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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Dates for the Diary**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb –**

**Burning of the Blessed Palms 6:45PM**

**Fridays – Stations of the Cross**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Parish Meeting 6PM**

Jesus heals a leper in today's gospel, which signifies to us His ability to absolve us of our sin. This reading is a very powerful reading for us all as we move towards Lent, it illustrates to us, regardless of our ages, that we carry the "stains" of sin and imperfection within our lives. We all desire to be freed from these spiritual stains just as much as we want to remove the physical ones. Just before we enter into Lent it is a time where Jesus extends his invite to us to ask for his cleansing, offering forgiveness and renewal. As we consider our own "unclean habits," this lesson calls on us as God's children to embrace the freedom and purity that comes from seeking Jesus' healing touch, just as the leper did. Let us remain receptive to Jesus' invitation and healing. On Tuesday evening before the evening Mass, we will have a short blessing and prayer at 6:45PM for the Burning of the Blessed Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Ashes can be received at both the 10AM & 7PM Masses on Wednesday. For those of you who have neighbours, friends, or family who are not able to attend Mass and would like ashes we will have a small amount ashes for you to take and give to them. As we enter into Lent we have the small 'walk with me' booklets at the back of church with daily readings and prayers and only cost £1. Lastly this coming Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> and throughout Lent we will have Stations of the Cross after the 7PM evening Mass.

Sat 10th Feb 2024	<b>Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin</b>	09:30AM 18.00PM	Mary Melia RIP & For All Souls in Purgatory John O'Brien RIP
Sun 11th Feb 2024	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00AM 18.00PM	Private Intention For all those unwell in the parish
Mon 12th Feb 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Michael Beford & Paddy Lynch RIP Maris Golovakis & Tommy Hand RIP
Tue 13th Feb 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 11.30AM 19.00PM	DeDee Flint RIP & Ann Hurley RIP Requiem Mass of Paddy Lynch RIP Intentions of Laura Conway
Wed 14th Feb 2024	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	10.00AM 19.00PM	Private Intention Stan Ratajczyk RIP
Thurs 15th Feb 2024	<b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>	10.00AM 19.00PM	Deceased members of the Costello Family Inese Golovacka
Fri 16th Feb 2024	<b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>	10.00AM 19.00PM	Puru & Florence (Wedding Anniversary) Julie Coyle
Sat 17th Feb 2024	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b>	09:30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners Paddy Lynch RIP

## This week's Gospel – Mark 1:40-45

'The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured'

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### Responsorial Psalm

**You are my refuge, O Lord;  
You fill me with the joy of salvation.**

### Parish Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 6PM

Following on from the questionnaires that we received prior to the Visitation of Archbishop David Longley and Christmas, Fr Aji has read through these taking into consideration your thoughts, feedback and desires. Fr Aji invites you to a Parish Meeting at 6PM on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, followed by Evening Mass at 7PM. Fr Aji will touch upon the questionnaires, things that are already in progress and the vision for the forthcoming months ahead.

### Hibberts Hall

As many of you will be aware, but also to our new parishioners, the use of the hall has always been at a reduced rate to parishioners of St. Marie's Church, this will continue. However, due to increasing inflation and rising costs that is affecting us all we are having to raise the hire of Hibberts Hall, which we have tried not to do for many years. Originally for parishioners the hall hire was £10 per hour which will now be increased to £15 per hour. If you are interested in seeking to hire the hall, please contact Kelly (Hibberts Kitchen) on 07864 929 412 or [hibbertskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:hibbertskitchen@gmail.com) Thank you.

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a mini pilgrimage, which takes us through the steps taken by Jesus on Good Friday, from his condemnation to his burial. The Stations are a "way of prayerfully uniting oneself to the sacrifice of the Lord and his love for us. It's also an invitation for us to place ourselves within that journey."

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday, starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> February throughout Lent. The Stations will begin after the Evening Mass, therefore on Fridays we will have Divine Mercy at 3PM, Adoration and Confessions from 6PM, Evening Mass at 7PM followed by the Stations of the Cross at about 7:25PM.

### Burning of the Blessed Palms

This Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> February, we will have the burning of the Blessed Palms at 6:45PM, this will be a short ritual as we burn the Blessed Palms from last year and create the Ash for Ash Wednesday. You are all welcome to attend.

### Childrens Liturgy

Every Sunday at the 10AM Mass where the children have the Sunday readings and discussion.

### Ash Wednesday

Mass will be at 10AM & 7PM on the 14<sup>th</sup> February for Ash Wednesday. Thank you to those of you who have brought in your old palms, if anyone else has any palms at home or in their cars then can we ask you to bring them to church and place them in the basket in the porch. These will be burned to create the ash which will be used on Ash Wednesday to mark your foreheads. Ashes will be given at both the 10AM Mass and the 7PM Mass on the 14<sup>th</sup>. For anyone who is homebound, not well or unable to attend and would like to receive Ashes we will have a small amount that you will be able to take with you to take to them.

### RCIA

This Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ash Wednesday, the RCIA will be gathering at 6PM in the Coach House ready for 7PM mass for those wishing to attend.

### 'Listening to God's Call'

In February, the Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery will be hosting a series of vocations events, there will be three online sessions on

**Tuesday 20 February: Consecrated Life**

**Tuesday 27 February: Marriage and Single Life**

**Tuesday 5 March: Priesthood and Diaconate**

There will be the opportunity to ask questions. Everyone is welcome to join. The Zoom link is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88033199202?pwd=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxmTzmzdH7lJSld.1>

Meeting ID: 880 3319 9202

Passcode: 218505

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Brendan O'Rourke, Brian McGloin, Paddy Lynch, Steven McHugh, John MacDonald, Stan Ratajczyk

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Mary Melia, Mary Cunningham, Jeannie Wardrope-Williams, Brian Barnes, Dedee Flint, Maureen Dooley, Alfons Linden, Indiana Ward, Patricia RodenJan Sliwa, Maria Krause, Rev Primavesi, Margaret Jones, Sheila Rowlands, David Hipwell

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock

### Kenelm Summer Camp

The Kenelm Youth Trust is committed to providing life changing opportunities for young people, helping each person to reflect upon their life of faith, and how they respond to the call of Jesus Christ in their lives. The Trust has been established by the Archdiocese of Birmingham, to oversee and bring together the wide variety of youth work that is undertaken in various settings throughout the Archdiocese. Every summer, Kenelm and Life Teen UK host a summer camp for young people aged 12-18 from across the country. The camp lasts a week and involves a range of exciting activities. The camp is based at Alton Castle, making use of the activities Alton Castle have on site, visiting the nearby theme park Alton Towers, as well as heading off to a variety of different places for fun and games. Alongside this, summer camp provides spaces and times for prayer, adoration and for young Catholics to connect and gather together. For more info go to <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2024.html>

### Mass for Marriage

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, the Archdiocese would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. It will take place at St Chad's Cathedral, the Diocesan Mother Church, on **Saturday 4 May at 12noon.**

The Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley.

Please register your attendance by **Sunday 21 April** via [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass)

### Caretaker School Vacancy

Our Lady of the Magnificat MAC are looking to recruit a caretaker based at St Marie's Catholic Primary School and Nursery. St Marie's is a vibrant, exciting place to work with an experienced staff and welcoming ethos.

This is a full time position with a split shift:

- **Monday to Thursday** from 7:00 am to 9:30 am and 1:00 to 6:00 pm
- **Friday** from 7:00 am to 9.30 am and 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm
- Shift is negotiable during school holidays.

Please complete an application form and consent for references form, both to be returned to Danielle Hunt at [office@sma.magnificat.org.uk](mailto:office@sma.magnificat.org.uk)

Visits to the school are highly recommended, please contact Danielle Hunt on 01788 543636 to arrange a visit.

Closing date: **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 12 noon**

Interviews: **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024, time to be confirmed**

### Stamps for Myton Hospice

Thank you for those who have donated the used stamps which help with the fund raising at Myton Hospice, please continue to leave your stamps in the box throughout the year.

### Health & Safety and Church Maintenance

As some of you may be aware we have a leak around the confessionals, choir loft and the main Spire of the Church, along with many dripping gutters, we have been in liaison with the Archdiocese and have awarded a contractor to undertake initial works on the Church roof who have experience of working on and in Churches. This will start on week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, they will keep disruption to absolute minimum and all Church Services will continue as normal including Adoration on the Monday as these works are external. However please be mindful of these works being undertaken taking extra caution where necessary, if you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me or the parish office.

Some of you may have noticed that the higher areas of our Church are in need of a deep clean, this is extremely evident on the High Altar but also on the Sanctuary as large amounts of dust falls, we are now looking to receive quotations for specialist cleaners to undertake this work who are not only respectful of working in a Church but also sensitive to the fabrics and materials that make up our beautiful Church, the High Altar and paintings etc. If you know any companies who may wish to quote, please do let me know so I can include them.

Our Quinquennial Inspection will be undertaken this spring on the Church, Coach House and Hibberts Hall. This inspection will survey the buildings and tell us of any immediate works necessary and forecast any works that may need to be undertaken within the next five years. As you may be aware our buildings are listed and lay within a conservation area and so those awarded the survey will be suitably qualified but unfortunately adds to the costs.

As you may have noticed a few defaults with our sound system, one being the mobile microphone used during Masses and Funerals has not been used due to it breaking due to its age and wear and tear. Additionally, the sound levels are something we constantly monitor as on occasion you will have heard the feedback when the readings are being said from the Lectern, therefore we have had sound engineers out this Friday to assess our system, microphones and speakers, we now await this quotation.

We are also undertaking a review of our CCTV and the potential need for greater CCTV on the Church grounds, again if you know of any companies that may wish to work with us please do let me know.

Unfortunately, all these repairs and maintenance comes at a cost, **therefore if anyone has experience of grants and writing bids** or feels this is something they would like to learn more about and would like to donate your time to help then please do get in touch with me, you can get me on the email on the front page of the newsletters or I am at the weekend masses and always open for a chat. If anyone would like to step forward **with fund raising ideas and lead a group of fundraisers**, who not only help the Church with money but also bring us all together as a Parish we need your help and would like to hear from you, please speak with the parish office or Jimmie, thank you

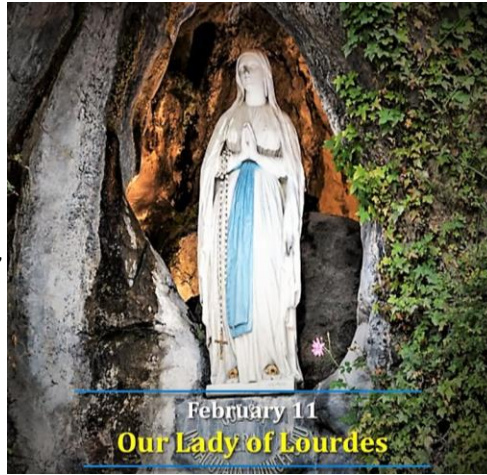
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## Healing Mass Sunday 11th February 10AM

Pope Francis' said in his message for the 32nd World Day of the Sick: "Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received. We were created to be together, not alone." This relational aspect of humanity, he adds, retains its importance even in moments of vulnerability, uncertainty and insecurity, caused often by the onset of a serious illness. The Pope invites everyone to offer compassionate and loving closeness to those who are ill. "To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others—family members, friends, healthcare workers—with creation and with themselves." In conclusion, he invites us to draw inspiration from Jesus' compassion-filled gaze through prayer and the Eucharist, so as to "heal the wounds of solitude and isolation."

So this Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known to many as Our Lady of Lourdes, the Patroness of the Sick. We welcome parishioners to receive the sacrament of the sick, also known as "Holy Anointing" after the 10AM Mass. If anyone who would like to receive the Holy Anointing, please let Fr Aji know as he will be visiting hospitals and homes on Monday.



***Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Comforter of the Afflicted, you already know my sufferings and my needs; look on me with mercy. At Lourdes, you have given us a sign of your compassion and your love. Many sufferers have already found healing through your intercession. I come before you with confidence in your motherly care. In gratitude I will try to imitate your life of surrender to the will of the Father, so that I may have some share in the glory of the Kingdom. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen***

## Union of Catholic Mothers 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration

The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) would like to thank Fr Aji, Fr George, Fr David and Deacon Lionel, for a wonderful Celebration Mass and Blessings given to all of the UCM members. We will never forget the day, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the day we celebrated 90 years in St. Marie's Parish. We are sure all in the parish who were at the Mass will remember the Mass too! We thank you, all the parishioners, for sharing the Mass with us and for all your best wishes and prayers. It is a truly remarkable achievement for the UCM to reach 90 years in the parish, however we are few in numbers, and we pray that we can welcome new members to join us this year so that we can continue to support the Church and you the parishioners well into the future. We are open to all women of all ages who support our aims and objectives in 'prayer, love and active witness to marriage, family and Christian life in the world' so if you are interested and would like to donate some time to the parish through the UCM please do get in touch with any member of the UCM or ask the parish office for more information as to who to get in contact with. Thank you all again, the UCM.



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