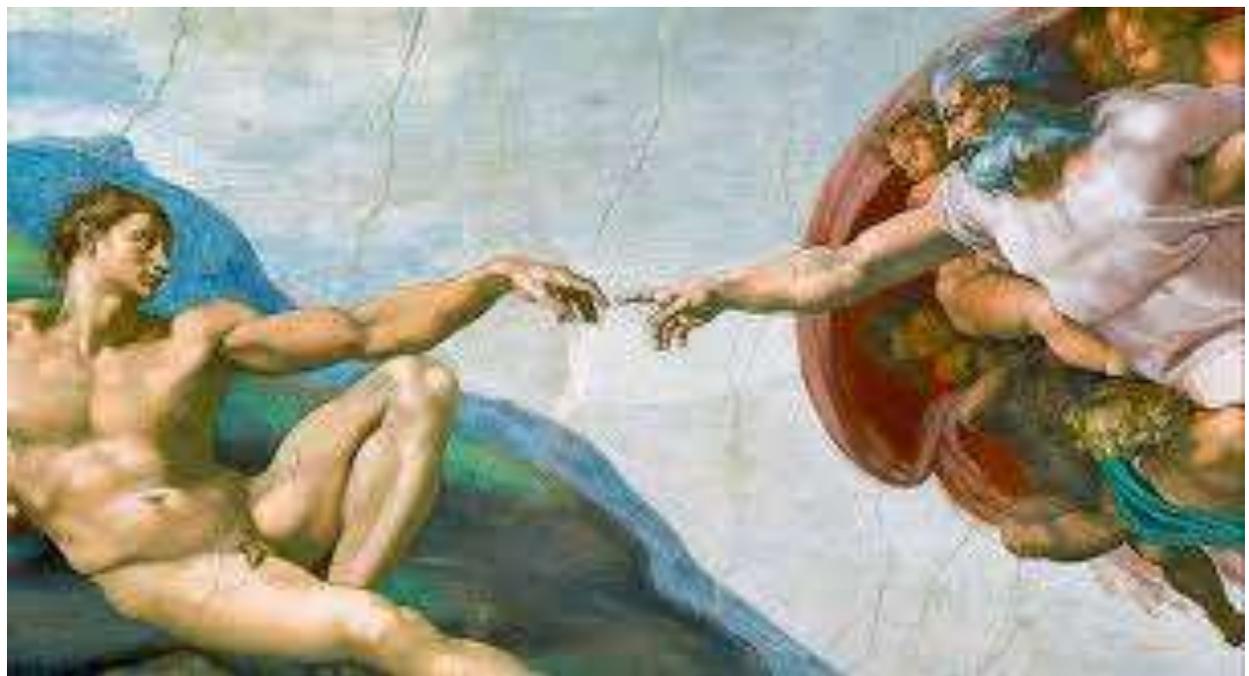


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**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 October 2018**

“So then, what God has united, human beings must not divide”.

Mark 10, 9

## **FR HUDSON'S CARE**

This weekend, 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.

Through Fr Hudson's care, people find the care, understanding and support they need to live their lives on equal terms, at St Vincent's apartments, in the community, and in St Catherine's Bungalows and Day Service. Older people and those living with various types of dementia find a home from home in St Joseph's, a residential community in Coleshill, North Warwickshire.

Those experiencing homelessness are seen as people first, with all their strengths, talents and ambitions. Refugees and asylum seekers find welcome in caring communities, and vulnerable older people feel connected, happier and healthier thanks to Father Hudson's Care and its community partners. Full details available at [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**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 £214.20    Loose £607.14  
Standing Orders                      £484.00

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## **PRO PATRIA FLOWER FESTIVAL & CONCERT**

Churches Together in Caversham have asked the flower team at Our Lady & St Anne's to take part in the flower festival which is being organised to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of World War 1.

This will be held at Caversham Heights Methodist Church, Highmoor Road on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The team are busy designing a display which will be on view from 10am - 2pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

October and from 2pm - 4pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Further details available on a poster in the narthex.

The concert is at 7.30pm on the Saturday. Proceeds to Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.

Tickets and info on 0118 947 0903

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING UPDATE**

A huge thank you to everybody who took part in the Macmillan coffee morning either by organising the event or coming to have a coffee. The excellent sum of £277 was raised for a very good cause.

## **BINGO**

The next bingo evening will be in the Cenacle at 7.30pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Everybody welcome, bring a friend.

## **READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP MEN'S BREAKFAST**

8.15.am for 8.30.am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October . **VENUE CHANGED TO THE CAREY CENTRE RG1 7JR**  
More details on the poster in the narthex.

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

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** Eucharist is above all else an act of thanksgiving. We render thanks for the way in which God treats us. God is love and strives in all things to bestow his love upon his people. This loving of God is the *leitmotif* of all the images of the divine that the scriptures present to us. The love which unites man and woman is more than just a natural, biological drive. Love is something holy, it is a gift from God. The fact that God is loving and shares his love is bound to influence the way in which the love which unites spouses is conceived. In our age the words of Jesus concerning spousal love come across as harsh and unbending, and out of tune with the spirit and practices of our time. And yet the words about marital fidelity come from the mouth of one who was to love unto death, to die for the sake of those whom he loved, and thus show how radical was the fidelity of the love bestowed by his Father.

**First Reading (OT): Genesis 2, 18 – 24:** This is the second of the two creation narratives of the Book of Genesis. God experiments with what is likely to give man his greatest joy. He sets various creatures at his disposal and yet realises that it is only in providing an equal to him that he can make man happy. The human is properly understood only in the context of the relationship between man and woman. It is only in terms of relationship that we find our true destiny. The love which unites man and woman reflects the relational dynamic at the heart of God (made explicit only generations later when Christian theologians developed their understanding of the Trinity). Love is something worth fighting for. And God does everything possible to encourage us to love and to protect us in our endeavour to love.

**Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 2, 9 – 11:** In the 1930's the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer regularly preached on this text. Jesus humbled himself to carry his cross on behalf of his brothers, and he was not ashamed of doing so. Bonhoeffer was of the view that a Christian community which kept in the background, which hid itself, was not faithful to its calling. The fact that it had defects, that it was made up of sinners, that it fell short of the high ideal to which it aspired is no excuse for it keeping silence. We must not wait until we have achieved perfection before we give witness to our beliefs. Our weaknesses and faults must not hamper us in standing up publicly for our convictions.

**Gospel: Mark 10, 2 – 12:** It is understandable that these words of Jesus concerning the indissolubility of marriage should come across as harsh to his male audience and not be pleasing to the men in his audience, including perhaps the apostles. But were there those who might see his words as “good news”? For women and children, the primary victims of marital disharmony or divorce, these words brought them reassurance and protection. And Jesus was sensitive to the needs of those who were most vulnerable. In the days of greater equality, not least in the position of women in our society, these words are perhaps more difficult to digest. And yet they are in fidelity to the creative design of God as suggested in Genesis.

*The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 141-142*

# Masses and Intentions

## Twenty-seventh week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October No Mass  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark)

Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> October	17.30	‘Van’ Van Den Berghe
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00	Theo Johnson RIP
		18.30	Jenny Randall RIP
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> October	09.15	Catherine & Josephine Cunningham
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	09.15	Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Feast: Blessed John Henry Newman</i>			
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	09.15	St Anthony - thanksgiving
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	08.00	Faith & success now & always
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> October	12.30	John Joe Buckley
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00	People of the parish
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			

### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark)

Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> October	17.30	Deceased members & benefactors of Saint Vincent de Paul Society
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00	Isabel Valadez Jiminez
		18.30	Derek O’Donnell RIP

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30  
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45