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

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*"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores."*

Luke 16:19-21

From one perspective, Lazarus was existing in a very undesirable state. He was poor, starving, and miserable. He was covered with sores that dogs would lick. This is very descriptive language used by Jesus and it's helpful to do your best to imagine this miserable physical state that Lazarus was in.

The key to this story is that even though Lazarus was in a miserable physical condition, his soul was in the hands of God. We know that to be true, because we are told that when he died, he was "carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham" (Luke 16:22).

This story provides us all with an opportunity to look at what is most important in life. The rich man had all he wanted in this life but clearly lacked charity on account of the fact that he ignored the physical needs of Lazarus. For that reason, the rich man was spiritually impoverished, whereas Lazarus was spiritually prosperous.

When you can keep your eyes on what is most important in life, spiritual wealth, it will make the many other hardships you endure less burdensome. Perhaps you will never be in the same physical condition as Lazarus, but you may encounter other great pains and hardships in life. When this happens, the tendency may be to become fixated upon those sufferings and to take your eyes off your interior union with God.

Reflect, today, upon how you would deal with living like Lazarus. Reflect upon what your own 'sores' are in life. They may be varied in type, degree and number from those of other people's sufferings, but they will be encountered in your life. As you identify your suffering, turn your eyes from it to the presence of God in your soul, and allow His presence to fill you with the riches of His grace.

*Lord, I offer to You my suffering and pain, my misery and hurt. Help me to always keep my eyes on You and to seek satisfaction only in the riches of Heaven. Fill my heart, especially, with love of You and charity for others so that I will be truly rich in what matters most. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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

Verse of the Week

*"Fight the good fight of faith and win the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made your noble profession of faith before many witnesses."*

1 Timothy 6:12

**INFORMATION**

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory: **£1095.54** (Standing Orders: £821 Offertory Collection: £274.54). **Catholic Evangelisation: £82.35. Overseas Charities: £17.00. Counting:** This Sunday-Team E, next Sunday-Team A. This Sunday, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Society.
- **Fr. Jobin:** Fr. Jobin will be away on holiday until 7<sup>th</sup> October. We pray that he has a safe journey and an enjoyable holiday. Please contact Fr. Rionelle if you have any matters to discuss during this period.
- **Month of October:** As you are aware, we pray The Rosary in church before Mass each day. During the month of October, please make a special effort to join us whenever possible.
- **Come & See Programme (RCIA) 2022-2023:** The next session will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September after 7pm Mass. The focus of this session will be '*Baptism*'.
- **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 8<sup>th</sup> October), and the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford (Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October). We have reserved the following time slots for our parish: **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 12.45pm-1.00pm** (parking on Shadwell Street, Birmingham, B4 6EY) and **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Enrolment Mass:** The Enrolment Mass for the 2023 candidates for Confirmation will be this Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, at 11am. Please keep the children, their families and the catechists in your prayers.
- **Bidding Prayers:** Please collect a copy of the new rota from the sacristy.
- **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.
- **APF/Missio Boxes:** Please bring in your APF/Missio red box as soon as possible. The boxes will be emptied and then you can collect your empty box the following week.
- **Guild of St Stephen Mass for Altar Servers:** The Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Altar Servers at St Chad's Cathedral is at 12noon on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, during which altar servers will have the opportunity to renew their promises. Our principal celebrant and homilist this year is Bishop David Evans. Details of how to register your attendance have been issued to all parishes; please liaise with your Parish Priest in the first instance. [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/events](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/events)
- **Universe Catholic Weekly:** *The Universe Catholic Weekly* is true to its mission of being "a light to guide the world, and a mirror to reflect it", keeping Catholics informed about their faith, and bringing them ever closer to God. In order to keep our high standard going and maintain a strong weekly Catholic voice, at a time when it is much needed in the world, please consider taking out a subscription. We have an excellent website full of trustworthy articles and an online shop with all subscribers receiving a 10% discount. Order your digital 4 weeks FREE introductory offer by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk) We also invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities.
- **Food Bank:** At the moment, we are running short of tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, rice, tea, sugar and UHT milk. If you are able to donate, please leave items in the basket in the church porch. We are now supporting 5 families. Your kind donations have helped one family through a difficult time, and now they no longer need our help. 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.
- **Job Vacancy:** St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Bloxwich, invite applications from practising and committed Catholics for the position of Headteacher from April 2023, or earlier. Closing date for applications is 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. For more information, please see the notice in the church porch, where you can also find the school telephone number, email address and website details.
- **School News:** The school term has started and our new year resolution to stress less is already out the window! Schools are such busy places, so we have to search for the times when we can reflect together in prayer and hold on to that which is most important. On Wednesday this week we led the Mass for those who serve in Catholic schools. It's always a joy when we can meet with colleagues from other schools. Our whole school Mass was quite an emotional event, as it felt so special being able to come together as a school to celebrate the most important sacrament. Class Masses have resumed, and parent prayer begins next week. Our First Holy Communion year have begun their preparation with an enrolment Mass. I know you will do your best to welcome new faces to the church and support them as they begin their preparation. The children are our future church, so I know you will encourage them in every way. Please pray for us all at school and we will continue to keep our parish in our prayers too. Mrs C.A. Amos (Headteacher)

➤ **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**  
 Michael Norman, Anne Dixon, 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.

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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Sunday and Weekday Masses**

**Week II**

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm 6.30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's (BD) St. Thomas's	Betty Tomkins - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass No Mass	W & M Bubb
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Thanksgiving for the Harvest</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	Pat Whitehouse – <i>RIP</i> Betty Tomkins – <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass Holy Mass School Mass Confirmation Enrolment Mass Dr & Mrs Nwankpa <i>TH, WA (1<sup>st</sup>)</i> Holy Mass	Beech/Rounds Families P Shepherd
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Ss. Cosmas & Damian Martyrs	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	St. Patrick's (BD) St. Mary's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Holy Mass Betty Tomkins - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass John & Josie Kelleher - <i>RIP</i>	P Power Kelleher/Francis Family
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> St. Vincent de Paul Priest	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Thomas's	Holy Mass/Adoration & Confession Holy Mass Holy Mass	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 9:15am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Mary's (SCH) St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	School Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Adoration for Vocations <i>Private Intention – G, WB</i>	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Thomas's	Holy Mass John & Josie Kelleher - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass	Kelleher/Francis Family
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> St. Jerome Priest & Doctor of the Church	9:15am 10:00am 6:15pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Holy Mass Holy Mass Confession & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Virgin & Doctor of the Church	10:00am 10:30am 5:30pm 6.30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Patrick's (BD) St. Thomas's	John Byers - <i>DA, RIP</i> Adoration & Confession Stanley John Davis - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass Holy Mass	Family A F Kazmie
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Twenty-seventh 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	Betty Tomkins - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass Holy Mass John & Josie Kelleher - <i>RIP</i> Holy Mass	Beech/Rounds Families Kelleher/Francis Family

*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*