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THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTY –SECOND
SUNDAY**

IN ORDINARY TIME

**2nd September to
10th 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**

Jeremiah

20:7-9; Ps 62;

Romans 12:1-2;

Matthew 16:21-27

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Teresa of Avila was on a journey. It was bitterly cold, a dark night in winter. It started raining and a wheel of the chariot came off. So she had to spend the whole night there on the road. In her bitterness she cried to the Lord, "Lord, why do you treat me like this". "This is how I treat my friends", said the Lord. "Oh, I see! That is why you have so few friends", responded Teresa.

Suffering is difficult to understand. But Jesus is absolutely clear about his teaching about suffering. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." No discipleship is possible without suffering. Suffering is a universal experience. Suffering is an evil. So there is no point in glorifying suffering for its own sake. Instead we must fight against it.

Jesus did not come to take away our suffering but to give meaning to our suffering. Suffering is not the end, death is not the end; resurrection is the end. The last word about our human existence is not suffering and death but resurrection and fullness of life with him. The cross could not hold on to Jesus for long, the tomb could not lock him up for ever. The cross had to surrender him; and the tomb had to give him up on the third day. In the same manner we too will triumph over suffering and death.

When we are caught up in our daily toil, failures and disappointment, pain and tragedy, sickness or death of a loved one, we should not forget the good news proclaimed by Lord Jesus: suffering is not the end, death is not the end; resurrection is the end. Jesus has conquered suffering and death.

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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, 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 John Donaghey, Michael Spellman, Mary Dingley, John Robinson, Kevin Chilton, John Coffey, Frank Atkinson, Gerald Humphries, Betty Centurion, Mabel Lynch, Ken Lawrence, Joanne Clement, Noreen Blake, Aleksander Piorowski, Emily Carr, Patrick Waldron, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING INFORMATION DAY, SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

The West Indian Chaplaincy would like to invite you to a **Health and Wellbeing Information Day** on **16th September 2023**.

Health experts will be available for information and advice on health conditions such as diabetes, prostate and other cancers, hypertension and more, so come along to learn or have your questions answered. Refreshments will be available as well as a Tombola and other stalls.

This will be a Drop In event running from **11.00am to 4.00pm** and will take place at the Chaplaincy Centre in the grounds of the Sacred Heart School: **West Indian Chaplaincy, Our Lady of the Caribbean Chapel Centre, Bayswater Road, Birchfield, Birmingham B20 3AE**.

Booking is not essential, but it would help us to have an idea of numbers. More information and booking via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/health-and-wellbeing-information-tickets-707693559487>

or Text 07399 549 901 or ring 0121 551 2084

This Week Saturday 2nd September – Sunday 10th September (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 2nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints of Fr. Gerald Kelly	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 3rd September TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Ints of Michael Umeh 10:30am Angela McHugh RIP 3.00pm Syro-Malankara Mass	NO COFFEE MORNING
Monday 4th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Graham Lingwood RIP	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 5th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Carmel Biddle RIP	
Wednesday 6th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Frank Dempsey RIP	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 7th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Holy Mass in Church, Ints of Sr. Monica and Marist Sisters	
Friday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11:30am Philip Davies RIP 6.00pm Syro Malankara Mass	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 9th September Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Mrs Mary Cooper RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 10th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am Joan Rawlings RIP 10:30am Ints of Bridget Green	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Helena, Marie and Friends

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£472.42**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£137.80**

**For the Parish
£161.56**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 260**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Ezekiel 33:7-9;
Ps 94;
Romans 13:8-10;
Matthew 18:15-20**

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Parish needs Eucharistic Ministers to help distribute the Holy Communion for Saturdays 12:30pm Holy Mass and Sundays 8:30am Holy Mass. If anyone would like to become a Minister please contact the Office. Training will be provided.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA

Please collect your new Rota, from the Church Porch as you leave Mass today. Thank you.

BIBLE ALIVE SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The Bible Alive Sessions will start on Monday 11th September from 7pm - 8pm in the Parish office. Please make sure you take a copy of " Bible Alive" from the Porch and read Page 30 in preparation for the session.

S.V.P. COFFEE MORNING

The S.V.P. invite you to come to a Coffee Morning after the 11:30 Mass in the Parish Centre on Friday 15th September. Come and join us for a chat while you enjoy coffee and cake.



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.

SINCERE THANKS

We would like to thank the Church Wardens and Collectors who do the collection for us and who are always available to volunteer for our parish. Many thanks to you all.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As we start a new school year we wish everyone in our Parish Schools a happy and healthy year of learning and friendship.