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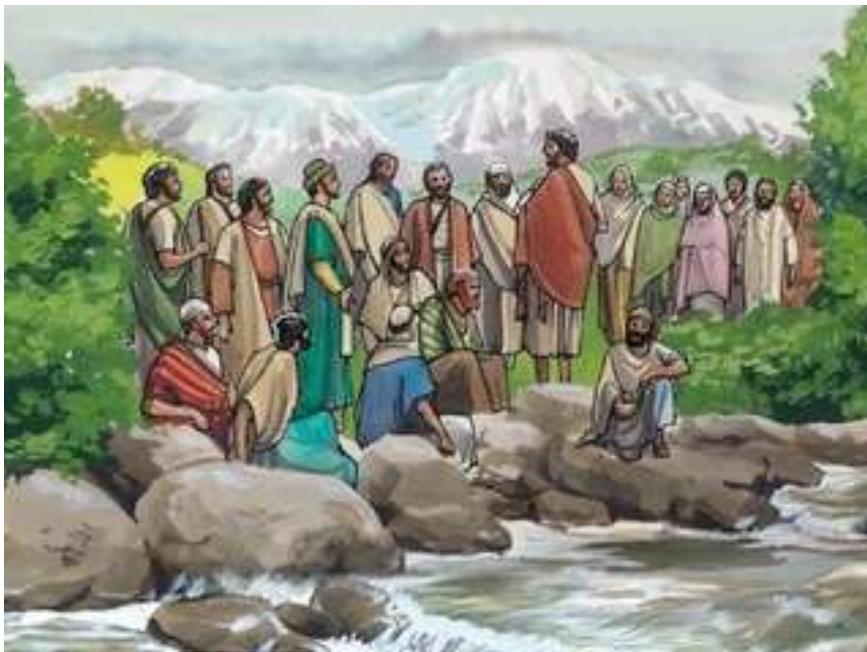
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11/12 September 2021

“For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

Mark 8, 35

30 YEARS OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

This year Fr Patrick celebrates thirty years of priestly ordination. To mark this special occasion there will be a sung Mass on Tuesday 14th September at 7pm followed by a canape reception in the Cenacle.

To help with catering, if you are planning to stay to the reception please either book on Eventbrite or sign the list at the back of the church.

ROCK N ALE THANKS

Thank you to everybody to who worked so hard to make this year's event a spectacular success.

As well as providing a much needed night out, £4043.94 has been raised for the parish and the same amount will be sent to MNDA to help them with their work.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy returns to face to face sessions from Sunday 12th September, and will take place in the Cenacle during the 10am Sunday Mass each week. For safety reasons, spaces are limited for now and you will need to book before arriving. Email childrensliturgy.stannes@gmail.com for details about how to book. Children's Liturgy welcomes all children of all ages up to when they make their First Holy Communion. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

There is now an option to sign up for the newsletter on the front page of the website.

ONLINE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Archbishop Bernard invites Catholics in the diocese to participate in this online course since it very often brings the blessings of: • a personal refreshment of faith • an improved prayer life where we can hear more clearly from God • a renewed relationship with the Word of God • a better understanding of how we are all gifted in various ways to serve one another • a deeper understanding of God's purpose for our lives.

The course begins 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd September with an Introduction and Explanation and continues weekly until 3rd November. The Holy Spirit Retreat takes place 10.30am - 3.30pm Saturday 16th October.

For full details of the weekly themes and how to register please visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/life-in-the-spirit-course-with-the-archdiocese-of-birmingham



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit:
for Joan O'Hare. Please keep her in your prayers.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): Our church has a very large crucifix on the wall at the bottom of the right aisle. Most of the congregation are not in a position to see it during the celebration of Mass but for the priest and the altar party it is perpetually visible. For the priest there is no escaping the crucifix when presiding at Mass. The crucifixion of Our Saviour is one of the central facts of not only his earthly life but also of his theological significance. The scripture readings today invite us to reflect on suffering in the life of Jesus and, with the prophetic words of Isaiah we are so used to from our Holy Week liturgies, think again about the manner of his death. Jesus quizzed the disciples at Caesarea Philippi as to how people saw him and what idea they had as to his identity. In much the same way as politicians or people generally in public life as curious as to how they come across to their punters, so too Jesus was curious to know what people thought of him and more particularly whether or not they had really got to know him. He might have expected that his disciples would know him better than the man or woman in the street. They had identified him with prophetic figures about whom they would have heard in the synagogue. And indeed they were right, Jesus was not unlike Elijah or John the Baptist. But Jesus pressed his disciples to come up with a more accurate answer: who do you say that I am? And Peter got it right: you are the Christ! Jesus then sought to explain what the fate of the Christ would be. Those who read the gospel of Mark fifty years after the events would have recognised immediately how Jesus' prophecy about himself was to be fulfilled. What made for less comfortable reading was Jesus' challenge to his disciples: renunciation and taking the cross on their own shoulders was the price of discipleship. That explains why the cross is at the heart of the Christian religion.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 50, 5 – 9: This is an excerpt from one of the songs of the Suffering Servant which we find in the latter part of the writings left by the prophet Isaiah. The description of the sufferings he was destined to endure is quite graphic, but there comes the reassurance that in the midst of his physical torment and his inner anguish, the Lord is with him. And that comes as a comfort for us too when life gets too much for us, when we feel the scorching pain of the cross: the Lord is there, walking with us.

Second Reading (NT): James 2, 14 – 18: One of the greatest bones of contention during the Protestant Reformation was Martin Luther's teaching on justification by faith alone, based on his understanding of Paul's magisterial Epistle to the Romans. Luther did not believe that "good works" could achieve justification, yet here we find in the pastoral letter of James the unambiguous declaration that faith without works was quite dead. And most of us believe that a person's faith is always visible through the good deeds they do for the benefit of others.

Gospel: Mark 8, 27 – 35: We find Jesus teaching and it is interesting to see how, like most good teachers, he tests the knowledge of his audience first. Then he brings them to a deeper understanding of what they already think they know.

**Mass Intentions for
Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
All weekday Masses are now open.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Year B

Saturday	11 th September	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	12 th September	10.00	Ian MacDonald RIP
Monday	13 th September	09.15	Special private intention
<i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Tuesday	14 th September	09.15	Viera Szirmai & Maria
<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		19.00	30 th Anniversary of Fr Patrick's Ordination
Wednesday	15 th September	18.30	David Day RIP
<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>			
Thursday	16 th September	08.00	Private intention
<i>Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>			
Friday	17 th September	12.30	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Saturday	18 th September	10.00	Private intention
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time 7</i>			

**Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Year B

Saturday	18 th September	17.30	Private intention
Sunday	19 th September	10.00	People of the parish