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St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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Celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God

Reflecting on the said celebration, personally, I would fall short if I did not notice the beautiful practice of our Jewish brothers and sisters in carrying out the Jewish Feast of Passover, vis-à-vis the institution of the Sunday of the Word of God.

On the said event, they are going to commemorate the story of their ancestors' departure from Ancient Egypt, which appears in the Hebrew Bible's books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. As the Exodus story is being told or recounted during this celebration, everyone should be led to feel as if they are one of those travelling out of Egypt and being placed in such a situation. They are trying to enliven the past in the present as these stories are being read, stories which do not only portray struggles and difficulties but the victories as well, God's Salvific Work: the passing over of the Angel of Death on the houses having the mark of the blood of the lamb and their passing over the Red Sea. Indeed, it is a great and wonderful story to remember, to celebrate and to share with the younger generations.

However, this wonderful practice is not new or strange in our Catholic Faith, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. As we may notice, the sets of readings being read during our celebration of the Easter Vigil recount to us, on that wonderful and joyous night, the History of Salvation. That is why, personally, I cannot also contend the joy in my whole being when the said initiative is being actualised, the institution of the Sunday of the Word of God. Its primary intention is to help facilitate, in each and every one of us, how to fall in love with God's Word written in the words of man, the Sacred Scripture, and to help us listen to the God who is speaking to us in every page of the Sacred Scripture.

As we can see in our present generation and time, different messages were being imparted to us through the different mediums of communication: messages of anger, hatred, fear, war, conflict, misunderstanding etc. They were spread far and wide. And yet, sometimes the Word of God is given less importance and value or, even worse, no importance or value at all. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters in faith, in this troubled and topsy-turvy state of living we are, once again, being invited to listen to this God who is speaking in us and to renew, once again, our love and desire of reading the Sacred Scripture. This celebration is not only a one-day activity or event, but it serves as a spark to get the fire burning: the zeal and the fire in each and every one of us in reading the Sacred Scripture and considering the will of God in our day-to-day living.

Therefore, as we are going to celebrate the Year of the Word as a Parish Community, let us take into consideration the following aspects:

- *Let us show an interest and make a concerted effort to read the whole Gospel account of Matthew, the centre and primary element to be pondered upon during our celebration of the Year of the Word.*
- *Let us celebrate the Word of God as a Parish Community, in such a way that it can be appreciated and assimilated in the lives of each and every one of us, so that, in doing so, being filled with the Word of God after the celebration and being challenged to put it into practice or to live it out, we would become God's living instruments, sharing it with our brothers and sisters in faith (celebrate, live and share).*

PARISH INFORMATION

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1040.66. (Standing orders: £675, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £365.66. Overseas Charity Collection: £21.41. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift aided. Many thanks for your generosity. Counting Team this week: D (Next week: E). This weekend there will be a voluntary second collection as our parish gift to Fr. Salvatore.
- **Year of the Word:** The year 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on the Bible and ‘The God Who Speaks’. Sunday 26th January will be ‘*Sunday of the Word*’ and the inauguration of this year of special focus will take place on 19th January during 9am Mass.
- **Thanksgiving Mass:** *On Sunday 26th January, the 11am Mass will be a special Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Fr. Salvatore’s ordination to the priesthood and to thank Lord for his service as our parish priest.*

There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre following the Mass. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are able to bring some food for our sharing table. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to the refreshment fund, please hand it to one of the priests by next Sunday (19th January) to enable items to be purchased in good time. We hope that you will all be able to join us for this special celebration.

We would like to give a gift to Fr. Salvatore to mark this special occasion and to thank him for his service to our parish. *To facilitate this, there will be a voluntary second collection at each Mass on 18th/19th January.*

- **RCIA Programme 2019/2020:** The next session of our Come & See programme will be on Monday 20th January at 7:45pm in the Parish Centre. The topic for this meeting will be ‘*Baptism*’. Everyone is welcome to join us for some or all sessions.
- **Mass for Christian Unity:** The 7pm Mass on Friday 24th January will be a special Mass for Christian Unity. At this Mass, we welcome parishioners from other Christian churches in Walsall. Please make a special effort to attend this Mass and join with other churches in praying for Christian unity.
- **Martin Scully:** Val Scully would like to express her gratitude to parishioners for their support, prayers, cards and messages following the recent death and funeral of her husband, Martin. God bless you all.
- **Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage:** There will be special Masses of thanksgiving for married couples, and those preparing for marriage, at St. Chad’s Cathedral on Saturday 9th May and Saturday 16th May at 12 noon. Please see the poster in our church porch if you are interested and contact the organiser if you are planning to attend either of the Masses.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Jill Henderson who died on 11th January. Her funeral Service will be on Friday 14th February at 11am in this church. Please keep her family in your prayers.
- **Church Cleaners:** The new rota is now available for collection from the sacristy, if you have not already done so.
- **Job Vacancy:** Bishop Walsh Catholic School in Sutton Coldfield (part of the St. John Paul II MAC) is seeking an inspirational, collaborative and outward-facing Principal for September 2020. Full details can be found on the school website: www.bishopwalsh.net
- **Refreshments:** Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments, in the Pastoral Centre, on *Thursdays after 10am Mass and on Sundays after 9am Mass.* **General Parish Information:** Please see the poster at the back of church for general parish information.
- **School News:** We continue our First Holy Communion preparation with our Y3 children from the school and parish. We meet two times per month on a Monday evening and we have five catechists who work with the children and parents. Please pray for the success of this programme and for all involved. Catherine Amos. Head Teacher.

READERS

Mass	This Weekend	Next Weekend
5:30pm	Mrs J Gribble & Mrs C Benzigar	Mr D Tranter & Mr M Rose
9am	Mrs L Bacallan & Mr J Nelson	Mrs R Archer & Mrs D Petrova
11am	Mrs R Parkes & Mr T Tong-Sweeney	Mr G Yoong & Mrs J Nduwimana

Programme of Meetings: Fr. Jobin would like to meet with each of the organizations and groups in the parish. The programme of meetings is listed below. Please make a note of the relevant dates in your diary.

4th February - 7pm	Altar Servers	Parish Centre
11th February - 7pm	SVP (Society of St. Vincent de Paul)	Parish Centre
12th February - 7:30pm	Vocationist Co-operators	Parish Centre
18th February - 7pm	Church Cleaners	Parish Centre
25th February - 7pm	Church Wardens	Parish Centre
10th March - 7pm	Eucharistic Ministers	Parish Centre
17th March - 7pm	Catechists	Parish Centre
24th March - 7pm	Choirs & Musicians	Parish Centre
31st March - 7pm	Readers	Parish Centre
21st April - 7pm	Refreshment & Cordiality Team	Parish Centre
5th May - 7pm	Overseas Charity	Parish Centre

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Clara Gontarek, Marie Hornblower, Eileen Moseley, John Bush, Judith Dunthorne, Peggy McGill, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Mary Gallagher, Margaret Powell, Anne Jennings, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton, Mrs K Carter, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Peter Corrigan, Josie Kelleher.

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin **Mary**, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. **Amen . Hail Mary.....**

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Date	Time	Church/Place	Mass Intention	Offered By	
Saturday 18 th	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Angela Gonsalves <i>PI</i> Martin Scully <i>RIP</i>	D Sehdeva	
	6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Catherine's (BD) St. Thomas's			
Sunday 19 th 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Peace Day</i>	9:00am	St. Mary's	Angela Gonsalves <i>PI</i> Mary Lam <i>RIP</i>	Lam Family M Kenealey S Adamova D Dilkes	
	9:30am	St. Thomas's	Confessions		
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass		
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Margaret Eite <i>RIP</i>		
Monday 20 th St. Fabian <i>Pope & Martyr</i>	11:00am	St. Mary's	Fr. Vojtech Adam Audrey Dilkes <i>RIP</i>	P Horton	
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass		
Tuesday 21 st St. Agnes <i>Virgin & Martyr</i>	9:15am	St. Thomas's	Martin Scully <i>RIP</i> Cliff Evans <i>RIP</i>		
	10:00am	St. Mary's (MV)			
	1:00pm	St. Patrick's			
Wednesday 22 nd St. Vincent <i>Deacon & Martyr</i>	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Anne Jennings <i>SI</i>		
	9:00am	St. Mary's (SCH)			
Thursday 23 rd St. Nicholas Owen	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Y3 & Y4 Martin Scully <i>RIP</i> Jill Henderson <i>RIP</i>	C Amos Cartwright Family	
	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)			
	9:15am	St. Thomas's			
	6:00pm	St. Mary's			Adoration for Vocations
	7:00pm	St. Mary's			Mass for Vocations
					Martin Scully <i>RIP</i>
Friday 24 th St. Francis de Sales <i>Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:15am	St. Thomas's	Confessions & Holy Rosary Mass for Christian Unity Martin Scully <i>RIP</i>	R Williams	
	9:15am	St. Patrick's			
	6:15pm	St. Mary's			
	7:00pm	St. Mary's			
Saturday 25 th Conversion of St. Paul	10:00am	St. Mary's	Martin Scully <i>RIP</i> Adoration & Confession Benediction Margaret Greer <i>RIP</i>	H Wood K Gerrett	
	10:30am	St. Mary's			
	11:15am	St. Mary's			
	5:30pm	St. Mary's			
	6:30pm	St. Catherine's (BD)			
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's			
Sunday 26 th 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	St. Mary's	Martin Scully <i>RIP</i> Confessions Holy Mass	T Caswell	
	9:30am	St. Thomas's			
	10:00am	St. Thomas's			
	10:00am	St. Patrick's			
	11:00am	St. Mary's			
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Fr. Salvatore, SDV <i>TH</i> Catherine & Francis Yoong <i>B</i> Holy Mass	Parish Yoong Family	