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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Day of Migrants & Refugees 27th September 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The Covid disaster seems to be getting worse with little light at the end of the tunnel. The Government is trying to follow the science and all the best minds are giving their advice and yet for all that we don't seem to be progressing much. Is something missing in our response to the crisis? Are there things that all the science and best minds, good as they may be, cannot solve? Is there another dimension to this crisis?

It has been noticeable that there has been no call for a day of fasting and penance, of crying out to the Lord, neither from political nor from religious leaders. But shouldn't all disasters make us turn to the Lord and cry out for help and make us come to a deeper conversion and trust in the Lord. Not to abandon the science, but in addition to the science. There are some things that man cannot do on his own and it is arrogant to think that he can. It was Nimrod's sin to think that our science and technology could save us without God, that he could build a tower that would reach heaven.

So let this time bring us all to a greater trust in God, to deepen our faith in Christ crucified and risen and to renew our love of the Mass and prayer. If you think it is safe for you, start coming back to Mass and cry out to the Lord.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he taught them the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father. This is the most perfect and complete prayer. It contains everything we need to be able to pray to God in a way that he will hear. However we usually gabble through it without a thought. I commend to you a talk by Scott Hahn on the Lord's Prayer in which he opens it up in a profound way and demonstrates its riches. The talk is over an hour long and may well warrant listening to more than once. You can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9UHyePeBxs>

The Gospel this Sunday is about the two sons who were asked by their father to go and work in his vineyard. Which did his father's will? We shall be judged on is what we do, not on all the psychological and emotional difficulties we go through to get there. As Catholics we should all be constantly trying to bring our wills into line with God's will and, with the grace given to us by God, to put it into practice. "Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven".

This weekend there is a second collection for Fr. Hudson's Care. This is a very important collection and I shall forward a special request from the Archbishop for your support.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Fr. Hudson's Care**. Envelopes will be available as you enter church for use of taxpayers so that they can Gift Aid

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Peter's Pence**

Masses now on Saturdays

11 am at Sacred Heart

6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

On Sundays 10.00 am at Sacred Heart

I am able to hear some confessions before the Mass on Saturdays in the Sacristy maintaining social distancing. Otherwise you can make a special appointment by phoning Fr. Stephen.

MASS INTENTIONS this weekend. Saturday 11 am Julie & Michael's intentions

Saturday 6 pm (St. Joseph's) Nooleen Glynn's intentions

Sunday 10 am Michael Delaney

Bible Study Group now meets on Skype on Mondays **at 7.00 p.m.** If you would like to join it, please contact Shirley on 07562754382. **It is a good time to join because we are just starting 1 Kings.** All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright who will be ordained to the episcopate to become our auxiliary Bishops on Friday 9th October, the feast of St. John Henry Newman.

St. PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS invites you to an on-line Open Evening on Thursday 1st October. Go to www.onlineopenevening.co.uk/stpauls

St. EDMUND CAMPION SCHOOL have produced an Open Day video. To see it go to <https://www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk/523/announcements/announcement/51/open-evening-2020-video>

BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2020: THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY: LISTENING TO THE 'CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR'. This year the Assembly will take place ONLINE, with one-hour sessions over three evenings at 7.30pm: Monday 28 September, Wednesday 30 September, Friday 2 October and culminating with an Evening Prayer with the participation of Archbishop Bernard on Sunday 4 October at 7pm.

Sessions include: Ecological Conversion – an 'examination of conscience' on our care for our common home; Prepare the Future – building back better to address the climate emergency; and Local Government Responsibilities – planning for the West Midlands. For more information and to book go to <https://bit.ly/JPassembly2020> or email bham.jandp@gmail.com

EWTN is broadcasting what it calls EWTN essentials which is a continuous devotional broadcast with the Mass every 2 hours. Get it on the free EWTN app.

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure, Phil Robinson.

CORONAVIRUS For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

USEFUL WEBSITES <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

<https://magiscenter.com/>

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

DAILY EXPOSITION and the English Prayer Time are suspended during the Corona virus pandemic. To check on any further details phone Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ezek18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 Matt 21: 28-32) *Maintain a common purpose*

Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. St Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: "Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind."

Feasts and Memorials this week

Monday	Feria
Tuesday	Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Wednesday	St. Jerome
Thursday	St. Therese of Lisieux
Friday	Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday	Feria