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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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**SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
29th July to
6th August
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**

**1 Kings 3:5, 7-12;
Ps 118;
Roman 8:28-30;
Matthew 13:44-52
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The parables of the treasure and the pearl are twin parables. They teach us the value of the Kingdom of Heaven. Nothing is more important or of greater value than the Kingdom of God.

There is a finding of the treasure. The treasure is not in plain sight but hidden. The value of the kingdom is not always obvious to us at first. We hear about God or Jesus or the Gospel or the Church, but sometimes we do not realise how important, how essential, how necessary God is to our lives. This man in the parable finds something very valuable in his life. He becomes very joyful in finding the treasure. When we find Jesus as the treasure in our lives, it will be a joyful occasion for us. With this joy, he hides the treasure, goes back and sells all that he had and buys the field. He was very happy to sell all his possessions in order to own the treasure, that is, the kingdom of God.

The person in the first parable is not searching for the treasure but he happened to find it. Some people do not look for God, do not even think about God. When God suddenly enters their life, they find Jesus in their lives and surrender themselves totally to God like St. Paul. St. Paul was not seeking Jesus at first, Jesus was seeking him. The merchant in the second parable is someone who is searching for fine pearls to purchase. There are people like this merchant looking for God. When they find the pearl of great price, that is, God, they want to own it at any cost. Neither of the men in these two parables regretted their choice of giving up everything for the treasure or the pearl. They were filled with joy.

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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, 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 **Margaret Moore** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Michael Foley, Jessie O'Reilly, Collette Frazer, Patrick Leneman, Elizabeth Grealish, Bernard Donaghey, Bill Watton, John Ward, Paul Burns, Stephen Garrett, Bridie Kennedy, Helen Murray, Wilf Hayes and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Funeral Service for Margaret Moore Friday 4th August 2023 11:30am at Perry Barr Crematorium.

DAY TRIP TO SOUTHPORT

The Exercise Group is organising a day out on Monday 4th September 2023 Price £20.00 pick up 8:00am Holy Name Church, 9 Cross Lane Birmingham B43 6LN. To book please contact the Exercise Class Tutor 07832112641.

Please see the notice on the Church Board.

S.V.P

The S.V.P. would like to remind parents that financial help is available to assist with the purchase of school uniforms and associated items, shoes, P.E Kit etc. If we can help please advise the Parish Office of a contact phone number and we will contact you discreetly.

This Week Saturday 29th July – Sunday 6th August (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 29th July Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	12:30pm Mary Holme RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 30th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am Aidan McCabe 10:30am Marian Cummane	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By S.V.P
Monday 31st July Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	11:30am Ints of Sr. Helen	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 1st August Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9:15am Holy Mass in Church Stewart O'Neil	
Wednesday 2nd August Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints of Julia Hogan	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 3rd August Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Holy Mass in Church Ints of Sr. Marie Browne	
Friday 4th August Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am Ints of Sr. Monica O'Brien	11:30am Funeral Service for Margaret Moore at Perry Barr Crematorium
Saturday 5th August Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints of Hurley Family	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 6th August FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	8:30am Denise Watson RIP 10:30am Michael Reviles RIP	NO COFFEE MORNING IN AUGUST

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£328.44**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£184.50**

**Church
Maintenance :
£188.15**

**Standing Order for
the Month of
June:
£1,740.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 247
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Daniel 7:9-10,
13-14; Ps 96; 2
Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9
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CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers to the Church in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Warmest wishes for a happy holiday for those involved in School. May the holiday season fill your home with joy, love and laughter in your life. Our Parish wishes all the best and success to all those who are moving on in the next academic year.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

This takes place in Lisbon from 2nd to 6th August and it will be attended by Pope Francis. The theme of the week is "Mary rose up in haste" because she had good news to share with her cousin Elizabeth. We pray for Pope Francis, for the young people who will attend and for our own young people as they set out on their Journey in Faith.

SECURITY NOTICE

Please note that the Holy Name Church doors are locked apart from Mass times.

If you attend a meeting in the presbytery, please make sure that the last one out has secured all the doors they have used. The front door should not be left on the latch unattended.

Please remember that the Church is home to the Priests who need to know they are safe.