	
<p>Saturday 18th September Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30 pm John Bennett RIP</p>	
<p>TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday 19th September RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION</p>	<p>8:30 am Colin Steward RIP 10:30 am Matthew And Anne Sweeney RIP</p>	<p>10:30 am Baptism</p>

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection: 499.53**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£ 101.40**

**Standing Order for
the Month of July
£1783.17**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:190
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20;
Ps 53;
James 3:16-4:3;
Mark 9:30-37

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOUSEBOUND

If you or someone you know is sick or housebound and unable to attend to Mass, and would like to receive a visit from the Clergy or to receive the Sacraments, please let Fr. Vincent SCJ or the Parish Office know.

If some one is in Hospital, then you need to inform the Hospital Catholic Chaplain, via the Ward Staff, if you would like to see a priest. If you can not contact us yourself, please ask a family member or friend to do this for you.

PARISH CENTRE

We are pleased to report that NHS Vaccination Programme taking place in the Parish Centre has proved to be a success. Consequently they have asked to continue to use the Centre for the rest of this year. The Diocese has asked us to serve our community in anyway we can at the moment and this is our contribution to the care of people locally.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th and 26th September —Annual collection in support of Fr Hudson's Society.

2nd October - Day for Altar Servers called Proximity to be held at St Mary's College Oscott. For more information and how to book please visit this website: www.vocations.org.uk/proximity

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE

The annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday 9th October at 12 noon at St. Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021, from your 1st up to 60th—every 5 years, and every year over 60, please email to Lianne Pap, Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator, at marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know! The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via the above email address. The closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.