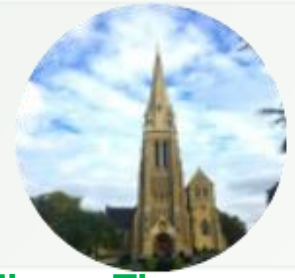




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Adoration
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 Mon 9AM-7PM
 Fri 6PM-7PM
Confessions
 Sun 9:30AM
 Friday 6-7PM
 Saturday 10AM



Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Mt 11:28

In today's first reading, Joshua directly challenges the people of Israel. Make up your mind once and for all, he says: "If you will not serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve." In today's Gospel, Jesus makes a similar direct challenge to his followers. Because of his teachings about the Living Bread, many of his disciples abandoned him. His teaching was too difficult to live by, too radical, too difficult to stomach. Rejection is always painful. Jesus may have feared that even his closest friends would abandon him too. So he asks the twelve: "Do you also want to go away?" Jesus asks everyone of us directly too: Do you want to go away as well? Or do you wish to stay? In either case, why? Whatever answer we give will have huge implications for us since it will shape the course of our lives. After Joshua challenges the Israelites, they respond unequivocally: "There is no way that we will forsake the Lord to serve other gods. Look at all that God has done for us" And after Jesus challenges the twelve, Simon Peter asks, "Who shall we go to?" You hold the message of eternal life, and you are God's Holy One. Undoubtedly, some of Jesus' and His Church's teachings are difficult. Today, Jesus asks everyone of us the same question. For many people, what they believe is often second-hand. It's what their parents or grandparents have told them. This is especially true of religion. Our religious beliefs were passed down to us, like clothes from an older brother or sister. As a result, we may never completely embrace our own faith. We may never be able to answer truthfully for ourselves the two crucial questions Jesus posed to his followers: So it is important that I "own" my faith, that I believe, not because my parents taught me to believe and go to church, but because I personally desire to do so. This kind of faith is more than just accepting a set of principles; it is a personal commitment to Jesus. It's being able to say, openly and confidently with Peter, "You are the Holy One of God. You are Christ, the Living God's Son. To whom else could we go?" That is enough reason to stand with Peter, then and now.

Sat 24th Aug 2024	Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle	09:30AM 12.30PM 18:00PM	All Parishioners Wedding of Kit & Michaela Departed Souls in Purgatory
Sun 25th Aug 2024	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00AM 18.00PM	Den Harries RIP The Murphy Family
Mon 26th Aug 2024	Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest, Religious	10.00AM 19:00PM	Romeo Edloy RIP Mrs Cunningham RIP
Tue 27th Aug 2024	Memorial of St. Monica	10.00AM 19.00PM	Marino Edloy RIP Madalena Nascimento Lima
Wed 28th Aug 2024	Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM 19.00PM	Frank Doyle RIP Pauline Diack RIP & Alzaro Da Silva Fenandes RIP
Thurs 29th Aug 2024	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr	10.00AM 19.00PM	Joseph TV RIP Gerry Friel RIP
Fri 30th Aug 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Armando Mascarhenas Stuart Bateman RIP
Sat 31st Aug 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30AM 18:00PM	All Parishioners Departed Souls in Purgatory

This week's Gospel – John 6:60-69

'Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God'

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him.

He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Sunday Morning Adoration & Confessions

On Sunday Mornings we will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am and confessions from 9:30am-9:50am. As a gentle reminder please enter the Church respectfully for Adoration, turning off phones and keeping noise to a minimum. We will continue to have Adoration on Mondays 9am-7pm, Friday Adoration and Confessions 6-7pm and Saturday morning confessions from 10am.

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 or know someone thinking of joining the faith. If you would like to join please take an RCIA form from the back of Church or speak with Fr Aji.

Celebration of a New Feast

23rd September will be the new National Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. The Holy Father approved the request of the Bishops of our country that this ancient feast be raised to a National Feast. There will be a 33 Day consecration to Our Lady to renew England's devotion under the title the "Dowry of Mary". A good way to join in would be to go to the website of the National Shrine at www.walsingham.org.uk

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.

Parish Feast Day

Sunday 8th September will be our Parish Feast Day, there will be adoration from 9AM. Mass will conclude with a short procession around the Church grounds.

Youth Group Walk – Wed's 28th Aug 5PM

There will be a walk for the youth group this Wednesday, we will be leaving Oak Street at 5PM where we will go to Warwick for a walk and discussions followed by Mass. Thank you to those who have confirmed their attendance, if you would like to come and have not confirmed your attendance then please let Fr Aji know ASAP.

Adoremus – Sunday 15th September

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 have exposition from 9AM on Sunday the 15th with scripture readings.

Archdiocese of Birmingham – Scam Alert

We believe that parishioners who have travelled with an independent travel company, on tours to religious sites are being targeted. Fraudsters pretending to be from the travel company are contacting parishioners who have travelled for donations. They are saying they have fallen on hard times and provide their bank details so people can make a donation. **Please do not make a donation - this is a scam.** If you have made a donation or received communication of this type, please report it to the Police at Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at actionfraud.police.uk and report it to your bank. Dial 159 to be automatically connected to your banks fraud prevention service.

Padre Pio Statue Restored

Can the owners of the Padre Pio statue that you requested to be restored contact the parish office as this has now been restored for you. Thank you

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joan Simms, Colin Dalton, Louise Anne Turner, Anthony O'Brien

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Julie Coyle, Stephen Realf, Antonino Ierna, Siobhan Nataly, Stanley Anthony, Hannah Moran, Mary Mills, Pauline Diack, Mary Shiels, Alfie Mercer, Terence Treacy, Terry Coles, Kathleen McConaghy, Lawrence McGrath, Violet Eeckelaers

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Lenny & Marie Niner, 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, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Fr Bellwood IC, Fr Cuddihy IC, Johnny Stott