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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 June 2021

“I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.”

John 15, 15

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul Betty Brown who died recently. May she rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Carolyn and Johnny who will both have the sacrament of Confirmation conferred upon them this weekend. May they always be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

PASTORAL LETTER

Please read the Archbishop's Pastoral letter and spend time reflecting on it. A parish questionnaire will be made available in the near future - please take a moment to fill it in. It will be available on the website to be completed electronically [the preferred response] and a paper copy will be prepared for those without access to the internet. The more responses that come in, the better the picture of the thoughts in the parish. CDoS PCDoctor Ltd

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES UPDATE

This year there will be separate Masses @ 12.00 on a Sunday just for children who are making their first Holy Communion.

St Anne's School

- Y3: Sunday 20th June 2021
- Y4 & above: Sunday 27th June 2021

Children at non-Catholic schools

[those who started to prepare last year with Mrs Freddi & Mrs Carr]:

- Sunday 11th July 2021

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION - CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Further information about starting new preparation for children currently in Y3 or above who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion but do not go to a Catholic school will be published in the near future. If you would like to register your child, email the parish office.

SPONSORING OUR LADY'S LAMPS

We are preparing to organise for people to have a seven-day lamp lit for their intention in the Shrine Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? To buy a lamp which will burn in front of our Blessed Lady will cost a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy. Please take an envelope and place it in the basket marked SHRINE LAMP at the back of the church.

Please make sure you write on the envelope a note stating your particular intention which will be published in our weekly bulletin and mentioned during the weekend Mass.



OUR LADY'S LAMPS

This week's lamp is lit for:
**the success of our
daughter's therapy.**
Please keep this
intention in your prayers.

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):

This weekend the Archbishop has issued a pastoral letter concerning the future profile of the Church in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The formulation of a diocesan vision of the local Church and her identity will only be possible once all the parishes of the vast area covered by the diocese have a clear idea of what a parish is, how it must retain what is essential and shed what impedes growth in times which are changing so fast and which propel us towards a future which is so uncertain. We read the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter this weekend and it is my hope to have a user-friendly questionnaire available on-line and distributed in a paper version next weekend. But as we formulate for ourselves our understanding of Church, today's gospel certainly comes to our aid. Central to Jesus' teaching was the notion of kingdom of God but, even if he used the words frequently and insisted wherever he went that he had come to proclaim that kingdom, people continually asked him how they were to understand the expression. Their confusion was caused by the fact that Jesus regularly insisted that it was a future reality but that it was already here. The images he uses are colourful but practical, reflecting the earthly realities with which his audience were familiar. Perhaps in our reflection, in reaction to the pastoral letter and in preparation for our parish questionnaire, we might reflect on what we understand the parish and the local church to be in the third decade of the twenty-first century, using images of today if they inspire us to comprehend the reality of church better.

First Reading (OT): Ezekiel 17, 22 – 24: In all the literature and mythology of the ancient world the tree was the symbol of vitality and often came to represent nations and families – the genealogical tree being a prize example. The tree gave protection, the tree gave life (Jesus died on the tree of the cross), the original seed was tiny yet the end product enormous. Jesus returned to the tree frequently in his preaching and indeed one might well ask was he familiar with this extract from the prophet Ezekiel.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 5, 6 – 10: Paul highlights here the knowledge we possess of Christ in this world – we meet him in liturgical rituals, in his Word, in symbols – and the knowledge that awaits us in the next. Paul's writings are full of the tension between flesh and spirit, between the corporeal and the spiritual.

Gospel: Mark 4, 26 – 34: The grain once sown grows of its own accord, the farmer need do nothing. God sows his word and he just lets it grow. God creates room for others to see to it that the kingdom grows. He steps back and lets others do the work in their own time. The Church is challenged by Pope Francis to reflect on the synodal path but, as he pointed out to the German bishops in 2015, no structure they evolve, no change they make will ever perfect the Church. It must be change on God's terms, an evolution which they let themselves undergo wherever the grace of God is operative. This is an idea we too might incorporate into our reflection on the challenges laid down for us by the Archbishop's Pastoral.

Mass Intentions for Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	12 th June	17.30	Sylvia White RIP
Sunday	13 th June	10.00	Barbara Turnock RIP
		12.30	Baptism
Monday	14 th June	09.15	Dr Colin Robertson
	<i>Monday of week 11 in Ordinary Time</i>		
Tuesday	15 th June	09.15	Our Lady & St Anne
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Wednesday	16 th June	18.30	Private intention
	<i>Memorial of St Richard of Chichester, Bishop</i>		
Thursday	17 th June	08.00	Private intention
	<i>Thursday of week 11 in Ordinary Time</i>		
Friday	18 th June	12.30	Linda & Hugh Gough RIP
	<i>Feast of the dedication of the Cathedral</i>		
Saturday	19 th June	10.00	People of the parish
	<i>Memorial of St Romuald, Abbot</i>		

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	19 th June	17.30	John Gaughan RIP
Sunday	20 th June	10.00	Anne Morris RIP
		12.00	St Anne's Y3
			First Communion Mass
		15.00	Baptism