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

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On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. Luke 14:1

What an interesting line. This line should not be overlooked in that it reveals a common reaction that some have to Jesus. What is the reaction? It's the tendency to observe Jesus carefully from a distance.

Look at the context of this statement. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and many other people were present. Those who were there would have been considered the 'movers and shakers' of that time. They were the influential, wealthy, educated, and prestigious members of the community. Many would have been quite concerned about their reputation and quite curious about Jesus since He was growing in such popularity with the people. So, as a result, they were all "observing him carefully."

Notice the implication present in this description of their reaction to Jesus. Unlike the manifest sinners of that time, they did not come to Him, falling at His feet, begging for mercy. Rather, they appear to be quite interested in how Jesus will be accepted by others, what He will say and what they should think about Him. Even though it is unfortunate that they do not all completely turn to Jesus in faith, it's at least good that they are attentive to Jesus and realize He is unique.

This curiosity on their part is not all bad. In fact, it may lead some of them to salvation. By observing Jesus, they are clearly pondering Him, His words and His actions. This is good if and only if it results in each one of them turning to Him in faith and choosing to embrace our Lord regardless of what others think. This is a risk for those consumed with their own public image. But it's a risk that is worth taking. For those who are willing to humbly allow their observations to turn into true faith, their lives will change. But in order to do so, they must let go of any fear they have of what others may think.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have only to 'observe' Jesus and His will from a distance. If you find you are curious and interested in the presence of God around you, do not hesitate to act on this curiosity, allowing His words and presence to change your life. Do not let yourself become concerned about what others may think. Give your life to Him without hesitation and you will be eternally grateful you did.

Lord, when I perceive Your presence in my life, give me the courage I need to respond. May I never let societal pressures or pride interfere with my turning to You. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You without reserve. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series/ordinary-time-weeks-18-34/twenty-second-week-in-ordinary-time/#Sun-C>

Verse of the Week

"The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly..."

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 3:18

INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Standing Orders: £821. **Counting:** This Sunday-Team A, next Sunday-Team B.
- **Sunday Offertory Collections:** Whilst Covid-19 restrictions were in place, we stopped using the collection bags during Sunday Masses. Now that the situation has improved, we shall be using the collection bags once again.
- **Fr. Jobin:** Fr. Jobin will be away on holiday from 4th September until 7th October. If there is anything you need to discuss with him before he goes away, please try to speak to him by the end of this month, to allow time for any necessary follow-up.
- **Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall:** The pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place next Sunday, 4th September. We have booked a coach at a cost of £15 per person. The coach will leave from St. Mary's church car park at 1.30pm and will return by 6.30pm.
- **St. Bernadette Relic Tour 2022:** In September and October, the relics of St. Bernadette will journey on a pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the first time. This special, once-in-a-lifetime event will allow people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. In our Archdiocese, the relic will be available for public veneration at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham (Saturday 8th October), and the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford (Sunday 9th October). We have reserved the following time slots for our parish: **Saturday 8th October 12.45pm-1.00pm** (parking on Shadwell Street, Birmingham, B4 6EY) and **Sunday 9th October 1.00pm-1.15pm** (The Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Uxbridge Street, Hednesford, Staffordshire WS12 1DB). Those who would like to join for this please put your names on the registration form. We have only a limited number of tickets.
- **Readers' Rota:** The next rota begins on Sunday 4th September. If you are a reader, please collect a copy of the rota from the sacristy.
- **First Holy Communion 2023:** There will be an important meeting in the parish hall at 6pm on Tuesday 13th September for all parents who have applied for their children to receive First Holy Communion in 2023. (This applies to children who attend St. Mary's the Mount School and those who attend other schools.) ***This is also the last day for parents to submit application forms, if they have not already done so.***
- **Confirmation 2023:** There will be an important meeting in the parish hall at 7pm on Tuesday 13th September for all parents who have applied for their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023. (This applies to children who attend St. Mary's the Mount School and those who attend other schools.) ***This is also the last day for parents to submit application forms, if they have not already done so.***
- **Altar Servers:** If you have a son or daughter who would like to be one of our altar servers, please collect an application form from one of the priests. Altar servers must have made their First Holy Communion before training as altar servers.
- **Youth Group Welcome Day:** As part of our preparations towards starting a Youth Group in our church, we are having a Youth Welcome Day on Saturday 10th September, from 1pm – 6:30pm for young people aged 11-16. It is going to be an exciting day of ***Faith, Friendship & Fun***. All are welcome. More details can be found on the noticeboard, or you can pick up a leaflet from the church.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Betty Tomkins who died on 13th August. She will be received into the church on Wednesday 21st September at 3pm and the Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 22nd September at 10.30am. Please keep Betty's family and friends in your prayers.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Leone Baker who died on 15th August. Leone will be received into church at 4pm on Wednesday 31st August and her Requiem Mass will be at 1:30pm on Thursday 1st September. Please pray for her husband, David, and their family and friends.
- **Overseas Charities Committee:** The Overseas Charities Committee is holding a ***Curry Evening*** (as a fundraising event) on Saturday 24th September after 5.30pm Mass. Tickets are being sold after each Mass on Saturday evenings and on Sundays: the cost is **£8 for adults and £3 for children**. All proceeds will fund vital medical care, education and food distribution.
- **March for Life UK:** This event will take place in London on Saturday 3rd September. It draws attention to the hurt caused by millions of abortions that have taken place in the UK. We are urged to be bystanders no more and encouraged to join thousands of others at this family-friendly event, in saying '10 Million Too Many!' If you are interested in joining this event, please see the leaflet on the noticeboard in the porch. Further details can also be found at marchforlife.co.uk
- **Food Bank:** At the moment, we are running short of tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, UHT milk and pasta. If you are able to donate, please leave items in the basket in the church porch. We are now supporting 6 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) on Sundays (following 9am Mass). We will continue to follow social distancing and other safety measures.

We highly recommend that everyone continues to wear face coverings inside church.

Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for September: Abolition of the Death Penalty
 We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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, Saint Justin Maria Russolillo 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.” (St. Justin Maria Russolillo)

Let us Pray for those who are Sick
 Cliff Maybury, Anne Kinsey, Cisily Joy, Margaret Kenealey, Faisal Kazilbash, John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, James McGeough, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Lee Chit Wei, Susan Naughton, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.

<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2022</u>	
4 th September	Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall
10 th September	First Meeting of the Youth Group

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th August 2022
Sunday and Weekday Masses

Week II

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 27 th	5:30pm 6.30pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Pat Whitehouse - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass	M & W Bubb
Sunday 28 th <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Mary Stout – <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass Holy Mass Josepha Sarmiento – <i>B, TH</i> Mary Gallagher - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass	P Shepherd J Costache A & C Maybury
Monday 29 th St. John the Baptist <i>Martyr</i>	9:15am 10:00am 7:00pm	St. Patrick's (BD) St. Mary's St. Mary's	Holy Mass <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Kingsley
Tuesday 30 th Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward <i>Martyrs</i>	9:15am 10:00am	St. Patricks St. Mary's	Holy Mass <i>Private Intention</i>	
Wednesday 31 st St. Aidan, <i>Bishop</i> , & Saints of Lindisfarne	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Holy Mass Reception of Leone Baker - <i>RIP</i> Adoration for Vocations Sylvester Mutsigwa Snr. – <i>RIP</i> , <i>DA</i>	Family
Thursday 1 st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am 1:30pm	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Holy Mass <i>Thanksgiving</i> Betty Tomkins – <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass Requiem Mass for Leone Baker - <i>RIP</i>	Kingsley N & M Tomkins & Family
Friday 2 nd <i>First Friday</i>	9:15am 6:15pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Holy Mass Confession & Holy Rosary Mr Boniface Akubede, Mr Anukwe & Mrs Okafor - <i>RIP</i>	O Anukwe
Saturday 3 rd St. Gregory the Great <i>Pope & Doctor of the Church</i>	10:00am 10:30am 5:30pm 6.30pm	St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Peter Cox – <i>RIP</i> Adoration & Confession Stanley John Davis – <i>RIP</i> <i>Success in Exams</i> Holy Mass	Coffee Morning Friends A F Kazmie
Sunday 4 th <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Mary Stout – <i>RIP</i> Leone Baker – <i>RIP</i> Betty Tomkins - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass Holy Mass Cliff Maybury - <i>H</i> Holy Mass	Curtis Family P & B Shepherd J, J & A Nelson R Parkes

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