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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 12th February 2017

Dear Parishioners,

'**The Law of God is for man's happiness.** God's ways are other than ours. When we try to penetrate deeper into the meaning of His laws we realise that it is only His Spirit which will help us to plumb the depths of what He commands us. Jesus by His life-style is the fulfilment of the law. If we follow Him we will keep God's law.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Please pray for Xavier Gouveia who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday afternoon. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Mark Reid and Letitia Gough married this Saturday afternoon, February 11th. **The Baptismal Preparation evenings** for March will take place on Thursday 2nd and Thursday 9th March at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome. **This Sunday we celebrate as Racial Justice Sunday.** The theme for 2017 is quite simply 'Our Community'. We are called upon to promote and celebrate our communities wherever we worship, work and live. **We welcome Year 6** to our 9am Sunday Mass who will participate in the Liturgy of the Mass. After the 9am Mass Deacon Kevin will meet with all the candidates for Confirmation. **On Sunday 19th February Maryvale Catechetical Centre** are holding a day on Mental Health, starting 2pm. There will be a Mental Health First Aid Course during the afternoon, which you are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact Father Jeremy Howard on 0121 622 4049 or stcathsiene@gmail.com

We also wish to draw your attention to the 40 Days for Life, Birmingham, which will run from Wednesday 1st March to Sunday 9th April. The purpose is to provide a peaceful, prayerful witness outside Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8am-8pm daily. Those interested in supporting this please contact Isabel by telephoning 07773 501721 or by email: izzyvs@gmail.com **Our thanks to our two Parishioners** who went on pilgrimage to Lourdes recently and who lit a candle and requested Mass to be offered for the intentions of the Parish.

On Saturday 25th March there is a Conference for young people aged 18 upwards at Alton Castle. The title of the Conference is 'Holy Daring' and its aim is to explore a vision for Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese. We have two free tickets for anyone who wishes to attend and who would represent the Parish. For further details please visit www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Please note Mass on Tuesday 14th February begins at 9.45am

Offertory Collection last week: £1,268:11 (Gift Aid £242:00 Loose £1026:11)

2nd Collection last week LIFE: £677:25

2nd Collection this week: Racial Justice

A 'Prayer Request' box can now be found in each entrance porch. You are welcome to place the names of those you would like prayers for, or any prayer intention you may have in the box as provided. Your intentions will be transferred to the Sanctuary on a weekly basis, and prayers will be offered for all those mentioned.

SVP-Would like to thank everyone for a successful cake sale, thanks for donating cakes, cash and especially for buying cakes. We sold out and raised £400 for Sudan Baby Feeding Appeal. Many thanks.

Lent Matters- Evening sessions Tuesday evening at 7.30pm- Solihull Methodist Church, B91 1LG Please see poster for details. 7th March. 14th March; 21st March; 28th March; 4th April.

'Celebrating a community of service and love: from John's Gospel to L'Arche' Prof. Thomas O'Loughlin from Nottingham University, current President of the Catholic Theological Association February 26th Sunday 2017 **Coffee 1.30 for 2.00 start, till 4.30pm** everyone welcome – members and non-members, no charge At Newman House, Birmingham University Catholic Chaplaincy, Harrison's Rd, Edgbaston B15 3QS .See poster in porch

40 Days for Life Launch event: 'Spiritual Warfare Bootcamp' Deepen your faith this Lent by coming to learn about the spiritual essentials for the pro-life battle with 7 local priests. **Sunday 26th February** from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The Oratory (Upper Cloister Room), 141 Hagley Road, Birmingham. B16 8UE. **40 Days for Life Prayerful Witness Wednesday 1st March to Sunday 9th April** Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8am to 8pm daily. People are never left praying alone. To find out more or book your slot please contact Isabel by on [07773 501721](tel:07773501721) or by email izzyvs@gmail.com

CWMH Seminar: Thursday 16th March. Andrew Sargent, (University of Keele), The Mercian Minster: is there more to it? Birmingham University, Lecture Room 1, Arts Building, First Floor. 6.30-8.00pm (free)

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am Year 6 SCHOOL Pam Davis	9.00am Ken Bolton & Don Deneny Ken Bolton & Don Deneny
11.00am Juliana Benjamin Mary Clark	11.00am Eilish Duffy Eilish Duffy
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning February 13th for Services 18th/19th February –A A.Ryder, M.Clark, C.Sinha	
Flower Rota: – for week beginning 13th February for Services 18th/19th February- Margaret Stanley	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin
Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy
Mick Green	Andrew Simpson	Bernadette Day	Anthony Sadler
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	Finbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan
Dean	Elisabeth Scull	Gavin Jones	Baby Lara Constantinou
Richard Bird			

Racial Justice Sunday 12th February 2017

Heavenly God, we praise your name and thank you for your glorious goodness and mercy.

Lord Jesus, we pray a blessing for all those actively engaged in the struggle for racial justice.

Holy Spirit, we beseech you to enter into the minds and hearts of all those in authority in the Church.

Grant that we may

Hear the voices crying out for justice

Engage in developing a better understanding

Act to bring about change

Lead and inspire others by their good example.

We ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The love of God is greater than all evil.

We pray for racial justice in our lives in our parishes in our dioceses in our land.

Amen.



Please pray for: Ted Handley (Requiem Tuesday 21st February, 11.30am; Reception into the Church Monday 20th, 5.00pm), and Eileen Ashley (Requiem Monday 27th February 10am; Reception, Sunday 26th February 5.00pm) who died recently. Also Mary Gertner, Bernard Powell, Dreda Wheatley, Halima Peace, Maria Grezia Rizzo, Anna & Bernard Czepukojc, Tony Roberts, Baby Eve Fox, Terence Albert Shaw, Thomas Finneran and Bernard Joseph Concannon whose anniversaries are at this time.

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