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St. Mary's, St. Patrick's & St. Thomas of Canterbury



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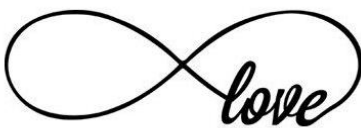
"TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE"

"To err is human, to forgive is divine" is the notion of the English poet Alexander Pope. In his poem *An Essay on Criticism, Part II* - he (Alexander Pope) explains that, while everyone can make mistake, we should aspire to do as God does; that is, show mercy and forgive sinners.

In our Gospel reading this Sunday, Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. Then Jesus further remonstrated this message by recounting the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.

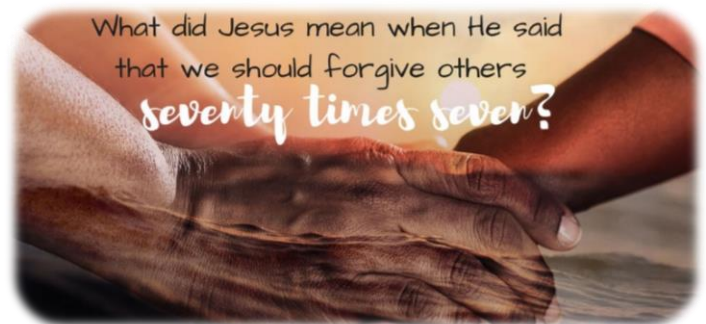
There are many times that we find ourselves like Peter, who set a limit by saying, though in an inquisitive form, "*As often as seven times?*". Here my dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, we are simply being reminded that, although we may have that inclination, we must forgive others and not become like an accountant tallying our mistakes so that there may come a time that we will not forgive others anymore because we have already done so too many times. We come before the Lord like the unforgiving servant in our Gospel reading, asking to be forgiven, and yet we should not become like him; after all, his debts were cancelled by the king, but he was not able to forgive his fellow servant who owed a little amount compared to what he owed the king, a debt which was cancelled out.

Furthermore, Jesus' response of seventy-seven times connotes infinity or, in our grammatical proponents, it is the superlative form; in the Jewish culture they do not use the superlative form, instead they double a word in order to mean that it is superior to others: King of Kings, Lord of Lords, etc. In such a manner, seventy-seven times when written in figures will be doubled (77). Thus, Jesus' response insinuates or connotes that of infinity or that of a superior value, aside from which seven is the number symbolising perfection or it is the perfect number.



Therefore, my dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, our Gospel Reading today invites each and every one of us, human as we are, tending to commit mistakes, we should also become God's instrument in granting forgiveness and in showing compassion to our brothers and sisters who have done something wrong, and not limit our granting of forgiveness to them. Thus, we err as humans, but we try also to make God present in each and every one of us by forgiving, as to forgive is divine.

May God bless us all.



INFORMATION

- **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS:** Last Sunday – £936.50 (Standing orders: £686, Offertory Envelopes £250.50). The value of your donations is increased when it is gift aided. Many thanks for your generosity. Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **HOLY PLACES**.

Counting teams: this week – Team E, next week - Team A.

- **Deacon Sean Gough:** It is a joy and blessing for everyone, especially for our parish, to have someone from St. Mary's ordained to the priesthood. Let us thank the Lord for this ineffable gift and continue to pray for him. Deacon Sean will be ordained by Archbishop Bernard on Sunday 20th September at St. Chad's Cathedral. Following his ordination, Fr. Sean will celebrate two Masses in our church: Monday 21st September at 7pm, exclusively for his family and friends; Tuesday 22nd September at 7pm, exclusively for the parish community. We invite parishioners to attend his first Mass for the parishioners. In addition, we would like to present Fr. Sean with a gift from the parish, so, for this purpose, we shall be having a second collection this Sunday, 13th September. Thank you for your prayers and support.

If you have not yet booked a place at Fr. Sean's First Mass on Tuesday 22nd September, please do so through the parish website or by telephoning the presbytery.

- **CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS AND ALL OTHER SACRAMENTS:** Our church is now open for the celebration of all the sacraments. Holy Mass is now celebrated in church every day for the public. Masses are also live streamed through the parish Facebook page and the parish YouTube channel. *To attend a Saturday Vigil Mass/Sunday Mass you must reserve a seat in advance. There is no need to reserve a seat if you are attending a weekday mass. To arrange baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact one of the priests.*

Please note that all Masses at St. Mary's will continue to be live streamed for the foreseeable future.

- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Mary Theresa Gallagher, who died on the 23rd August and her Funeral Requiem Mass will be on the 17th September at 10 A.M.. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.
- **St. Paul's School for Girls:** St. Paul's School for Girls is inviting everyone to join them for their virtual online: Open Evening on Thursday 1st October 2020. Please visit www.onlineopenevening.co.uk/stpauls to experience St. Paul's for Girls from the comfort of your home.
- **Altar Servers:** If anybody would like to join the group of Altar Servers and serve at Holy Mass, please complete an application form and give to one of the priests. (Application forms should be completed by parents if the applicant is a child.)
- **RCIA Programme 2020- 2021:** This programme provides an exploration of the Catholic Faith for those who are considering becoming Catholics and for those who want to deepen their understanding of the faith. We hope to begin the next programme in September. If you are interested in joining us, please download an application form from our website: www.stmarysthemount.co.uk All are welcome!
- **Newsletter:** If you do not currently receive the newsletter by email, but you would like to do so, please email Fr. Jobin at stmary.walsall@rcaob.org.uk and ask to be added to the mailing list.
- **Fr. Jobin:** Fr. Jobin will return from his holiday on Monday 14th September. Welcome back, Father!

RESERVING YOUR SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Telephone Booking Times: Telephone: 01922 622 633 (Ext 1)

Wednesday: 10am – 12 noon, Thursday: 5pm – 7pm, Friday: 5pm – 7pm

Online Reservation: You can reserve your seat online for Mass through the parish website: www.stmarysthemount.co.uk

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer at the Time of Distress

Merciful God come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord.

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.....

Prayer after Communion

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” *Bl. Fr. Justin*



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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th September 2020 Psalter Week IV
Sunday and Weekday Masses

Date	Time	Church/Place	Mass Intention	Offered By
Saturday 12 th	5:30pm	St. Mary's		
	6:30pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 13 th 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	Family
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Luis Jomok – TH FHC	
Monday 14 th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	Catenians Family
	9:15am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Mass for Vocations Tony Draper – RIP, DA	
Tuesday 15 th Our Lady of Sorrows	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	9:45am	St. Patrick's	Adoration & Confession	
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 16 th Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop Martyrs	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Adoration for Vocations	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
Thursday 17 th St. Robert Bellarmine Bishop & Doctor of the Church	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	9:45am	St. Patrick's	Adoration & Confession	
	9:15am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Mary Theresa Gallagher – Requiem Mass	
Friday 18 ^h	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	Margaret Williams
	9:15am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	6:15pm	St. Mary's	Confession	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Desmond Williams – RIP, B	
Saturday 19 th St. Januarius, Bishop St. Theodore of Canterbury	10:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
	10:30am	St. Mary's	Adoration & Confession	
	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Vigil Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Patrick's	Vigil Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 20 th 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	St. Mary's	Angela Cox - RIP, B	J Cox
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	Family
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Zosia – TH, B	
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, SCH=School, BD=Beechdale, BP=Baptism

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, 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, Mary Tomkins, John Carter, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.