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2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Peace Sunday

17th January 2021

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Sunday vigil	11.00 am		<i>Harnett & Bell families</i>
		6.00 pm	<i>Marion Cowden</i>
2nd Sunday of ordinary time	10.00 am		<i>Peggy Breen & Elaine McGlynn</i>
Monday			<i>Winnie O'Brien</i>
Tuesday St. Wulstan			<i>Ann Ashmore</i>
Wednesday			<i>Raymond Moore</i>
Thursday			<i>Devery, McCleary & O'Keefe families</i>
Friday Day of abstinence	10.45 am		Funeral Mass for Maureen Wall
Saturday Sunday Vigil	11.00 am		<i>Newton & Buckley families</i>
		6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
3rd Sunday of ordinary time	10.00 am		<i>Johnnie McManus</i>

Dear Parishioners,

I have now entered my Jubilee Year. In fact my Silver Jubilee is not until 19th July, so some way off yet. With my becoming a Catholic in 1994 I have missed out on all jubilees. I am hoping that the Covid crisis will have subsided enough in time to plan for a special celebration. It would be nice to think that we had something around which we could be something special. I'm keeping my fingers crossed. We have so often thought that we could plan something way ahead because surely Covid would be over by then, only to be disappointed.

The readings at Mass this day that I am writing (Thursday) are from Hebrews and Mark. In the Gospel Jesus heals a leper and orders him sternly not to say anything to anyone. Why does he say that? It sounds slightly strange. Are we not to tell other people about Jesus? Isn't that part of witnessing is? The man disobeys and starts talking about it freely and the result is that Jesus cannot go openly into any town, but has to stay outside in places where nobody lives. His ministry is handicapped by this man's disobedience. He is trying to make Jesus into a celebrity. But that is not what Jesus came to do. He is to be the suffering servant.

There are times to speak and times to keep silence. We need to be listening to God. During this Covid time, perhaps we need to be listening more carefully. The time for speaking will come later when God reveals to us what he wants us to say. In Sunday's Mass we shall hear the boy Samuel say "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening".

In the Hebrews reading we hear "Take care, brothers, that there is not in any one of your community a wicked mind, so unbelieving as to turn away from the living God". It is necessary to stay faithful and listening right of the day of our death. To turn away from the living God is to lose everything.

I have just received the news that Fr. Pat Joyce has died. He was one of my predecessors as Parish Priest at St. Joseph's and a very fine priest. May he rest in peace.

God bless you all and keep you safe for eternal life.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Pax Christi**.

Collections last Sunday

Sacred Heart First collection £194.50

St. Joseph's First collection £30.00

PEACE SUNDAY Here are some quotations from the Holy Father's message for Peace Sunday:
There is... a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.

... may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another.

... everything is interconnected and genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others.

... the need for relationships between nations to be inspired by fraternity, mutual respect, solidarity and the observance of international law.

You can download the whole message from [Peace Sunday 2021 – Pax Christi England and Wales](#)

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on Monday 18th January and runs until the following Monday, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The theme this year is: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit". For more details see [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION on line Conference Friday 22nd January at 5 pm. See [Catholic Biblical Federation | Catholic Biblical Network \(c-b-f.org\)](#)

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT There are a large number of speakers who will have recorded their talks and you can access any of them at any time free from 11-13 February. For more information and to register go to [The Word 2021, International Catholic Bible Summit \(cardinalstudios.org\)](#)

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL organised by the Kenelm Youth Trust. See [Young Adult Social - KENELM YOUTH TRUST](#)

[Pope Francis Declares Year of St. Joseph: 8 Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence Over the Next Year](#) Follow this link to find out more about it.

[Awaken the Sleeping Giant: The Powerful St. Joseph Devotion Catholics Need for Modern Times | \(churchpop.com\)](#)

Bible Study Group continues to meet on Skype on Mondays **at 7.00 p.m.** If you would like to join it, please contact Shirleyni on 07562754382. All are welcome.

2021 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES are now available. £2.75. Ask Fr. Stephen.

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

RECENTLY DEPARTED Please pray for Mary Quinn, Maureen Wall & Nora O'Connor recently departed.

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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42) *Welcomed in His name*
When Andrew and Simon Peter met Jesus, they asked Him: "*Rabbi, where do you live?*" He said: "*Come and see.*" They went, and stayed for the rest of the day. Did Mary, His mother, return to find strangers in her house and welcome and serve them in her Son's name? Do we welcome and serve one another in His name?

MARY'S MEALS We have incredible news! Up until 31 January 2021, public donations made to our [Double The Love](#) appeal will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million.

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.

ON-LINE RETREATS FROM BELMONT ABBEY There are some interesting options here. God to <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/online-retreats/register> for more information and to register.

CORONAVIRUS For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship) (www.gov.uk)

USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv> For access to many streamlined Masses in UK & Ireland

<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/>

[Lust is Boring on Apple Podcasts](#)