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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 9AM - 7PM

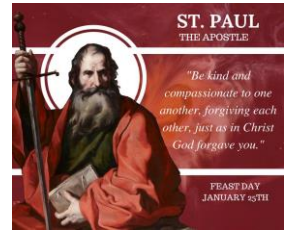
Fri 6PM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

### Confessions

Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM,

Sun 9:30AM



**From Water to Wine to Blood...** Welcome to you all this weekend! Three mysteries mark the Epiphany. Two of these - the Magi's visit and Jesus' Baptism - have already been celebrated. Today, we honour the third: the miracle at Cana. When told there was no wine, Jesus responds, "Woman why turn to me? My hour has not yet come." Yet, He produces wine miraculously, opening the path that ultimately leads to His passion, death, and resurrection - His "hour." In a sense, however, His "hour" begins here, with the transformation of water into wine. Soon, He will change wine into His blood. The water at Cana, reserved for purification rites, foreshadows the Eucharistic wine that becomes His blood, the new purification rite. Thus, the miracle of Cana completes the Epiphany: The Saviour of the world has arrived. Just as He turned water into wine and wine into blood, He is now transforming the world into the Kingdom of God. Through His grace, we are made members of this Kingdom, with the responsibility of sharing the Good News of the Gospel with the world today. Jesus' presence at a wedding reveals just how important marriage is. God is love, and to have the presence of God Himself at the start of any loving marriage is obviously the very best start. It shows also His involvement in human life and joys, as- He is present to celebrate with the couple and their other guests. He also shows great generosity in supplying an abundance of wine when the original supply runs out. And at the heart of this is Jesus' Mother. Who among the guests would possibly have thought that when Mary said to the servants 'Do whatever He tells you' that such wonders will result. Mary knows all about God's wonders: no one has done as much in obedience to what God told her.....  
**Do whatever He tells you.**

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Lilian Batchelor RIP
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10:00 AM 18.00 PM	Breda O' Bryne (Birthday) Maria L Faro
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Eamon Curry (Wellbeing) Private Intention
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025	<b>Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</b>	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	UCM Foundation Mass Margaret Ranai
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2025	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Geoffrey Hall RIP Mary Butler
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Una Leach RIP Margaret Ranai
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	<b>Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Jessica Cottam (Wellbeing) Magdalen Curry (Wellbeing)
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	<b>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, The Apostle</b>	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Henry Welton RIP



## JUBILEE PILGRIMS OF HOPE

### The Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime terms the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green.

### Holy Year and Indulgences

The 2025 Holy Year, which began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and runs to the Feast of Epiphany 2026, is themed "Pilgrims of Hope," and is all about embracing God's mercy and finding spiritual renewal. A big part of this celebration is the chance to receive a plenary indulgence. To receive this special gift, there are a few meaningful steps which can be found in the yellow guide at the back of church. Pilgrims are encouraged to visit key churches - like the famous basilicas in Rome - pray, and perform acts of kindness and mercy. If you can't make the trip, don't worry! The following Jubilee churches and sites have been chosen by His Grace as particular places of pilgrimage in our diocese;



St Chad's Cathedral – Shrine of St Chad,  
St Anne's Church, Caversham – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham,  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis,  
The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham,  
Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster  
Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford.



You can still participate through heartfelt prayer and by offering your struggles to God. This Holy Year is a beautiful reminder that God's mercy is always within reach, wherever you are. There are Companion Booklets at the back of Church produced by the Archdiocese which you can also purchase.

### Invitation from the Diocesan Vocations Office

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? 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, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. To be held on **Saturday 3 May**, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Mass will be followed by light refreshments.

Registration for this event is now open. **The deadline for booking is Sunday 13 April.** The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate love and commitment. Last year (2024) the commemorative Mass booklet listed 60 couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024, all the way up to 73 years, along with one couple preparing to marry. Many other couples also participated. We look forward to celebrating with you. Please visit

[www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass)

### Retrouvaille dates for 2025

Retrouvaille is the name of a programme designed to help heal and renew marriages. The word "Retrouvaille" simply means "rediscovery". The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your partner, and a loving relationship in your marriage. **You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme, call or text 07887 296 983 or email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)  
Virtual Programmes (via Zoom) - Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> & Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3hours/evening or Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> & Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Full day starting at 8am  
Live Programmes - June – Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City or November – Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City

### 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. There are upcoming dates for experiences/weekends for an opportunity to enrich and refresh relationships. Please visit [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) for more info.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is adoration every Sunday 9AM, Monday 9AM - 7PM  
& on Fridays 6PM - 7PM

You are all invited to come and spend time in the presence of the Lord; if you would like to dedicate one hour of your time to the Lord on Mondays, please sign your name on the form at the back of church.

*"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

### Invitation from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the worship service has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27.

Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?". Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Resources for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>

### An Invitation to consider Catholic Chaplaincy in Prisons

What do a retired vet, a retired teacher and an ex-Practice Director of a law firm have in common? They are all now Catholic Chaplains in the Prisons of our diocese. And we are looking for more people who wish to change direction in career terms and carry out the mission that Jesus himself asked us to do. If you might be interested, please email me, Deacon Peter Tibke, on [dcn.peter.tibke@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.peter.tibke@rcaob.org.uk) and I will arrange a chat with you about the processes.

### Kenelm Youth Trust pilgrimage to Jubilee of Youth 31<sup>st</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August – Rome & Assisi

As the Holy doors are opened around Rome we want to be there for the Jubilee of Youth and we want you to join us. If you are 19-29 why not join KYT on our Jubilee Pilgrimage for moments of prayer, catechesis and community as well as hearing the message that Pope Francis has for the Youth of the Church. If you are interested and want to know more contact Libby - [libby.cox@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:libby.cox@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

### Kenelm Youth Trust Summer Camp

Are you ready for an unforgettable summer filled with adventure, faith, and friendship? Summer Camp 2025 is here, and we can't wait to welcome you! From messy games to bold challenges, from deep conversations to moments of pure joy, Summer Camp 2025 is packed with everything you need to make memories that will last a lifetime. Bookings are now open, so don't miss your chance to be part of this incredible experience. Spaces fill up fast, so gather your friends and secure your spot today!

For more information go to

<https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2025.html>

### RCIA & Confirmation Classes

RCIA classes have resumed on Weds evenings in the Coach House at 7pm.

Confirmation classes begin on Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5:45pm – 6:45PM in the Coach House.

### LEPRA 1924-2024

Today, 500 people will be diagnosed with leprosy; 28 of those will be children. Over 3 million people across the globe are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Leprosy is not a disease of the past, it still exists and it is still destroying lives. It is caused by a type of bacteria that can affect the skin, the peripheral nerves, mucosa of the upper respiratory tract, and the eyes. **Lepra** seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support to those affected by leprosy. With a course of Multidrug therapy, it is possible to cure leprosy and after just one tablet a person is non-infectious. There is hope that leprosy will one day be beaten. To read some real-life stories of those who's lives have been changed through the work of Lepra please visit [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk) where you can also donate online.

### Invitation to Flame, Saturday 15 March 2025

Fan the Flame of Hope, complementing the theme of the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope.

The Kenelm Youth Trust, are organising a trip to Flame. The Catholic Congress (for those aged 14 and over) will be held at the OVO Arena, Wembley. The event consists of a concert with praise and worship and talks from many different people. Why not sign up to go with Kenelm? They have organized a coach leaving from Birmingham to the event and a parishioner has offered a lift to Birmingham for the coach should they need it. If you would like a lift to the coach in Birmingham please let the parish office know and they can pass over the contact details.

<https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/flame2025.html>

### Invitation from Birmingham Churches Together

Pray24Brum is an opportunity to begin the New Year praying together with other Christians for our city. Now in its 11th year, Pray24Brum creates a canopy of prayer. Each hour is led by a different group or church, allowing you to experience prayers from different traditions. Taking place during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pray24Brum 2025 will take place from 9am – 8pm on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 January. Our hosts will be Trinity Birmingham (150 Coventry Road, Small Heath B10 0SE), located just outside the city centre. Plan to attend for one hour, for several hours, or for the whole 24 hours. Join in person or online. The prayer schedule will be available soon.

If you are interested in leading an hour of prayer please contact Maud Grainger or more for info via [enquiries@birminghamchurches.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@birminghamchurches.org.uk)

### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Archbishop Bernard Longley warmly invites you to join this very special pilgrimage, taking place in the Jubilee Year from Sat 24th May to Fri 30th May.

You can now book by calling 0121 230 6288 or via [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage) and find out more about the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope".



## This week's Gospel – John 2:1-11

### 'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee'

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.**

### Donation to the Parish

As well as the collection bags or via standing order, you may give by using the card machine at the back of Church. It also has the option to Gift Aid your donations. If you currently donate weekly and do not Gift Aid but are able to do so then please get in touch with Mike Borg or the parish secretary.

### Anointing Mass for the Sick

Anointing Mass for the Sick will be held on **Tues 11th Feb at 10AM** which is the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**.

Volunteers are required to offer lifts to those that would like to attend and are not able to drive or use public transport. If you are able to volunteer please write your name on the list at back of Church, Thank you.

After mass there will be Tea & Coffee in Hibberts Hall.

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed this Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, reopening on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. The usual parish office opening times are Weds – Fri 9:30AM-12:30PM for Mass intentions etc. We welcome back Fr Aji after his short break away. Fr George will be away on holiday from the 27<sup>th</sup> January.

### Crib Donations

This years donations amounted to £812.46 thank you all so much for your generosity. The money is going to the Rosminian Missionaries in South India, with a focus on the parish in Keezharoor. The money will go to those who need it the most, for food, their homes, those in need of educational material, health supplies etc. Thank you once again for your generosity and let us continue to pray for those in need.

### Call to Vocation

Many of you will know Jimmie, if not by name certainly by sight and for the many roles he has undertaken in the parish, in our community or whilst working in our school since becoming a parishioner in 2012. We welcome Jimmie and his family to this Sunday's Mass as Jimmie is answering a call to religious life and will be making his way to Rome on Monday to join the Rosminians. We congratulate Jimmie and will keep Jimmie and his family in our prayers as he enters three months Postulancy on January 25<sup>th</sup>. May Jimmie have courage and know God's presence and the prayers of the parish is with him on his journey. Thank you, Jimmie, for all your work in the Parish and the school. God Bless from us all, Fr Aji and all the community at Gentili House.

### Donations to Life Charity Shop

The shop in town is appealing for donations to their shop. Good quality bric-a-brac, children's toys, books, clothes etc. Will be gratefully accepted. If you have spare time and interested in volunteering, then please contact Matt Feeley on 07496 005 110 or the Shop Manager.

### St. Marie's Parish Foodbank

Request for items for the parish foodbank that are non perishable and/or toiletries, please leave items in the porch please, thank you. If you or you know of anyone struggling who needs support then please get in touch with the parish office especially as we are in the colder months which come with increasing utility bills.

### UCM Meeting

Welcome back after our Christmas break, Happy and Healthy New Year to all. The next UCM Meeting will be held on **Mon 27th Jan after the 10 am Mass in Hibberts Hall**. It is the A.G.M and the annual subscription of £16 and any donations to the UCM Rest Home will be collected. Thank you

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Noreen Slowly, Tony Underwood, Nancy Duerden, Brian Cystal

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Michael Devine, Maureen Hanby, Teresa Bright, Irena Anczarska, Urszula Dabrik, Raymond Kelly, John White, Roaslie Musson, Rosanna Cooke, Catherine Edwards, Catherine Edwards, James O'Driscoll, Rita Cavanagh, Sonia Lee, James O'Brien

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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