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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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**TWENTY –FIFTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
23rd September to
1st October
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
Isaiah 55:6-9;
Ps 144;
Philippians
1:20-24, 27;
Matthew 20:1-16
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Matthew 20:1-16 is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Though each started to work in the vineyard at a different hour, at the end of the day they all received the same pay. The workers who worked longer hours were upset that those who worked only one hour received the same pay they did. Everyone comes to the vineyard at different points in their lives. Some people are lifelong disciples of Jesus, and some people convert only toward the end of their lives. In the kingdom of God, both groups are treated the same. By human standards, we perhaps might view this as unjust. Yet Jesus points out that the reward for their long work is fair. The only reason that others receive this same reward is because of the generosity of the owner of the vineyard.

Jesus himself is unjust according to the conventional wisdom of this world. This 'injustice' of the Father and the Son is the source of our salvation. We can trust God our Father whose merciful love and generosity has no limit. It is something profound and unimaginable. When we reflect on God's attributes as revealed in the parables, we can see that God is generous to all, to humanity in general. God waits for each soul to enter his vineyard with infinite patience. He invites us constantly to participate in his life and his mission. God celebrates each soul who enters. Jesus announces, "The Last Will Be First, and the First Will Be Last." Humility is the prerequisite to entering into his Kingdom, no matter where we come from, whatever our past. Humility allows us to take first place in his eyes.

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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**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember Brian Kinsell, Kathleen Abbott, Patrick Donaghey JNR, Margaret Phillips, Jerome Coffey, Bernard McGrail, Marjorie Insley, Bernadette Cronin, Hughie Boyle, James O'Reilly, Mary Kett, Franceline French, Ronald Kenney, James Hogan, Michael O'Mahony, Michael Igoe, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.



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.

<p align="center">This Week Saturday 23rd September – Sunday 1st October (Psalter Week 1)</p>	<p align="center">Holy Mass Intentions</p>	<p align="center">Devotions & Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd September Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Friends of the Hurley Family</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p>Sunday 24th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR FR.HUDSON’S SOCIETY</p>	<p>8:30am Ints of Rhonda Avery 10:30am Ints of Joanne Dovaney 12:00pm Baptism</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Knights of St. Columba</p>
<p>Monday 25th September Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30am Ints of Fr. Vincent Arulandhu</p>	<p>11:00am Divine Mercy</p>
<p>Tuesday 26th September Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:15am Ints of Mary Arulandhu</p>	
<p>Wednesday 27th September Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest</p>	<p>9:15am HN School Mass in School 11:30am Stephen Gerard Hurley RIP</p>	<p>11:00am Rosary</p>
<p>Thursday 28th September Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:15am Holy Mass in Church Catherine Sweeney RIP</p>	<p>4:30pm Parish Finance Meeting</p>
<p>Friday 29th September Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</p>	<p>11:30am Peter Hayward RIP</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>11:30am McMillan Coffee Morning</p>
<p>Saturday 30th September Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>12:30pm Bridie Madden RIP</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p>Sunday 1st October TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES</p>	<p>8:30am Joan Rawlings RIP 10:30am Ints of Frances Cahill 3:00pm Malankara Mass</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By S.V.P</p>

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£425.74**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£150.70**

**CASE
£183.70**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 241**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Ezekiel 18:25-28;
Ps 24;
Philippians
2:1-11;
Matthew
21:28-32
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FR HUDSON'S CARE

Today's second collection is for Fr Hudson's Care, the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It works in different ways to support the most vulnerable in society and has been at the forefront of developing new ways of providing care to support and enhance their lives. If you would like more information, there are leaflets in the Church Porch. There are also Gift Aid envelopes available, if you wish to use them.

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 informed, please just confirm your interest with us. The sessions will take place on Saturdays between 10am to 11:00am from 14th October to 18th November.

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The next Session will take place on Monday 25th September from 7pm - 8pm in the Parish office. Please read Luke 8:22-25 in preparation to share this Scripture sharing.