



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord is close to all who call him.

**Second reading:** Philippians 1:20-24, 27

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16



**Dear Parishioners**

We need to think hard and gratefully about the landowner's words: 'Why be envious because I am generous?'

The parable in this week's Gospel is therefore a realistic tale to be understood at its greatest depth. It is told to illustrate the kingdom of heaven. Notions of fairness and justice are definitely needed in the way we live and work, but not to the exclusion of love.

The parable does meet some resistance in us, does it not? The move towards love can be demanding, and we might be tempted to stay at the level of fairness and justice. Not that we should ignore or belittle this level, and looking round the world with its oppressions and poverty it is far from being realised. Love includes fairness and justice, but they cannot explain this parable or the kingdom of heaven, only love can.

As Christians we are called to imitate the foundational goodness and love shown to us by God in Christ when we did not deserve it. Sheer grace is amazing. In fact, we are to make our own this God-empowered love, and to act on it in practical ways.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**25<sup>th</sup> Week of (Year A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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## Masses

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	5.00pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Joe, Rose & John Yoxall RIP
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	10.30am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Norman Mason RIP
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.			
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.			People of the Parish
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.		St. Vincent de Paul (mem)	
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept		St. Michael & All Angels (Feast)	
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	5.00pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Alphonsus & Ann Stonor RIP
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> October	10.30am	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Hilda & Pat Tenten RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn, Jackie Gannon.

### Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker.

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## INFORMATION

### Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. **The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.** There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

### Second Collection this week

On 23-24 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic Social Care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people in need in communities near you. As inflation rises the challenges faced by those with the least are multiplied. Please give generously to support those with nowhere else to turn.

### Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group

The Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group has moved to a new venue with more space and facilities, so we're able to welcome new members. We meet on the third Saturday of the month from 11am to 2pm at the Bridge Centre, Evesham Road, Headless Cross, Redditch B97 4JX. Meetings involve input about topics related to Carmelite spirituality, Lectio Divina (praying with Scripture) and a shared lunch. Our meetings and programme for the rest of 2023 are: 16<sup>th</sup> September (St Simon Stock), 21<sup>st</sup> October (St Teresa of Avila), 18<sup>th</sup> November (St John of the Cross) and 16<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas theme, including Visio Divina, praying with pictures of the Nativity). If you are interested in attending any of our meetings or would like more information, please contact Dr Susan Porter (group convener), email [ingeva@btinternet.com](mailto:ingeva@btinternet.com) or phone 07789741900.

### Grounds and Graveyard

Hopefully, beginning next week, there will be work done on the grounds and the graveyard in preparation for the winter months. Please be aware if you are visiting for whatever reason. We have been reminded by our Health and Safety people that glass objects such as vases should not be used in the graveyard as they are a risk to those who are doing work. Therefore, please could you remove any glass objects you may be using. Many thanks.