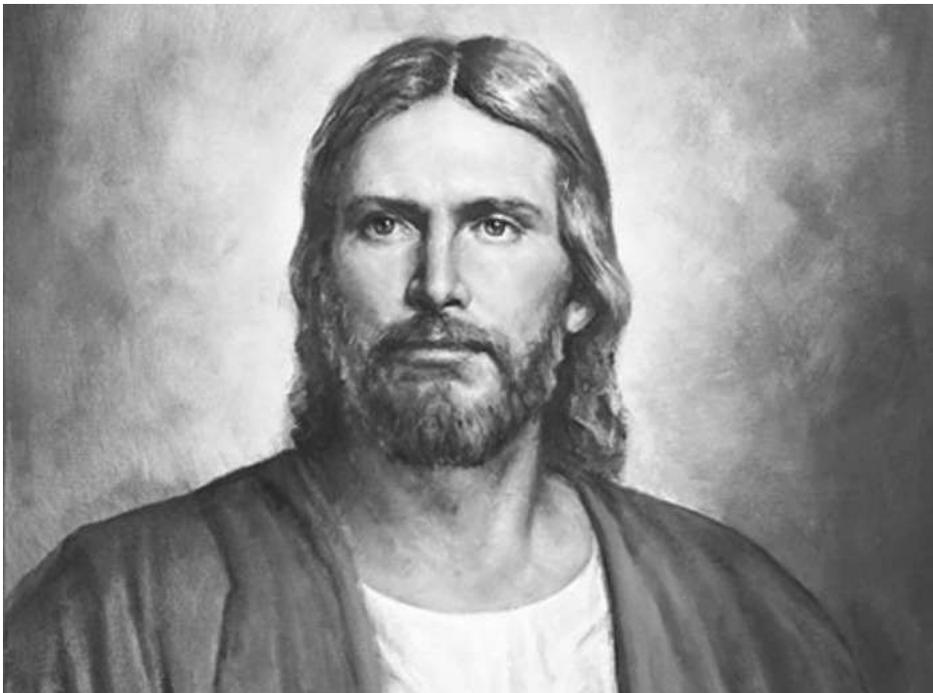


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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 September 2018**  
“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name,  
welcomes me.”

Mark 9, 37

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).

### **COMBONI MISSIONARY APPEAL**

This weekend, we welcome Fr John Downey who will celebrate all Masses and make an appeal for the work of the Comboni Missionaries. Please be as generous as you can.

*'We pray for the Comboni Missionaries, especially for those who are at present working in difficult and dangerous conditions.'*

**RED APF BOXES** The counting team have kindly agreed to count the money in the red APF boxes during October so that we can send a cheque off in November. If you have a box at home please bring it to Mass with you before the end of October and give it to one of the welcomers.

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Gift Aid £168.58    Loose £532.71  
Standing Orders                      £484.00

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### **"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE**

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October: 5 - 7 pm. A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Please park considerately. All are welcome! *Fr Peter*

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 28th September 8.45am - 11.30am  
Please come and join us in the Cenacle for tea, filter coffee and cakes to raise money for this wonderful charity. Everyone welcome.

### **MAPLEDURHAM MASS**

The usual end of month Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at 6.00pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**FR HUDSON'S CARE** On 29-30 September, the **second collection** will be for Father Hudson's care. Their mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please be as generous as you can. Gift aid envelopes available in the Narthex.

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

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Most people would agree that love is better than hate. Not only is love highly prized in the Church and in the Christian faith family, but also most societies in the world also attach great importance to love. *Love makes the world go round* is a well-known proverb, the Beatles melody *All you need is love* is as poignant today as it was when it hit the charts in the mid '60's. And yet what purpose does lip service to the ideal of love serve when the hearts of so many across the world are bent on pursuing power, wealth and possessions, all too often at the cost of others. So there is a lot of hate. Our days are no exception: the plight of refugees across the globe, the civil wars in Yemen and Congo, the senseless violence on the drug-gang ridden turfs of south London, the rabid rhetoric in the streets of Dresden are all reminders that hate is alive and well. Today's scripture readings are on the pessimistic side, and yet taking a look at world history or even today's newspaper suggests how right the Bible is. So what sort of promise do the scriptures give us? There is an admission of our tendency to evil in two of the scripture readings but then we see how Jesus, through submitting to violence, injustice and betrayal achieves the mission the Father sent him to fulfil. And then he exhorts his disciples to do the same, to seek to serve rather than be served.

**First Reading (OT): Wisdom 2, 1. 12. 17 – 20:** It is odd that the long citation we hear today should be proclaimed as "Word of the Lord." The prophets lived in a world where the virtuous man was hated, where enemies plotted continually against people who sought to live good lives. And yet the godless we read of provide an exquisite portrait of the virtuous man and the effect he has. His goodness provokes in them resort to their baser instincts. His goodness and the evident pleasure God has in his virtuous living enrages the godless. We are currently living through days of terrible darkness in the Church and many will ask has the enemy broken down the city gates and entered the sanctuary. The only way we will defeat the Church's enemy is by ourselves persisting on a virtuous life and prayer.

**Second Reading (NT): James 3, 16 – 4, 3:** It is amazing to think that, largely thanks to the European project, our country and our continent has been free of war for over seventy years. At no moment since the reign of Caesar Augustus when the *Pax Romana* reigned has our continent been so free of armed conflict. And not only that, a prosperous society under the rule of law has been fashioned. The reading from James is a terrible reminder of the horrors of violence and war. It is a reminder that in every human heart avarice, jealousy and the pursuit of power has to be kept at bay. And the solution the apostle offers his readers is (1) an honest appraisal of the darkness within all of us and (2) prayer. In these difficult days for our Church we might remember the advice given by James.

**Gospel: Mark 9, 30 – 37:** This gospel relates the conversations held after Jesus had been transfigured on the mountain. It deserves to be considered in the light of the two earlier readings: suffering triumphs over evil, virtue is to serve.

*The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 135-137*

## Masses and Intentions

### Twenty-fifth week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

No Mass

**Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Year B (Mark)**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

17.30 People of the parish

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

10.00 Health & blessings  
Daniel Grestiak & family  
18.30 Eileen Mackey RIP

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
*Memorial: Our Lady of Walsingham*

No Mass

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

No Mass

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

09.15 Eric Swallow RIP

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
*Memorial: St Vincent de Paul*

08.00 People of the parish

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

12.30 Theo Johnson RIP

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
*Feast: Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael*

10.00 Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP

**Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Year B (Mark)**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September

17.30 Jenny Randall RIP

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 Manuel-Rey Rodriguez RIP  
18.30 Tom O'Connor RIP

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30  
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition  
& Benediction:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary:

Saturday 16.45