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Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Psalm 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no

Will you help support the life and health of our parish?



How about helping with the parish Confirmation and First Communion programmes?

It is a privileged opportunity to support children and families and take part in something very enjoyable.



How about being part of a parish group offering hospitality to local people wanting time and space just to chill out.

Mondays 10.30-1.30 and the Benedict Room are available for us to offer care and welcome.



Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be a brief meeting after each Sunday Mass on 15/16 September to introduce ministry of Holy Communion and Readers to those parishioners ready to come and think whether they can assist the parish by these ministries, perhaps once a month.

For more information, please contact Fr Allen.

Masses Week 22 in Ordinary Time

S	1	Sunday of 22nd Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700 1800	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> For the parish
Su	2		0900 1100	Tommy McCormack RD (Drozdz) Michael Lawlor RIP (Lawlor)
M	3	St Gregory	1000 * 1500	Josie Garvey RID (Sterling) <i>Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</i>
T	4		1000 *	
W	5	St Dominic	1000	
Th	6		1000	Josie Garvey RD (Wilkinson)
F	7			
S	8	Sunday of 23rd Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1700 1800	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> For the parish
Su	9		0900 1100	Anne and Don O'Gorman Ints Freda Gately RIP Anniv (Gately)

The church is open daily (except Thursdays) from 8am to 6pm

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *.
Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** Mon at 3pm.

Reconciliation Sat. 1700-1730 (Exposition until 1740) and by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick: by arrangement.

Nourishing prayer at home: livingeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Bernadette Evans, Margaret Stroud, Gino Mastroianni, Jude Turner, Margaret O'Gorman, Peter & Olwyn Foster, Mary Gavin, Frank Kemp, Brenda Davies; Leah Burke, Tess Carnero, Joan James, Sarah Johnston, Bridie Moffatt, Bernie Morton, Danuta Evans, Michael McDermott - and Fr Gabriel Maguire, our Dean. **Please pray for** Agnes Collins, Ben Quirke, Robert Harrison, Maria Twardowicz, Gerard Harkins and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: "This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations."

'You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Next Sunday is the 23rd in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Isaiah 35:4 - 7a / Psalm 146:7, 8 - 9, 9 - 10 / James 2:1 - 5 / Mark 7:31 - 37. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible are published and copyright © 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton, Longman & Todd, Ltd and Doubleday, a division of Random House, Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. Text of the Psalms: Copyright © 1963, The Grail (England). All rights reserved.

The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of *Laudate*.

The Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Lamb of God used in Ordinary Time are nos 101 ff in *Laudate*.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for August is the treasure of families: that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

Parish Outing: Tues 18 Sept



Parish outing Visit to copies of Serbian medieval fresco from the monasteries of Kosovo and Metohija, and to the beautifully decorated Serbian Orthodox church of St Lazar, Bournville. (Admission £5 or £3 for over-65s). Meet at 92 Griffins Brook Lane, B'ham, B30 1QG at 12 noon.

For the sick and those who care for them

A simple and brief monthly service of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayer for the sick and for carers, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Followed by light lunch.

11am on First Fridays (usually). Next service is Sept 28th

Parish

Prayer for the Sick If your name or the name of a friend or relative is on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like the name to remain on the list, would you please contact Fr Allen in person or by email. This list of names is put up on the noticeboard at the back of church, and is available for anyone to pick up in church and is also published on the internet through the parish website. So we need explicit approval for this information to be shared in this way. **In a couple of weeks' time, the list will be restarted with the names of all for whom the parish have consent. This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and complies with current data protection law.**

ADOREMUS If you are attending *Adoremus* and have NOT received your ticket please contact parishpriest@catholicquinton.org.uk -- by Monday at latest.

First Communion & Confirmation 2018-19 Application forms and details of next year's parish programmes are available in the porch. Details of the catechesis for the children, at Catholic school and not, will be available at a later date.

Ministers Rotas (Readers and Communion). New rota on email and available in porch

SVP's annual Mass for and with the sick. Sat 15 Sept at 12noon.

Diocese

Safeguarding The Archbishop has commissioned a review of safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to ensure that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. It is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). SCIE would like to speak with any individuals with experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and who have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives/ safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you can contribute to this review then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

Pilgrimage for the Sick to Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford. 3 pm Sun 16th Sept, led by Bishop Rober Byrne for all those who are sick, their families and carers. Details in porch.