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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mark 3:25

And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Confessions;
Friday 6PM-7PM
Saturday after
9:30AM Mass
Adoration;
Monday 9AM-7PM
Friday 6PM-7PM



Welcome to you all, this weekend we are celebrating the first of our First Holy Communions with our School children, on Saturday morning coming, the 15th, we will have the parish children receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9:30am Mass. On Wednesday 19th we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation of our young people celebrated by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, the Episcopal Vicar for Oxfordshire, Coventry and Warwickshire . We pray for all those who have received First Holy Communion this weekend, and for those who are soon to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, for their sponsors and families. We thank the school and parish catechists for preparing the children in our school and parish. As you may be aware for the month of June, the month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, I am asking if you would like your homes blessed, many of you have said you would like your homes blessed, please book with the parish office sooner rather than later so there is not a rush at the end of the month, thank you.

Adoration

Every Monday we have adoration from 9AM-7PM and Friday 6PM-7PM. If you can pledge to sit with the Lord for an hour please write your name on the sheet at the back of Church. There are also additional printed sheets for children during Adoration, so please take them as needed.

Sat 8th June 2024	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners Mary Ellen Kells RIP
Sun 9th June 2024	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00AM 18.00PM	Bernie Forde RIP Robert Taylor RIP (anniversary)
Mon 10th June 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19:00PM	Joseph Deery RIP Charles Michael (thanksgiving birthday)
Tue 11th June 2024	Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle	10.00AM 19.00PM	Angela Farmer RIP John (exams)
Wed 12th June 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Matthew Ouseph RIP Maureen
Thurs 13th June 2024	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM 19.00PM	George & Parker (eye operation) Mgr Timothy Menezes & Canon Richard Walker
Fri 14th June 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Hargadon Intention Rory Brady (healing)
Sat 15th June 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30AM 18:00PM	All Parishioners Special Intention

The Life Shop, Rugby

The Life Shop really need our support. They are in need of volunteers, anytime that you can spare would be gratefully received. Volunteers work is always great to see on a CV. The manager Terri is wonderful to work for and she gives excellent training. Just pop along to the shop and speak to her. Have you shopped there lately? Parishioners have been in recently and were surprised with the brands on sale from Wallis, Zara, Next, Super Dry, Monsoon etc. So don't forget the Life Shop when you are looking for something. Please support if you can.

St. Marie's Repository

This is stocked with images, candles, rosaries and icons of the Sacred Heart and with Confirmation and Communion gifts/jewelry/cards so please do have a look.

There is a selection of bibles, prayer books, children's books, however if you are looking for something specific please do let us know and we will see what we can source for you. Thank you

Arranging a Wedding?

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr Aji is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be correctly followed and to be introduced to our wedding coordinator. Please give at least six months' notice.

Arranging a Baptism?

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Aji in person at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few simple facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

Lifting The Cap on Catholic Schools

The Government has opened a consultation on lifting the cap that for the last 14 years has limited the number of Catholic children that can be admitted into any new Catholic school. Please see the link below and respond to the consultation (only name and email address are required). Responses are crucial if Catholic families throughout the country are not to continue to be deprived of a Catholic education.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faithschools-cap/>

Parish Census Forms

In the forthcoming weeks we will be undertaking the parish census to help get an idea of our existing parishioners and new parishioners, and with that form, a section to let us know what you would like to do in the parish. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved and it would be good to see how you can get involved. It is also an opportunity to ensure we have up to date records of contact and home details as many people have moved homes.

APF Missio

The envelopes are at the back of Church for collection. Can you please return monies by the 30th June. If you would like any more information or how to get involved please speak with Steve Crisp, Thank you

Maryvale Institute

Are you looking to study Catholic Theology? Find out more about what's on offer at Maryvale Institute. Recruitment is now open for 2024/25 for those looking to study with the Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS), the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the English-speaking world. Maryvale HIRS operate both BDiv and Licence Programmes. Theology qualifications recognised by the Holy See. BDiv is a five-year, part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology. The Licence Programme Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is a three-year, part-time programme.

If you wish to speak to admissions tutor, Dr Harry Schnitker, about any questions you may have, please email him at;

researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk or

visit www.maryval.ac.uk/

Readers

The new readers rota is out for you to collect at the back of Church. By Advent Sunday this year, all parishes must begin using the new translation of the readings at Mass. These are taken from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition (ESV-CE). The new books are not yet available (the complete ESV-CE Bible is). More information will be provided nearer the time. If anyone would like to consider donating towards one of the four volumes we shall need as they cost £180 each. Your name will be appear in the book as a sponsor if you wish. Thank you

Altar Servers

The new rota is in the Robing Room for you should you need a paper copy or have not received it via email.

Receiving Holy Communion

We have recently noticed at Mass that a very small number of people have been receiving Communion by Intinction (receiving the Sacred Host in one's hand and then taking it and dipping it into the Precious Blood). This practice is discouraged as it obscures the distinct fulfilment of the invitation of the Lord to 'take and eat', to 'take and drink'. It also presents a serious risk to those who live with Coeliac disease, since it inadvertently introduces gluten into the chalice of the Precious Blood. Following the Bishops' lead we would ask you not to practice Intinction when receiving Holy Communion at Mass and to consume the Body of Christ in the front of the Altar and not upon returning to your seat. Thank you.

Welcome if you are visiting our parish and not a Roman Catholic, a member of a church in full communion with it, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion by crossing your arms across your chest.

Safeguarding from the Archdiocese Office

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mike Borg & Anne Ormsby. They can be contacted at sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

UCM New/Nearly New Sale Mon 24th June

St. Marie's U.C.M. are holding a coffee morning and New/Nearly New clothes sale and Accessories in Hibberts Hall in aid of our 2024 charity, St. Marie's Church. Light refreshments will be available, Carmels cakes and cookies will be on sale too! We will be open from 8:30AM - 1PM so if you need a bargain, it's here for you!

News from the Bishops' Conference

The Prime Minister has called a general election for **Thursday 4 July**. If you haven't registered to vote in the General Election, you must do so by **23:59 on Tuesday, 18 June 2024**. The Bishops' Conference has developed information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote.

Including: Criminal Justice, Domestic poverty, family life and taxation, Education, Environment, International relations, human rights and peacebuilding, Life Issues and Migration. Visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/> for more information

The Church does not, of course, dictate to Catholics how they should vote, but our faith does provide guiding principles for making decisions. We should vote according to a well-informed conscience, that is, a conscience formed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, studying Scripture, and honestly informing oneself about the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus fell on Friday just gone, the 7th June. Great benefits are promised to those who practice the devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Also, during this month, we can seek to deepen our devotion to the love of God revealed in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - a devotion encouraged by St Margaret Mary, whose relic rests in the altar at Blessed Robert Grissold Church in Coventry. **If you would like Fr Aji to visit and bless your home during the month of June then please let us know via the parish office.** Please take a prayer booklet from the back of the Church for you to pray at home to the Sacred Heart.

Heritage Open Day

Whilst we are planning to take part in the Heritage Open Days again our Church will be open on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd of September. The theme this year is Connections, Routes and Networks, exploring how we are connected to each both through physical routes and cultural connections. We are planning to have stalls and activities around this theme for all the family. We need more volunteers to help plan and organise this event. Please make yourself known to the parish office if you can offer help. Thank you.

Publication of the new Lectionary

The Roman Lectionary is the series of books we use that provide the readings and psalms at Holy Mass and other liturgical ceremonies. The current Lectionary was intended to be interim pending a new translation. The New Lectionary has now been approved by the Holy See, meaning that from the 1st Sunday of Advent (1st December) the readings and psalms we use will change. We are in the process of pre ordering the books at a cost of £180 each, which there will be four volumes/books covering the whole year. If anyone would like to consider donating towards one of the four volumes we shall need your donation will be gratefully received. Your name will be appear in the book as a sponsor if you wish. Thank you



St Marie's School Children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with Mrs Ott (RE Co-ordinator), Fr Teddy O'Brien (St. Anne's, Wappenbury), Fr Aji Alphonse and the Altar Servers.

New prayer book launched for young people during this Year of Prayer

A new prayer book aimed at young people, their priests, chaplains and teachers has been published to commemorate this Year of Prayer. Former work colleagues Fr Michael Beattie SJ and Fr Simon Ellis, parish priest at St Margaret Mary in Perry Common, Birmingham, have been collaborating on prayer materials for over a decade.

It was deemed fitting to publish this latest, adapted resource - **Watch and Pray** - during the Year of Prayer and so it is now available. *"In this new resource we mix traditional with contemporary prayers,"* said Fr Simon. *"There are a number of simple morning and evening prayers which could be used privately or in collective worship in schools and colleges and the chaplaincies. There is a large section of devotional prayers centred around the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile which highlights gospel values and gives scriptural material to bring them alive. "The Foreword is written by Archbishop Bernard Longley."* The new book costs £8, plus P&P, with all profits going to the St Margaret Mary Church Centenary fund. The Centenary will be celebrated in 2026. The book includes an Introduction with Fr Simon; Prayers of Adoration; Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi; Prayer to St Chad, Patron of the Archdiocese of Birmingham; reflections and much more. Accompanying illustrations are the work of a Ukrainian artist, whose family lived with Fr Simon and his family after they moved from Ukraine.

Fr Simon can be contacted at stmargaret-mary.bham@rcaob.org.uk

This week's Gospel – Mark 3:20-35
'A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand'

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Responsorial Psalm
With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption

ORDINATION OF BISHOPS

The episcopal ordination of Mgr Timothy Menezes & Canon Richard Walker as auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Birmingham will take place at 12noon on Tues 16th July at St. Chad's Cathedral. The episcopal ordination of Fr. David Waller as Bishop of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place at 11am on Sat 22nd June at Westminster Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers.

2nd Collection Next Week

Next week this will be for the Day for Life. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. If you would like more information on the Day for Life then please do take a booklet from the back of Church which will give you a little more information and thank you for giving what you can in the 2nd collection next weekend.

In today's readings, Genesis recounts the repercussions of Adam and Eve's first sin, succumbing to the temptation of the serpent, the Devil himself. The Bible tells the story of how God's love undoes the effects of their first sin. In the pages of the Gospel, we see Jesus conquering the Devil through healings of all kinds, raising of the dead, and the casting out of devils from the possessed. All of this shows how the initial sin — taking the fruit against God's plain command—and all subsequent sins are removed by the fruit of the Cross, Jesus' own sacrifice. When it appeared that the Devil had prevailed, God was preparing for his ultimate defeat. Today, in our own lives, it can be a great feeling to feel aggrieved, and to be able to blame someone else for why things went wrong. We can be all prone to it, and our blame culture certainly encourages it. And sometimes our grievance is justified - we have been wronged, sometimes seriously. But, sometimes, it may be more 50-50, and sometimes it was our fault. Aggressively blaming the other person rarely succeeds in doing anything but dividing. Adam immediately blames Eve; Eve immediately blames the serpent. They're both right, but it would also have been right to tell God, 'I got it wrong, sorry' - right, and more constructive. In today's Gospel, we see the scribes can't see any good in Jesus. That's a terrible place to be! Consider this; if we can accept responsibility for our failings, above blaming others; if we can find the good in others, even when there's wrong too, we're much more likely to unite rather than divide. This will help to bring peace into divided households, especially as we look to consecrate our family homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Andrew Aksentowicz, Laurence Reid, James Murphy

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Smartryk Klopper, Patricia Meghan, Robert Taylor, Maria Solowij, Dominic Friel, Maziemierz Misztak, Joseph Smith John McKee, Kathleen Webb, Natalia Canica, Margaret McAusland, Johanna Wilszynska, Lawrence Lillcraip

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Elsie Johnson, 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, Fr Bellwood IC, Fr Cuddihy IC