



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Response to the Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice!  
“Harden not your hearts.”

**Second reading:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20



**Dear Parishioners**

As we listen to the words of Jesus in this weeks challenging Gospel about settling our differences and mending fences, our minds may wander to relationships that have gone wrong and turned sour in our own field of acquaintances. The sad reality in life is that most of our quarrels and conflicts are not with business institutions or church but with people with whom we come in contact on a regular basis. While a stranger can bruise us a friend can break us.

When we are feeling hurt and upset it is most important to share our feelings with a faithful friend who will recognise the sacredness of the confidence being placed in them. Their offer of help and guidance with our problem should encourage us to handle the situation with Christian dignity.

The Gospel ends by giving us the assurance that wherever we are gathered together as a community rooted in prayer, Christ is present in our midst. In an age when religion has become increasingly privatised, God calls us in communion with him and one another. Prayer can change us, bringing about reconciliation by making us aware and sensitive to the needs of others. In troubled times, when we pray for peace with others, we raise our consciousness to our Christian calling as peace-makers in our parishes, our homes and in our personal relationships.

**.God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB**

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This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

**Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B**

**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**Week 23 Year (A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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### Masses

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Year A)</b>	Nell Bridge RIP
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Year A)</b>	People of the Parish
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Nativity of BVM	'Tony' Gibbs RIP
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year A)</b>	Pamela Young
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year A)</b>	People of the Parish

**Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:** Doleen Evans, Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross.

**Those who have recently died:**

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth**

### Information and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Nell Bridge and Tony Gibbs both of whom died recently. May the Lord keep them in His care.

### PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.



I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

### How to support your Parish

At this present time, the Parish is only receiving a small amount of income via standing orders and has lost the valuable weekly collection that helps to keep our Church afloat.

We still have bills to pay whilst we are closed.

It would help greatly if you are able to donate directly to St Mary's R C Parish in any of the following ways:

- downloading & completing the 'Standing Order' form from the website & sending it to the Parish
- posting cheques made payable to **St Mary's R C Parish** through the presbytery door. Please put your name & address on the reverse of the cheque
- posting cash in an envelope through the presbytery door. Please include your name & address
- posting your planned giving envelopes through the door

Please let us know if you are Gift Aid registered for any donations you make & please consider completing the Gift Aid form if you are not already registered & include it with your donation. Thank you!

**A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers.**

**God Bless you.**

Please remember that booking for Mass is by telephone each Monday between 10.00 am–11.00am. Please call Lin Rea on 01527 545460. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANSWER PHONE MESSAGES.** Keep trying to get through, booking takes time to record track & trace details. Your call will be answered eventually. Please share this information as widely as possible. Thank you.