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



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

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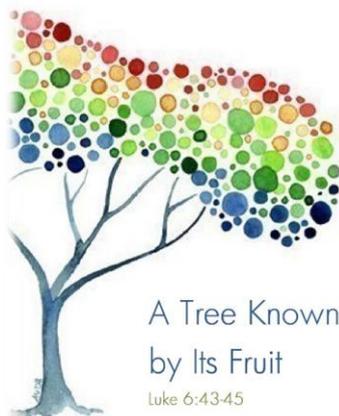
St. Thomas of Canterbury: Priest in Charge:

Fr. Christogonus SDV,

Brother: Chris Colaco

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." Luke 6:43

Conversely, it should be said that a good tree does bear good fruit. This must be our goal. By saying that "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit," Jesus is teaching us the supernatural effect of living a holy life. When we live a life grounded in Christ, the effect will be that good fruit is born from our lives. This is an important spiritual principle to understand.



Hopefully, we all want to live good lives. We all want to make a difference for the good, in our world and in the lives of others. But the fundamental question to ask is how do we do this? The answer is that it's not so much a matter of choosing the good actions we do; rather, on a more basic and fundamental level, we must choose to live a life grounded in Christ, thus becoming a "good tree."

If you want to bear good fruit and make a holy and positive difference in the world, then you need to do one primary thing: work at becoming holy. To use the image that Jesus gives, see yourself as a tree that is planted in the ground. See your roots stretching far and wide. See yourself being nourished and basked in the sun. And see yourself growing and flourishing.

This is the life of grace, and the effect is that good fruit automatically comes forth. The life of grace is accomplished by focusing upon your own health and spiritual well-being. You become this "good tree" by doing the basics well. First, pray, pray well and pray hard. Let your life be centred in prayer. Second, learn your faith. Listen to the Gospels, learn all that God has revealed through the Church, read the teachings of the saints and learn from other holy people. Third, live a good sacramental life. Go to Mass, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, understand the grace of your Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Ordination, etc. Know that the Sacraments nourish you in powerful ways and embrace that nourishment with your whole heart.

Reflect, today, upon the important mission you have been given to go forth and to bear an abundance of good fruit in our world. This mission can be accomplished only as a result of a life of holiness. This holiness is only accomplished when your roots are firmly grounded in the life of grace. Embrace this life of grace through the many means that God has set before you and know that the commitment you make to holiness will bring health, not only to your own soul, but also to the souls of those whom God will touch through you.

INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory: **£1064.25 (Standing Orders: £805 Offertory Collection: £259.25)** Second Collection – Racial Justice: £97.95. **Counting:** This Sunday - Team A, Next Sunday – Team B.
- **Seminarian Chris Colaco:** Brother Chris is moving to Northampton Diocese at the end of February, for the second part of his pastoral placement. His last day in our parish will be 28th February. We thank him for his presence and his witness during his time at St. Mary's. We wish him all the best and assure him of our prayers. This weekend, at all Masses there will be a special second collection to support Bro. Chris in his future formation.
- **Come & See Programme (RCIA) 2022-2023:** The next session will be on Monday 28th February after the 7pm Mass. The topic for this session will be *'The Catholic Church & its History'*.
- **Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March (this coming Wednesday), marking the beginning of the preparation for Easter. There will be two Masses - at 10am & 7pm. Please make every effort to attend Mass on this important day.
- **Stations of the Cross:** There will be Stations of the Cross in church at 6:15pm every Friday during Lent.
- **Lent Lunch Talks (Lunchtime Services):** These sessions will start on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, and continue until Wednesday 13th April. Each session will begin at 12 Noon with a light lunch, followed by the talk at 1:10pm in the Upper Room of St Paul's Church in the town centre (WS1 1DA). *On Wednesday, 9th March the session is led by our parish and Father Rionelle will deliver the talk on "Mary at the Wedding Feast at Cana".*
- **Palm Leaves:** Each year, it is customary to burn the palm leaves from the previous year (which were blessed and received during Palm Sunday Mass) in order to produce the ashes which will be used on Ash Wednesday. There is a box at the back of church for you to return your palm leaves from last year. *If you still have palm branches from the year 2020, kindly mark them separately from last year's palms.*
- **Online Event – 'What is God Saying to the church?'** You are invited to a live, online event with Bishop Robert Barron, and other priests, on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm. This event is for both clergy and lay people and it aims to inspire us all in our work towards parish renewal, mission and evangelisation. For further details, and to register in advance for this event, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> scroll down the page and click on the relevant details. You will then be asked to register your attendance. *Please note that this is a free event.*
- **Meeting for Stewards and Church Wardens:** There will be an important meeting for all Volunteers and Church Wardens on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in the Parish Centre.
- **Universe Catholic Weekly:** The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that they have launched the new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Paul Hardial who died on 2nd February. He will be received into church at 4pm on Wednesday 2nd March and his funeral will be on Thursday 3rd March at 12 noon. Please keep Paul's family in your prayers at this sad time. He is the brother of Annette Haslam.
- **Catholic Volunteers - Manor Hospital:** The chaplaincy department is looking for part-time Catholic volunteers to provide some support to Catholic patients in the hospital. As a volunteer, you will visit Catholic patients, provide mental and spiritual support & escort them to the hospital chapel for Holy Mass. The usual visiting time is on Tuesdays from 2pm-5pm. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Jobin, chaplain at the Manor Hospital, on 01922 622633 or by email: fr.jobin.kollappallil@rcaob.org.uk on or before 28th February.
- **Preparation for Canonisation:** In preparation for the canonisation of Blessed Fr. Justin, we are providing the opportunity to learn more about the life, spirituality and charisma of Blessed Father Justin and the Vocationist Congregation. There will be a video presentation in our parish hall during the coffee morning on the **1st & 2nd Thursdays of each month**. On the first Wednesday of each month, we will also dedicate Adoration for the canonisation of Blessed Fr. Justin; we invite you all to come and join with us.
- **Food Bank:** At the moment, we are running short of rice, pasta, cereal, tinned meat, tinned soup, pasta sauces and sugar. If you have any strong carrier bags, they would also be welcome. If you are able to donate, please leave items in the basket in the church porch. We are now supporting 4 families, so your donations are more valuable than ever. If you know of another family in need who would welcome support from our SVP Group, please contact Father Jobin. Thanks again for your continued support and your generous donations.
- **Refreshments:** Refreshments are available in the parish hall on Thursdays (following 10am Mass) and on Sundays (following 9am Mass). We will continue to follow social distancing and other safety measures.
- **School News:** *Does your child need a place in the school nursery from September 2022? Will they be three by 31st August this year?* Please complete a nursery application form and return it to school, or to Fr Jobin, who will pass it onto school. Perhaps you might like to email: postbox@st-marymount.walsall.sch.uk or phone 01922720711 for more

information. We will pass on some nursery application forms to Father Jobin to give out from the church - so just ask. *We need our Catholic children in our Catholic school and what better place to start than in the school nursery.* (Catherine Amos Headteacher).

- **Headteacher Vacancy (St. Francis' Catholic Primary School, Handsworth, Birmingham):** The Governing Body of **St. Francis' Catholic Primary School, Handsworth, Birmingham** are currently seeking to recruit a **new headteacher**. They are keen to attract a wide field of suitably qualified and experienced applicants as possible. The aim is to attract applications from practising and committed Catholics who may presently be employed outside the Catholic sector for a whole variety of sound reasons. Further details and an application pack are available on the vacancy page at www.stfrancrc.bham.sch.uk. The closing date is 11th March 2022.

Following recent changes to government guidelines, we highly recommend that everyone continues to wear face coverings inside church.

**Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for March: *A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges*
*We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.***

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 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. Amen.

Let us pray for those who are sick

Mary Grace Meneses, Faisal Kazilbash, John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, James McGeough, Bernadette Duggan, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Lee Chit Wei, Susan Naughton, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Josie Kelleher, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.

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DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 26 th	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 27 th <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am	St. Mary's	Matthew McGill – <i>RIP</i>	Donnellan Family
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Ann Jennings – <i>RIP, DA</i> Jack & Ellen Bowater – <i>RIP</i> Frank Dilkes – <i>RIP</i> Ian Henery & Gabriel Yoong – <i>TH, B</i>	F Hackett Parker & Towe Family D & S Dilkes I Yoong-Henery
Monday 28 th St. Oswald	10:00am	St. Mary's	Colin Phipps – <i>RIP</i> Bea Humphries – <i>RIP, DA</i> Paul Hardial – <i>RIP</i>	Suzanne Melvin Freda Hackett Vocationist Co-operators
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Tome Kenealey – <i>RIP, DA</i>	M Kenealey
Tuesday 1 st March St. David <i>Bishop & Patron of Wales</i>	10:00am	St. Mary's	Angela Cox – <i>DA, RIP</i> Barney Donnellan – <i>RIP</i> John Cartwright – <i>RIP, DA</i>	Family Family Cartwright Family
Wednesday 2 nd <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10:00am	St. Mary's	Ash Wednesday Mass Reception of Paul Hardial – <i>RIP</i> Adoration for Vocations Ash Wednesday Mass	
	4:00pm	St. Mary's		
	6:00pm	St. Mary's		
	7:00pm	St. Mary's		
Thursday 3 rd	10:00am	St. Mary's	Vincent Carroll – <i>RIP</i>	Hugh Carroll
	12 Noon	St. Mary's	Requiem Mass for Paul Hardial	
Friday 4 th St. Casimir <i>First Friday</i>	6:15pm	St. Mary's	Confession & Stations of the Cross John James Kelleher – <i>RIP, DA</i> Thressiama Mathew – <i>RIP</i> Yvonne Niland – <i>RIP</i>	Kelleher & Francis Family Mary & Family Eileen Sale
	7:00pm	St. Mary's		
Saturday 5 th	10:00am	St. Mary's	Deceased Members of Moxey, Keane & Cartwright Families – <i>RIP</i> Adoration & Confession	J Moxey & J Cartwright
	10:30am	St. Mary's		
	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Stanley John Davis – <i>RIP</i> <i>Success in Exams</i>	Anne F Kazmie
Sunday 6 th <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00am	St. Mary's	Mariamamma Chacko – <i>RIP</i>	Theresa
	11:00am	St. Mary's	<i>Private Intention</i>	V Fenlon

Masses at St. Patrick's and St. Thomas's		
DAYS	ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH	ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH
SUNDAY	10:00am & 7:00pm	10:00am
MONDAY	9:15am (Beechdale)	10:00am
TUESDAY	9:15am	10:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:15am	10:00 am
THURSDAY	9:15am	10:00am
FRIDAY	9:15am	10:00am
SATURDAY	6:30pm (Beechdale)	6:30pm