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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19 September 2021

“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name,
welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me
but the one who sent me.”

Mark 9, 37

Father Patrick wishes to thank all the parishioners who showed him such kindness on the occasion of the celebration of his 30th Ordination Anniversary, for the many tokens of friendship and esteem, and the many greetings. Mass is offered weekly for the intentions of the parishioners. Many Thanks!

Father John Sharp, up until this summer Parish Priest of Baddesley Clinton (Archdiocese of Birmingham) and for 20 yrs Diocesan Archivist, will be celebrating Masses on the weekend of 25/26 September. Father Sharp will also celebrate Mass on the morning of Saturday 25 at 10.00 and on Monday and Tuesday 27 - 28 at 09.15 hrs. We are very grateful to Fr. John for being with us and I know how welcome the parish will make him.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy has returned to face to face sessions, 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.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tess Carter who died recently. Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's May she rest in peace. Details to follow.

COFFEE AFTER 10AM MASS

The Cenacle will be open for coffee once more starting Sun 19th Sept.

THANK YOU

Betty, James and Alex Day would like to thank everybody for their kindness and many condolences received when David died, especially the Bereavement Support Group who have made such a difference.

'LIFE IN THE SPIRIT' COURSE

Archbishop Bernard invites people in the diocese to participate in this online course. An opportunity for:

- a personal refreshment of faith
- an improved prayer life
- a renewed relationship with the Word of God
- a better understanding of our own God-given gifts
- a deeper understanding of God's purpose for our lives.

The course begins 7.30pm Wed 22nd Sept with an Introduction and continues weekly until 3rd Nov. 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 click [here](#).



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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): Autumn is approaching and the harvest time is near. A car or train journey through South Oxford makes it clear that the gathering in of the harvest has in many places begun. A farmer will always aim to get the maximum crop, one which is worth all the work put in to his land in the springtime and the care he has taken of it during the summer. We all feel that the efforts we make, whatever our job or profession, should be duly rewarded. We are living in an upwardly mobile society so success is often seen in terms of promotion, of climbing up higher. The twelve Apostles had thrown in their lot with Jesus and the wider circle of disciples too saw their sacrifices and the work they had done in terms of reward. Jesus had a different perspective on human achievement. Last week we saw how painstakingly Jesus explained to his closest disciples that he was destined to suffer and to be rejected. And yet, those closest to him were arguing among themselves which of them was the greatest. Jesus had been approached by the mother of Zebedee's sons, James and John, to secure for them the best seats in the kingdom. Jesus was principally concerned about the poor, the dis-advantaged and those excluded from mainstream society. In the Mass we hear every day that his Blood was poured out for "you and for all". It is the universal outreach of Jesus as saviour that is at the heart of our scripture readings today. The other theme is that of wisdom. If we were truly wise we might be able to see reality, especially our relations with one another and with our world, with Jesus' eyes.

First Reading (OT): Wisdom 2, 12. 17 – 20: By the end of 2019 it became apparent that 389 journalists were in jail, principally in three countries: China, Egypt and Saudi-Arabia. Forty-nine journalists had been murdered and at least 57 were kidnapped or disappeared without trace. The biblical text, read against this sobering background, makes a lot of sense. What it also reveals is that behind each statistic, there is an individual life and an individual destiny. All these people have attempted to speak the truth, to let the wider world know what is happening. What gave them the courage to do their job? The biblical text takes us into the mind of those who attack others who speak the truth and hate the things God cherishes.

Second Reading (NT): James 3, 16 – 4, 3: James is concerned with good order and virtuous living in the early Christian community to which he writes. Those who experience tensions or temptations to do wicked things can pray that God sends down his wisdom upon them, helps them to moderate their behaviour and pursue peace. It is James' view that prayer, which he recommends, can end conflict and achieve great good.

Gospel: Mark 9, 30 – 37: The misunderstanding, or the refusal to understand, what Jesus' true identity implies for him and for his disciples was the theme of last week's gospel and recurs today. Jesus makes clear what fate awaits him, yet he does not want any public Messiah cult – hence the appeal for secrecy. The discussion arises among the disciples as to which of them is the greatest. Jesus emphasises service.

Mass Intentions for Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

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

Monday 20th September No Mass
*Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,
Pal Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

Tuesday 21st September No Mass
Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

Wednesday 22nd September No Mass
Wednesday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time

Thursday 23rd September No Mass
Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina

Friday 24th September No Mass
Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham

Saturday	25 th September	10.00	Private intention
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Saturday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	25 th September	17.30	Reg Turner (recently deceased)
Sunday	26 th September	10.00	Henri & Paulette Waro RIP