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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 September 2018

“It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us
from above; it comes down from the Father of all light.”

James 1, 17

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

SATURDAY BREAKFAST TALK IN THE CENACLE

'5,000 reasons to hope' presented by Nick Fogg OBE, from Aid to the Church in Need.

15th September 8am - 9.30am.

£5 includes continental breakfast.

Tickets available after Mass or from the office.

WALKING THE CAMINO

Eddie Moran is walking the Camino again from 19-24th September to raise money for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and for Our Lady & St Anne's church. Sponsor forms are available at the back of church. Please use your complete name and address if you are able to increase your donation by gift aiding.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £128.49 Loose £455.36

Standing Orders £484.00

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>
or by request from the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS to Veronica da Silva-Carvalho Shields and Shane Willoughby who were married on Saturday afternoon this weekend, 1st September.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the souls of Paul Loney and Jenny Randall and for all who mourn them. Paul's funeral will be here at the church on 17th Septembers at 10.00hrs.

May they rest in peace.

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge the kind donation left to Our Lady & St Anne Church by Brian Howarth.

200 CLUB WINNERS

AUGUST

1st J. Boucher

2nd J. Kavanagh

3rd M Durnin

3rd J. Shaw

Cheques available after Mass.

Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): There are many people we meet in life who wish us well, yet it is often only in retrospect that we recognise the good they have done for us. How often have we not kicked against the goad when our parents asked us to do something? How often have we not rejected the good advice they have given us? It is only later that we recognise how right they were. When as Christians we attempt to live by the commandments we often find them burdensome. We do not immediately see how they are actually designed with our welfare in mind. And yet when we take the long view we can see that they were given [by God] to do us good. The scripture readings of today’s Mass help us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the commandments. [*Today we take leave of the Gospel of John and the teaching on the Eucharist and return to the Gospel of Mark*].

First Reading (OT): Deuteronomy 4, 1 – 2. 6 – 8: If community living is to succeed, then a consensual system of rules is necessary which the individual must observe. If this is not the case, chaos wins the upper hand. Everyone is out for him/her self without the obligation to respect the needs of the other. Life in community becomes impossible and ends either in chaos or an egoistic form of pursuit of individual advantage which is ultimately unsatisfactory for everyone. Laws, written or unwritten, create ground rules which do not need to be continually invented. They form the basis of consensual living. That laws can be hijacked by those in power or are open to manipulation in the pursuit of a tyrant’s aims is a lesson history has taught us more than once. The growth of authoritarian and capricious self-regarding government in countries on both sides of the Atlantic is a great source of worry in our own day. Intelligent law-makers always seek to frame laws which promote the common good of all those confided to their care. God’s law, handed over to us by Moses, aims to create the conditions within which men and women can live happily, ‘*that you may have life*’. (Dt. 4, 1).

Second Reading (NT): James 1, 17 – 18. 21 – 22. 27: St. Benedict, in his Rule for Monks, wrote: “*If we see something good, let us credit God with it rather than ourselves. Evil things we must recognise as ours, we must ascribe them to ourselves*” [Rule of St. Benedict 4, 42]. What Benedict is trying to highlight is that all that is good in us comes from God, it is a divine gift. It is of course up to us to recognise this gift, to develop it and to use it for the good of others.

Gospel: Mark 7, 1 – 8. 14 – 15. 21 – 23: The heart is the most important human organ. Should it fail or give up, life ceases. It is the symbol of the good that radiates from good human beings. Love originates in the heart, we so often say we love someone with all our heart, and we are heartbroken if our love is rejected or if we lose someone we love. Jesus looks into a person’s heart and he does not allow himself to be deceived. He sees what feelings we really nurture in our hearts, good or evil. For us what is happening in another’s heart remains a mystery, remains invisible.

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 126-128

Masses and Intentions

Twenty-second week of Ordinary Time

Saturday	1 st September	10.00	Eileen Mackey RIP
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	14.00	Wedding service: Veronica da Silva Carvalho Shields & Shane Willoughby

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	1 st September	17.30	John & Rosemary Harrington-Lynn
Sunday	2 nd September	10.00	Tony McAdden & family
		18.30	Mary, Val & Charlie
Monday	3 rd September	08.00	Myles O'Donovan RIP
	<i>Feast: St Gregory the Great</i>		
Tuesday	4 th September	No Mass	
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Wednesday	5 th September	No Mass	
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Thursday	6 th September	No Mass	
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Friday	7 th September	No Mass	
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday	8 th September	No Mass	
	<i>Feast: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	8 th September	17.30	Bridget McArthur
Sunday	9 th September	10.00	Health & blessings Colin P & family
		18.30	People of the parish

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45