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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1st July to
9th July
2023**

**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**

2 Kings 4:8-11,
14-16; Ps 88;

Romans
6:3-4, 8-11;

Matthew
10:37-42

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In the Ten Commandments, God commands us to obey our parents. But in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me." How can we understand this? We have to obey, respect and love our parents and children. But love towards God gets priority over any other love in this world even love towards oneself. It means that we have to love God above all. St. Augustine makes it clear that, "Let us answer our father and mother when they justly say "love us." Let us answer, "I will love you in Christ, not instead of Christ. You will be with me in him, but I will not be with you without him. And I care for Christ more than I care for you."

Jesus demands a dedication stronger than love for our parents or children. When our relationships get in the way of eternal life with Christ, we have to be prepared to let them go for His sake. Love for Jesus must be even greater than our love for family. Does that mean I stop loving my family? Of course not! It does mean that there is a higher love, a higher calling, that must take precedence.

We even have to give up our life for Christ. Everything- my possessions, my dreams, my family, my life- has to come under the lordship of Christ. We must take up a cross and follow Him. To take up a cross is to walk towards certain death. To find your life is to lose it, and to lose your life in him is to find it. To welcome a disciple is to welcome Jesus. Even a cup of water to His disciples brings a reward. He, and He alone, must determine all that I do. Anything that gets in the way of my total surrender to Christ must go.

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**Safeguarding
Officers****PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Lynne Mary Allan, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Christine Enid and John King, Margaret and David Curtis, David Quigley, David Christine McGivern, Teresa Goddard, , Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Sheila Shearon, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember James (Aidan) McCabe **Stephen Hurley** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Michael Cronin, Margaret Thomas, James Walsh, John Duncliffe, Rose Connolly, Patrick Forde, Helen Earle, Margaret Cole, Albert Haynes, Sean Gilligan, Michael O'Brien, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Stephen Gerard Hurley, is on Friday, July 21, 2023 here in Church at 11:00am followed by Cremation at Perry Barr Crematorium at 12:30pm.

James (Aidan) McCabe passed away in Ireland on Monday 26th June 2023.

Holy Name School Great Barr - School Office Admin Assistant**Vacancy:**

Holy Name Catholic Primary School in Great Barr are currently recruiting for a school office admin assistant. The post is part-time: 20 hours per week, term-time only. Please contact the school office for further information. Email: headteacher@holynamesandwell.sch.uk. Phone: 0121 357 3216. The closing date for applications is Monday 10th July.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thank you for your understanding as we dealt with the backlog in requests for Mass Intentions. Fr Kuriakose and Fr Jibu have said the Masses outstanding. We are now up to date and you will find your Masses will be offered in a more timely manner from now on. May we also remind you that it greatly helps the Office if you use the envelopes provided for Mass Intentions as it allows us to keep a clear and simple record of your requests. Thank you .

This Week Saturday 1st July – Sunday 9th July (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 1st July	12:30pm Rita Pattern and Family	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 2nd July THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PETER’S PENCE	8:30am Margaret Cole RIP 10:30am FHC for St. Mark’s School Ints of First Holy Communion Children and their families	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By S.V.P
Monday 3rd July Feast of St Thomas, Apostle	11:30am Ints of Lila and Leo Hughes	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 4th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Ints of Denise Santy	5:30pm Reception into Church for Joan Rawlings
Wednesday 5th July Feria in Ordinary Time	12:00pm Requiem Mass for Joan Rawlings	
Thursday 6th July Feria in Ordinary time	9:00am Mass at St. Marks School Ints of Pauline Clarke	
Friday 7th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints of Sampays Family	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Multi Culture Event in Parish Centre
Saturday 8th July Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Sam Groves RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 9th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA	8:30am Ints of Andy Finlay and Family 10:30am Christine Millington	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Helena, Marie and Friends

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING 7TH JULY 2023 UPDATE

Final reminders

Food. If you are bringing food, please ensure that you arrive in good time to set it out before the party. We have platters and dishes available should you need them. You can bring cold food, cakes etc (not sandwiches!) to the Presbytery in advance if you wish.



Raffle Prizes Please bring Raffle Prizes to the Presbytery in good time.

Reply slips If you are coming on Friday, please make sure that you have let us know how many people will be coming with you.

Entertainment. If you are planning to provide some entertainment, please ensure that you let Payal know as soon as possible so that we can organise a programme for the evening.



Help needed We need help setting up and clearing up on Friday. If you can help please come along on Friday morning at 10:00am. We would also like volunteers to help tidy up at the end of the evening. If you can help please let Payal know.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR ST. MARK'S SCHOOL

We pray for the children and their families of St. Mark's School as they celebrate their First Holy Communion next weekend on Sunday 2nd July 2023. May God bless them and their families.

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£451.81

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£132.50

Church
Maintenance:
£159.82

Standing Order for
the Month of
May:
£1,935.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 254
Thank you for
supporting your



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-10;

Ps 144;

Romans 8:9,
11-13;

Matthew 11:25-30

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