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Thirteenth week in Ordinary Time - 19th June 2022

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message
of eternal life.

1S3:9, Jn 6:68

WELCOME

Thank you to Fr David Sillince who will say Mass on Saturday evening and Fr Richard Maniak who will offer Mass on Sunday morning.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This is once more a holy day of obligation when Catholics should try to get to Mass. At 19.30 Fr Frank Turner SJ from Campion Hall, Oxford will be offering Mass but we are still looking for a priest to say Mass in the morning.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Pope's Day for Life. This year's focus is on caring for and valuing older people.

ROCK N ALE SPONSORSHIP

Do you own a small local business or do you work for a local business. Caversham Rock and Ale is looking for sponsors for this event. Last year over 600 people attended and had the best time. Sponsorship of £200 will get you a mention on the night and your company name on our Sponsors Board which will be displayed clearly on the evening.

If you work for a local company and you're uncomfortable about asking, give me a call and I will do the asking. Contact Margaret on 07789776327

PARISH INCOME

May Contactless Sun. offering:	£ 781.80
May Building Fund:	£ 22.62
Standing Orders:	£ 2975.00

RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Farriss, a former parishioner who died recently.

DONATION FROM PAUL PHILLIP'S NEIGHBOURS

Paul's neighbours had a collection and have donated £70 to the building fund. 'In memory of a wonderful friend and neighbour.'

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON OPEN DAY

Are you looking for a Y7 place in 2023? Come and have a look round Bl. Hugh Faringdon Catholic School on 22nd September and find out what is on offer. Morning session 9am - 12noon Evening session 5pm - 7.30pm

BACON BUTTIES available in the Cenacle after 10am Mass on the first Sunday of the month - starting up again next weekend 3rd July.

ST MARTINS SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

You are warmly invited to the St Martin's School International Summer Fayre, on Saturday 2nd July, 3pm - 5pm.

OUR LADY'S LAMP

The diary for this is now empty apart from one request on 9th July. You can make a request by email, by dropping a donation through the door in a labelled envelope or by using an envelope from the back of church.



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<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy> or by request from the parish office.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshipped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshipped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plough you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back. Taken from:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/13th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>

**Mass Intentions for week
Thirteen in Ordinary Time**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday	25 th June	17.30	Kazimierz Dubaj RIP 4 th Anniversary
Sunday	26 th June	10.00	Blessings & health Janka Grestiakova

Monday 27th June No Mass
*Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church*

Tuesday 28th June No Mass
Memorial of St Irenaeus Bishop, Martyr

Wednesday 29th June ?
Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul, Apostles 19.30 Private intention

Thursday 30th June No Mass
Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Friday 1st July No Mass
Memorial of St Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr

Saturday 2nd July No Mass
Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday	2 nd July	17.30	Rose Butler RIP
Sunday	3 rd July	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.