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THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY**

IN ORDINARY TIME

**16th September to
24th September
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**

Ecclesiasticus

27:30-28:7;

Ps 102;

Romans 14:7-9;

Matthew 18:21-35

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus teaches about reconciliation. Keeping this in mind Peter asks, "How often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered Peter, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." Forgiveness, for Jesus, is not a quantifiable event. It is a quality; a way of being, a way of living, a way of loving. If we are to follow Christ then it must become our way as well. Forgiveness is a way in which we align our life with God's life. God's forgiveness and human forgiveness are integrally related. That is more apparent in the parable.

The king forgives his servant an extraordinary amount. Ten thousand talents is about 3000 years of work at the ordinary daily wage. It seems that there is no debt too large to be forgiven. This man, this debtor, was forgiven. That is how our God is. This servant refused to forgive his fellow servant 100 denarii, about three months of work at the ordinary daily wage. That is what our world is like. By that refusal the forgiven servant lost his own forgiveness.

Our heavenly Father treats everyone as they have genuinely acted toward brothers and sisters. In Physics a basic law states that for every action there is an equal but opposite reaction. This parable proposes a different spiritual law: For every action towards a brother or sister, an equal action occurs. Lack of forgiveness equals lack of forgiveness, but forgiveness equals forgiveness. We do not choose to forgive. We only choose to share the forgiveness we have already received from God. Forgiveness is an act of hopefulness and resurrection for the one who forgives. It is the healing of our soul and our life. Making mistakes is human, but forgiving others is divine. Jesus invites us to the realm of divine.

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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, Joyce Finch, Debbie Ferris, Diane Liddell, 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 **Colum Conway, Sheila Mary Shearon** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Sally Wilkes, John O'Gorman, Hilda McGrath, Patrick Jacob, Felix Hughes, Jim Sheridan, John Scanlon, Lilian Griffiths, Michael Colbert, Ronald Baker, Pauline Bate, Dorothy Flaherty, Michael Purcell, Bridget Egan, Matthew Sweeney, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Sheila Mary Shearon, is on Friday September 22, 2023 here in Church at 11:30am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 1:00pm.

**VACANCY AT THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARY'S
THE MOUNT, WALSALL**

The Parish Priest of St. Mary's The Mount in Walsall is looking for suitable candidate to take up the role of parish office administrator, to be located at the Parish Office in St. Mary's the Mount Presbytery. The Appointed person will be required to work 10 hours per week, with day and time to be agreed. If you are interested please contact the Holy Name Parish Office for a Job Description.

GIFT AID

If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme please collect a form from the Parish Office. Please consider making your offering by Direct Debit as this is easier for everyone.

This Week Saturday 16th September – Sunday 24th September (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 16th September Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints of Catherine and Bernie Campbell	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 17th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION	8:30am Arthur Harding RIP 10:30am Ints of Phyllis Thompson 3:00pm Syro Malankara Mass	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Holy Name Choir
Monday 18th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints of William Gallagher	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 19th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Joan Rawlings RIP	
Wednesday 20th September Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae—Gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha - sang, and Companions, Martyrs	11:30am HN School Mass in church Ints of Fr. Robert Billing	11:00am Rosary 7:30pm Baptism Talk
Thursday 21st September Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	9:15am Holy Mass in St. Mark's School Ints of Michael O'Halloran	
Friday 22nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Requiem Mass for Sheila Mary Shearon	
Saturday 23rd September Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina	12:30pm Ints of Friends of the Hurley Family	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 24th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR FR.HUDSON'S SOCIETY	8:30am Ints of Rhonda Avery 10:30am Ints of Joanne Dovaney 12:00pm Baptism	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Knights of St. Columba

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£375.28**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£571.20**

**Building Fund
£718.07**

**Standing Order for
the month of
July :1,892.50**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 235**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Isaiah 55:6-9;
Ps 144;
Philippians
1:20-24, 27;
Matthew 20:1-16
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FOOD BANK

The Food bank will be holding its 11th year Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 23rd September at St. Bernard's Church on Broome Avenue. Refreshments are being held in their hall at 2pm with the service commencing at 3pm. All are very welcome.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

St Paul's School for Girls has an Open Evening Thursday 21 September from 5:00pm till 8:00pm.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2024

We are planning a short program of Preparation for Confirmation for Secondary age pupils, living in the parish, who would like to receive the Sacrament early next year. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you have already let us know, please just confirm your interest with us.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 29th September after the 11:30am Mass, in the Parish Centre We are asking for donations of cakes, raffle prizes and good quality bric - a - brac please. We hope that you will come along to support this excellent charity.

EVANGELISATION SUNDAY COLLECTION

The money raised from this collection will support the work of the Bishops' Conference in preparing materials for the Year of Prayer which Pope Francis has requested for the Church for 2024. These will be available for use in parishes next year. Thank you for your support.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The Bible Alive Sessions will continue on Monday 18th September from 7pm - 8pm in the Parish office. Please read Luke 7:1-10 and Page 37 in the booklet in preparation to share this Scripture Reading.