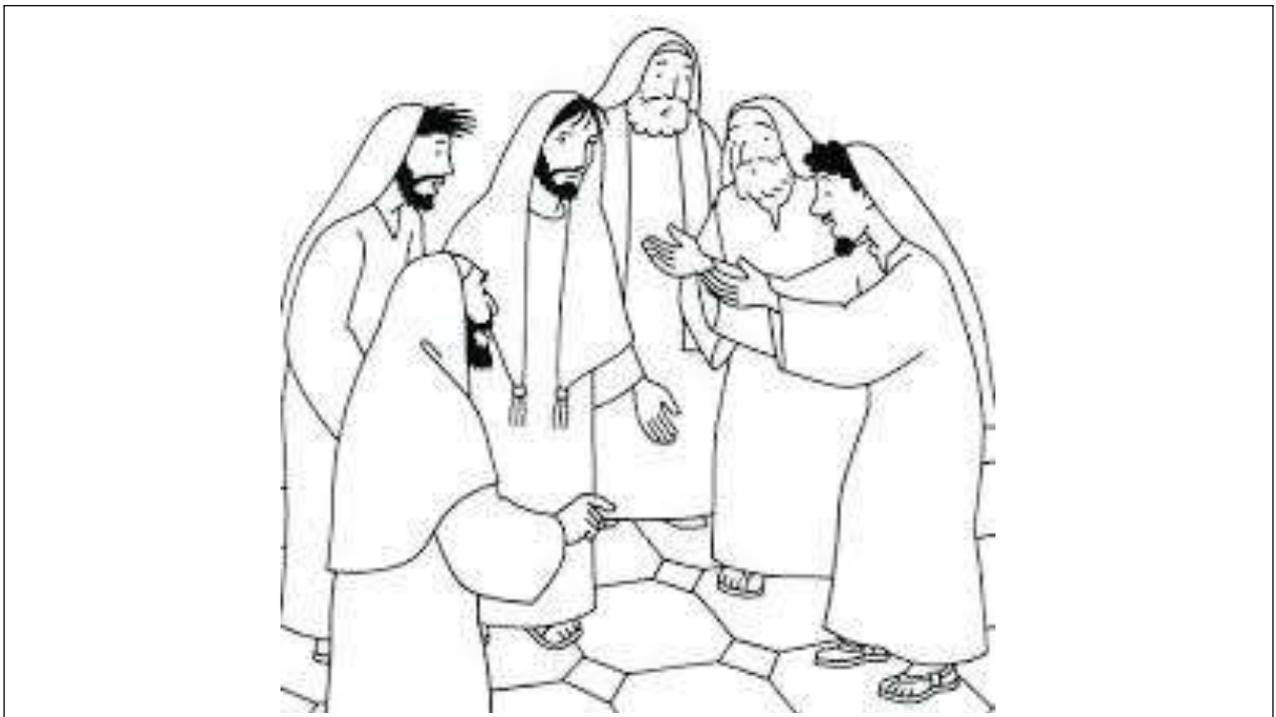


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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 September 2018**  
“Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.”

**Matthew 4, 23**

*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).*

**\* YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT \***

We have arranged a breakfast meeting (8 - 9.30am) on 15th Sep. by Nick Fogg OBE who will be sharing the work done by ACN supporting persecuted Churches around the world. Title of the talk is '5000 reasons to hope.'

This is an opportunity for us all to understand and appreciate the pain, persecution and sufferings endured by our brothers and sisters around the world in the name of Christ.

Tickets available after all Masses and also from the office.

**BINGO** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Cenacle at 7pm. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and good company. Everybody welcome - bring a friend!

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Gift Aid £139.50    Loose £565.01  
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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Septembers at 10.00hrs.

May they rest in peace.

**WALKING THE CAMINO**

Eddie Moran is walking the Camino again from 19-24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Money given to this is used to help Catholics throughout England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith.

**200 CLUB WINNERS- AUGUST**

1<sup>st</sup> J. Boucher 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Kavanagh  
3<sup>rd</sup> M Durnin 3<sup>rd</sup> J. Shaw

Cheques available after Mass.

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

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** There are many stories about the pessimist and the optimist. My favourite is about the two friends out walking. A bird flying over them makes a deposit on each of their heads: the pessimist curses, the optimist opines, “Just as well cows can’t fly.” There are many others just as there are many people who have a pessimistic outlook on life. Everything is dark. Will things ever get better? What will the future bring? It is not so easy to deal with such people, not a simple task to set them free of their pessimism. This Sunday’s readings set out to bring light into our lives. They attempt to open our eyes to all that is beautiful in our world, the things that we see every day. We often need a person of optimistic outlook to sharpen our vision of the world, of natural beauty and for other people, and indeed for the God who is present in our world. Jesus is the light of the world and he can make our vision sharper and brighter. St. Augustine believed that we discovered all truth through divine illumination, i.e. God who enlightens our minds.

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 35, 4 – 7:** We have heard on the news in recent weeks of the sufferings of the Rohingya Muslims banished from their home in Burma and now living in squalor in Bangladesh. And we have seen pictures of the appalling refugee camps in Lesbos. And the list goes on. For people who suffer oppression and persecution, words of promise and future salvation lift their spirits. The OT prophets lifted the lid off situations of injustice and held up a mirror to their people so that they could see clearly their misdeeds and crimes, and that they could again see God. The prophets were able to promise a better tomorrow and give the promise that God would never let his people sink. At the right moment the OT God intervened and came to the assistance of his people. The words from Isaiah are encouraging. They are valid also today. They promise us that God will grant us salvation right where injustice and cruelty seems to be winning the upper hand.

**Second Reading (NT): James 2, 1 – 5:** These words of James are good to hear. All of us like to know that Jesus does not distinguish between those who are expensively and fashionably attired and those whose clothes are tired and shabby. Jesus looks at something deeper. The commandment of love, which applies equally to rich and poor and puts us all on the same footing, needs no explanation. And yet I need to constantly re-examine my own attitude to others. Is the way I see others actually consistent with the gospel, or am I just using pious words? The fact that James had to be so specific and concrete in his observations suggests that even in his time many Christians had strayed from the teaching and example of Jesus.

**Gospel: Mark 7, 13.5:** It is expected of a good Christian that he be moved and motivated by the needs of others. Whether it be the sufferings of people such as the Rohingya or the refugees on the external borders of Europe, or of our neighbours and friends, the sensitive Christian’s heart is always moved. Jesus here is moved by the human needs of the deaf and dumb man, and cures him.

*The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 130-131*

## Masses and Intentions

### Twenty-third week of Ordinary Time

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Feast: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
<b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>Year B (Mark)</b>	
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> September	17.30	Bridget McArthur
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	Health & blessings Colin P & family
		18.30	People of the parish
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	11 September	No Mass	
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Memorial: St John Chrysostom</i>			
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>19.30</u>	Th'giving Ceser & Shuba
<i>Feast: Exaltation of the Cross</i>			
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	Moira Cunningham RIP
<i>Memorial: Our Lady of Sorrows</i>			

<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>Year B (Mark)</b>	
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> September	17.30	Vincent Hawkins RIP
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	Jackie Clyne RIP
		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