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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Parish Office:

Wednesday-Friday

9:30AM– 12.30PM

### Repository:

After Sunday Morning Mass

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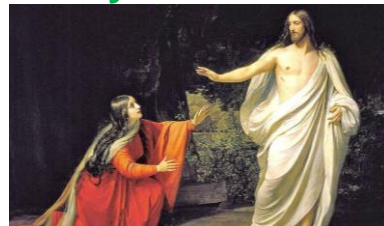
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Welcome to you all. In this week's Gospel, our Lord Jesus invites His disciples to take a break as He sees their weariness. At the same time, He is moved with compassion for the crowd, describing them as "sheep without a shepherd." Thus, we have two elements together: spiritual rest and God's compassionate action involving us in His affairs. This perspective offers us profound insights into our own lives. Often, we run ourselves ragged with daily responsibilities, forgetting to take time to simply be with God. Jesus reminds us, "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while." As it is not easy to find rest even within ourselves, we must organise a sacred space, like a turtle withdrawing into its shell or a hedgehog curling up. This space is about a moment where we stop everything and just be in God's presence, allowing His peace to fill our hearts and renew our spirits. Can you imagine the scene when you are in the process of finding rest and see that Jesus is moved with compassion because "they were like sheep without a shepherd"? They look and feel like "wobbly tired-out sheep," stumbling through their days, unsure of where they are headed. Their weariness draws Jesus to them and disrupts our right to rest in God's presence. In this conflict of interest, we learn that our true rest is in Christ. Once we fix our eyes on Him, everything makes sense, and we become in tune with Him. We begin to see that we are often like those who disturb our time. While we strive to find rest in a sacred, interior space, sharing everything with Jesus, we also recognise that as Jesus looks at the crowd with compassion, He shows us that God's presence is our guide, even when we feel something has been taken from us unjustly. Thus, in our spiritual journey with God, we need quiet, restful moments. At its core, this journey must be centred on God and the compassionate guidance of Jesus, who offers what is best.

**Adoration**  
 Mon 9AM-7PM  
 Fri 6PM-7PM  
**Confessions**  
 Friday 6-7PM  
 Saturday 10AM



Sat 20th July 2024	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>9.30AM 18.00PM</b>	<b>All Parishioners Catherine Raton RIP</b>
Sun 21st July 2024	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:00AM 18.00PM</b>	<b>Den Harries RIP Stefan Vatrál RIP</b>
Mon 22nd July 2024	<b>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</b>	<b>10.00AM 19:00PM</b>	<b>James Reilly RIP &amp; Peter Paul O'Hare RIP Fr David Tobin IC (Thanksgiving)</b>
Tue 23rd July 2024	<b>Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Varun (Birthday) Robert Simpson (Well-being)</b>
Wed 24th July 2024	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Valerie Perry RIP Fr John Buckner IC (Thanksgiving)</b>
Thurs 25th July 2024	<b>Feast of St. James, Apostle</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Fred &amp; Tess Smith RIP (Anniversary) Maureen Dooley</b>
Fri 26th July 2024	<b>Memorial of Ss Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Nikhil (Thanksgiving) Bridie O'Loughlin RIP</b>
Sat 27th July 2024	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>09:30AM 18:00PM</b>	<b>All Parishioners Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>

### Parish Census

As we are now mid way through July we would like to thank those who have filled in the **parish registration card** and returned it via the collection boxes. For those of you who have not yet done so, please take a card, fill in the details and return by the end of July. We ask that all parishioners complete this, many of you will be already registered with the parish, but we are taking this time to update all our records. There is also the opportunity on the back to list how you would like to volunteer your time.

### Parish Meeting

Thank you to those who made the meeting last Tuesday and to those sending their apologies in advance. To give a brief synopsis of the meeting the following points were discussed;

#### Rugby Deanery Clusters

As you will be aware the Birmingham Archdiocese have formed small clusters, we form the Rugby Cluster along with Sacred Heart in Bilton, English Martyrs in Hillmorton, St Annes in Wappenbury and Our Lady & St Wulstan in Southam. It is very early days for the Clusters and the parishes will continue to work together as we have been doing, but will now work more closely, be it in joining catechism classes together etc. In our Cluster we have two priests of retirement age who will continue to serve their parishes and we along with Fr Arul will support when we can. As part of the cluster each parish will have two lay representatives from each parish to discuss strengths and weaknesses of each parish as we seek to support each other.

#### Parish Feast Day – 8th September

We are seeking support from volunteers to help organise the Feast Day and for your ideas, so please do get in touch.

Fr Aji was asked if there could be a retreat day in the parish prior to the Parish Feast Day and we will progress this further.

#### Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - 7th October

For the Feast we will have a Day of Devotion and welcome the visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue will process into Church on Sunday evening and we will have a day of devotion on the Monday. We will require volunteers and include the parish school in this Day of Devotion

#### Catechism

The Catechists were thanked for their devotion and hard work in preparing the RCIA, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Sunday's Children Liturgy. Forms will now be out well in advance for the next RCIA, Confirmation and First Holy Communion classes, please do take a form. Childrens Liturgy will pause now over the Summer Holidays and return in September.

#### Church Grotto

A proposal was put forward for a Grotto outside the Church so those who wish to sit and pray whilst the Church is closed can do so, an area for this is to be looked at and further planning is required.

### Fr Tom Thomas IC

The Dicastery for Evangelisation has appointed Father Tom Thomas as Apostolic Administrator of the Prefecture of the Falkland Islands. Fr Tom is currently serving as Rector and Parish Priest of St Etheldreda's in central London and will take over as Apostolic Administrator of the Prefecture whilst continuing his work in the parish. In addition to his appointment as Apostolic Administrator of the Falkland Islands, Fr Tom will also serve as Ecclesiastical Superior of the Missions for the South Atlantic islands of Ascension, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha for a period of five years. Fr Tom hopes to visit and work with the faithful and priests in the Falkland Islands in the near future, as well as continuing to work at St Etheldreda's church in London. Fr Tom succeeds Abbot Hugh Allan, O.Praem who has completed his five-year term.



### Heritage Day Volunteers

We are moving ever close to the Heritage Day in September and **we are seeking volunteers to help.**

We will be opening our Church for the Heritage Days in September and to do so need your help, can you offer time to be in the church whilst it is open? There will be a variety of ways in which you can volunteer your time and welcome people to our beautiful Church.

#### Theme

The theme this year is connections, routes and network. We will explore how we are connected to each other 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 or speak with Eva-Marie Marson. Please do support your church.

### New Lectionary

As you will know by Advent 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 but we have pre ordered them. We would like to thank those who have donated towards the purchase of the new lectionaries as we have collected £290. If anyone else would like to donate towards the four books then you can do so via the parish office or by putting it in an envelope and placing in the collection box, thank you.

### 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](mailto:sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

### Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025

First Holy Communion and Confirmation for children who do not attend St. Maries School and are hoping to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2025, please collect an application form from the back of Church and return to the parish office. When completing the form please use clear block capitals and attach the Baptismal Certificate to the form. Thank you.

### RCIA

Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? The Catholic RCIA stages are a good model of basic faith development. A number of people have expressed an interest in pursuing the Catholic faith. Everybody is welcome or maybe you would like to refresh your faith.

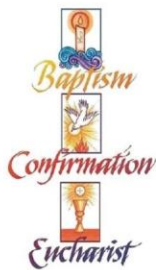
#### What is the RCIA?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation. It is a journey which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, the acceptance of Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. The RCIA is more than a course of instruction. It is a process of conversion, designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants.

#### Who is RCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.
- Practicing Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

If you would like to join in with the RCIA please introduce yourself after Mass or take an information card and form to fill out from the back of Church. Thank you, Fr Aji



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is adoration every Monday from 9AM Mass to 7PM & on Fridays 6-7PM.

Many of you may be on holiday now that the school year has ended; if you are not going away and have children or grandchildren during the holidays, you are welcome to spend time together as a family in the presence of the Lord during adoration.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



When we say we are “going to Adoration,” we are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass.

The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the “King of Glory,” respectful silence in the presence of the “ever greater” God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.” (CCC 2628)

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. When you come you may wish to kneel, sit, stand, or even lay on the floor before the Blessed Sacrament which are all appropriate forms of prayer. You really don’t have to “do” anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. If you are the only person in the church, don’t be afraid to pray or sing aloud. This is your personal time with Christ.

*“Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, ‘Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do’ . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.” – St. Catherine Labouré*

### Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer and make a weekly donation to the parish and do not currently gift aid the donation, please take a leaflet from the back of Church and return it in the Collection Box where we will then contact you so we can claim the 25% from the government with no cost to you.

Any questions then please do ask, Thank you

### Adoremus at Oscott and in our Parish

The National Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary’s Seminary Oscott this year to support preparations for the Jubilee Year.

On Sunday 15th September the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting all Parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

We will be having Exposition on Sunday 15th in the parish and will confirm times with more information closer to the 15th September.

### Yoga with Fr George

Yoga will resume in Hibberts Hall this coming Tuesday. All are welcome to attend whether you have experience of yoga or have never done it before. This will be at 6PM please bring your own yoga matt.



**This week's Gospel – Mark 6:30-34**  
**'They were like sheep without a shepherd'**

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want**

**Ordinations week: One Priest, Two Bishops and Three Deacons**

We offer prayerful congratulations to our new Auxiliary Bishops, Timothy Menezes and Richard Walker. The Episcopal Ordination of Rev Mgr Timothy Menezes and Rev Canon Richard Walker, was on Tuesday 16 July, in the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel at St. Chad's Cathedral. Mgr Timothy was supported by Canon Jonathan Veasey and Monsignor Mark Crisp. Canon Richard was supported by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick and Canon Paul McNally. Bishop Timothy (also Titular Bishop of Dougga) will have responsibility for the Diocesan Pastoral Area of North Staffordshire, Stafford, Lichfield and Walsall and Dudley and Wolverhampton. Bishop Richard (also Titular Bishop of Mortlach) will have responsibility for the Pastoral Area of Coventry, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire.

We also offer prayerful congratulations to David Bench, who has been studying in Rome, as he is ordained to the Priesthood at St Chad's this Saturday.



**Eucharistic Ministers Rota**

Please collect the new rota which is at the back of Church.

**Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10AM Masses**

Welcome to you if you are new to the parish or just visiting, you are all welcome to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits & cakes in Hibberts Hall after Sunday morning masses, it is a great way to meet people within the parish.

**Second Collection Last Week**

Many thanks to the contributions to last week's collection for Stella Maris (Sea Sunday). Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. If you didn't donate but would like to you can donate by using the envelopes at the back of Church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you

**Childrens Liturgy**

We thank all the catechists who have provided this important service to our children on Sunday mornings. The Children's Liturgy will take a pause during the Summer Holidays and begin again in September.

**Live Streaming GDPR Update**

The guidance for web/live streaming has been updated and how we look after images which are streamed on the internet and which may be available afterwards is important for compliance with safeguarding and data protection. Therefore, all who perform ministries on the Altar will need to sign a new form so that the parish is compliant, this ranges from Altar Servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers etc. Forms will be handed out on an individual basis for signing and returning, the form will have your name on it so we know who we have distributed the form to, thank you for your help with this.

**4th World Day for Grandparents and Elderly On Sunday 28 July**

In preparation for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly the Pope has chosen the theme: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9). We invite you all to bring your grandparents or grandchildren or elderly neighbours and celebrate this mass with us. We are looking for you to be involved in this mass, if you are bringing your grandparents would you like to read the bidding prayers together? Lead the offertory? Please let Fr. Aji know. We would also like to remember your deceased relatives so please take a prayer card and bring to mass next week so they can be remembered.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

John Charles Hinks

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME**

Paul Ashmore, Terence McCullough, Patricia O'Sullivan, Siobhan Morris, Peter O'Hare, Estelle Roberts, Kathleen Swindell, Gwendoline Ford, Eileen Crook, Tess Smith, Theresa Paul, Michael Considine, Kevin Cottrell, Jean Harrison

**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