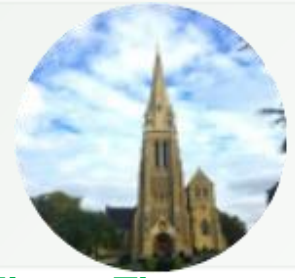




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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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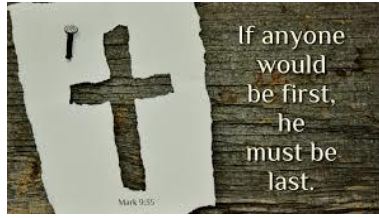
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Adoration

Sun 9AM-10AM

Mon 9AM-7PM

Fri 6PM-7PM

Confessions

Sun 9:30AM

Friday 6-7PM

Saturday 10AM



Welcome! Last week we reflected to be a Christian is more than just being a member of the Church. It takes courage to live Jesus' words. Peter found Jesus' own prediction of surrendering His life for salvation unbelievable, and today Jesus leaves Galilee beginning His journey to Jerusalem. On the way He reminds His disciples what this confrontation will mean. "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." Again the disciples fail to grasp what He is saying. As important as this message is to Christ, his disciples didn't understand, asking, why? They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. The competition of the disciples for top honours was exactly the opposite of what they should have been seeking as followers of Jesus. From a merely human perspective, we get how the disciples struggled with Jesus' prophecies about his Passion. Why would this man, who preached with authority and went about doing good, be put to death? If Jesus is the Messiah, sent by God to rule and save his people, then why would he be killed? On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus had to repeat his teaching about his death and resurrection three times to make it sink in. Jesus tells them that the way to greatness lies not through advancing to higher positions but through taking the lowest position and staying there. Be servants, He tells them. True discipleship and true greatness mean humble service of others. Note the example He gives, bringing a little child in front of them. He doesn't talk about the child, but about the person who cares for the child, saying "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me." Jesus doesn't present the child as a model but the one who takes care of the child. In the Hebrew society, children had no social status, therefore the child was considered unimportant. Jesus is calling us to become the servant of those who are unimportant. Serving the powerless is serving Jesus, and serving Jesus is serving God.

Sat 21st Sept 2024	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	09:30AM 18:00PM	All Parishioners Thanksgiving
Sun 22nd Sept 2024	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00AM 18.00PM	Den Harries RIP Salbador Joya (birthday)
Mon 23rd Sept 2024	Memorial of St. Pius of Pietreclina	10.00AM 19:00PM	Maureen Borg RIP Departed souls of Korattiyil & Koyicical family
Tue 24th Sept 2024	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00AM 19.00PM	Elizabeth Bedford John Moore RIP
Wed 25th Sept 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Molly (private intention) Kay Doyle RIP
Thurs 26th Sept 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Margaret Hughes RIP St. Gregory's UCM, Birmingham
Fri 27th Sept 2024	Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul	10.00AM 19.00PM	Scaria Sebastian Fr. Gerry Murray
Sat 28th Sept 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30AM 18:00PM	Romeo Edloy RIP Annie Doyle RIP

This week's Gospel – Mark 9:30-37

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me'

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Responsorial Psalm The Lord upholds my life.

National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

We will be welcoming The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco Marto on Sunday 6th October and Monday 7th October, the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in this privileged visitation and to pray the Rosary and hear the story of Fatima including the messages of Our Lady of Fatima. If you have never been to Fatima before, now is your opportunity to come and get a sense of what it is all about and to come and see this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Please see the poster or small leaflet for the timetable of events on the days of this visitation.



St. Marie's Repository – New Personal Translated Missals

We can pre order Sunday Missals. Daily Missals will not be available until the new year. If you would like to have a new Sunday missal ordered please write your name on the list at the back of church. If you would like the readings and Order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle, in hardback this will be £20 or if you would prefer paperback this will be £10. The Liturgical cycle is the First Sunday of Advent 2024 to Christ the King 2025. If we have enough orders we may be able to qualify for a discount.

Second Collection this weekend for Fr Hudson's Society

As the Social Care Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, they aim to continue to sustain the services they provide and extend them when needed. Their work spans across five themes, Children Families & Schools, older people, refugees, disabled and homeless. They also continue to support and enable other community and social action work. Thank you for donating what you can.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning in Hibberts Hall on Saturday 28th September after morning Mass from 10AM – 1PM. All are welcome to attend, donations of cakes are always welcome. Please do come along and support and have a catch up over a hot drink and cake.

APF Missio

The envelopes are ready for collection at the back of church. Please return monies by the 6th Oct Thanks. Steve Crisp.

Rosary for the month of October

As we know the months of October and May are dedicated to the Holy Rosary, with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th, the day of Our Lady of Fatima's visitation to our parish. I encourage you celebrate this month of the Holy Rosary with me. Let us pray together in families, friendships, groups and importantly as a parish. I would like to welcome every evening a different family, or group of friends, or a group to come to church to lead the Rosary in church, and for those at home to join us online. The Rosary at weekends will be at approx. 6:45PM after evening masses with weekdays at 7:30PM after the evening masses. October is traditionally the month of the Missions when we are invited to recommit ourselves to the worldwide missionary work of the Church, both financially and spiritually. World Mission Sunday will be celebrated in every parish throughout the world on the 20th of October which ties in beautifully with us celebrating the wonderful tradition of the Rosary and praying for new vocations to religious life.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frances McGregor, Rosaleen Curley

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Genie O'Hare, Peter Duerden, Baby Elva Smith, Assunta Ascenso, Margaret Dean, Richard Fieldhouse, Agnieszka Trawicka, William Morgan, Alan Morgan, Eileen Harrison, Pat O'Meara, Stella Clarke, John Smith, Baby Dawid Glowczeski

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, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza

St. Marie's Christmas Market



Whilst we think of Christmas being some time away yet, it is 9 weeks until our Christmas Market on Saturday and Sunday 23rd & 24th November in Hibberts Hall, 10AM-2PM with Santa's Grotto in the Coach House. There will be an additional day on the Sunday 26th November 11AM-1PM if you would like a stall on this day then please do get in touch or email the parish office. For the appeals below please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the old Baptistry, next to the repository and not in the porch, thank you.



aMAYzing value Stall

Could I please ask for donations of perfume (new and used with boxes if you have them), costume jewellery, fine metal jewellery (even broken gold and silver that I can sell or even if just one odd earring, the stall can make good use of it) or if you have anything that you are unsure about then get in touch and ask me, thanks very much for your continuing support and generosity, Louise.

UCM Bottle in a bag

We are collecting donations of bottled goods for the annual UCM bottle stall, these can be bottles of alcohol, juice, fizzy drinks, sauces etc. We kindly request any new or used/unwanted bottle bags that you no longer need. Thank you.

Santas Grotto

Santa will be visiting and his Grotto will be set up in the Coach House costing £1 per child on the Saturday, please do bring your children or grandchildren along.

St. Marie's Christmas Repository

If you would like a Christmas Crib for your home or specific Christmas decorations then please let us know asap as we will be making our Christmas order shortly, there is a catalogue you can look at, please ask if you wish to see this. We will soon have a selection of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, books and gifts etc. for Christmas which will be sold at the Christmas Market and from the Repository at the back of Church in the old Baptistry. Thank you for your continued support, all monies raised goes to the Church.

New Stalls

If anyone would like a stall at the Christmas Market there is place to add you on the Sunday which is 11AM - 1PM, be it for homemade items, food, gifts etc so please do get in touch and let us know...

Weekly After Mass Tea & Coffee on Sunday Mornings

All are welcome to Hibberts Hall after the 10AM mass, the money raised from the coffee morning goes towards the pensioners Christmas Dinner. It is a great way to meet new friends and socialise together as a parish.

Gift Aid

Please Gift Aid your donations if you are a tax payer: this enables us to reclaim the tax you paid on earning the amount you give at no cost to you. Each £10 turns into £12.50 as we claim this from the government. Forms for this are included on the Standing order forms in the porch.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

If you would like to donate any food or drinks, crisps or chocolates, crackers, mince pies, wine etc then these will be put towards making the Christmas Hampers, thank you.

Christmas Cake Raffle

We will be having the annual Christmas Cake Raffle, kindly made and donated by Carmel. Tickets will be sold at the back of Church closer to Advent so keep an eye out for these in the future.

Guess the weight of the Cake

Carmel will be baking up a cake again this year for you to all guess the weight of, can anyone remember last years weight? Again this will be done closer to Advent.

Bric a Brac Stall

If you have any unwanted Bric a Brac, such as, teddys, games, toys, books, DVDs, CDs etc that you would like to donate we would be thankful, all donations accepted.

Just Dance Competition

On the Sunday there will be a Just Dance Competition for the young and old to take part in after the morning Mass at the Christmas Market, prizes to be won!!

Light for Night

We will be holding the Light for Night after a break last year. If you would like to sponsor the Light for Night where we light up the outside of the Church in different colours during Advent in memory of a loved one, for thanksgiving, in celebration etc then we will have a sheet at the back of Church for you to add your name and intention onto the list so we can include the intention in our prayers.

Mass Requests

If you would like a mass to be said for a loved one or maybe a special occasion, please take an IOC envelope from the church porch. Please ensure that the request details (name & date) are printed clearly to avoid any spelling errors or pop into the parish office. Thank you.

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 asap as classes will start to begin shortly. When completing the form please use clear block capitals and attach the Baptismal Certificate to the form.
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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

**In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year
'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been
designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.**



Here are some resources to help us prepare for Jubilee Year:

Pray as you go - <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

Teach us to pray - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025-prayer/>

Praying the Word - Lectio Divina & the Sunday Readings
We Dare to Say booklet

Further resources are available on the Archdiocesan
website: <https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024>

Marriage & Family Life

The Sacrament of matrimony is also a vocation. Through the vows taken a man and woman are joined together in life. Marriage begins with a wedding service in the presence of God and the faith community and the couple continue to confer the sacrament on one another whenever they offer themselves in the service of the other and the larger community. Marriage is an ongoing sacrament there to strengthen the couple and should be open to creating and raising a family. There are upcoming dates for experiences/weekends for an opportunity to enrich and refresh relationships

Marriage Encounter Online – 19-20 October

Marriage Encounter weekend in Rugby – 29 Nov to 1 Dec

Please visit www.wvme.org.uk for more info.

If your marriage needs refocusing you can also contact www.retrouville.org.uk who have online dates coming up.

Rugby Winter Care

A non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting elderly and vulnerable residents in Rugby during the winter months.

As the cold season approaches, many people in our community and parish will struggle with rising energy costs and food insecurity, putting their health and well-being at risk. Our aim is to provide immediate relief through energy vouchers, food parcels, and community outreach, ensuring that no one has to choose between staying warm and essential needs.

If you know of any individuals or families in your community who may need assistance this winter, we would be grateful if you could refer them to us for support. Also if you feel there is any other way we could support you, please get in touch. For referrals or more information, please feel free to contact us at rugbywintercare@outlook.com or visit our Facebook at www.facebook.com/rugbywintercare.

Used Stamps for Myton Hospice

Please continue to put all used stamps in the box at the back of the church. Please do not cut off perforations or the barcodes as these are part of the stamp. Myton sell these stamps to aid their fundraising. Thank you.

Cannon Murray Golden Jubilee of Ordination

We give thanks and pray for Cannon Gerry Murray on his Golden Jubilee of Ordination. There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving and Celebration for Cannon Murray this coming Wednesday the 25th at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church in Bilton with a celebration in the hall afterwards. All are welcome to attend. We will continue to hold our evening Mass on Wednesday at the usual time also.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Welcome back to all UCM Members after our Summer break. We are delighted that three ladies have expressed an interest in joining the UCM.

The first meeting will be on Monday 30th September, Mass will be celebrated at 10AM and we will then meet in Hibberts Hall. If there is anyone else interested in joining and maybe a little nervous to do so on your own, this may be a perfect time as we welcome other new members, you will be warmly welcomed if you come along to the meeting. After our meeting we will have a small fish and chips lunch costing £6.99, we will need to do order this in advance so please phone Mary Hales on 01788 863 435 if you wish to attend and have food with us. Thank you and God Bless.

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks with enquiries for the RCIA and becoming a catholic, we have seen new faces coming into the Church which is a beautiful thing. If you know of anyone thinking of joining the Catholic faith or would like to know more information then let them know to get in touch as we move closer to starting the course.

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



HOLY COMMUNION:

If you are not a Roman Catholic, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion cannot be given to all, as it is for us the sign of unity in the faith. Communion is not bread and wine, but the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son.