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The Introductory Rites *help us come together as one, establish communion and prepare ourselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.*

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word: *The word of God invites us into the unending dialogue between God and his people, a dialogue sealed as we share the Eucharistic food and drink. A brief silence after the readings helps us take the word of God to heart and begin a prayerful response to what we have heard.*

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

Thank you to all the volunteers who allow us to open for Mass - and especially to our many new volunteers at the 11am Sunday Mass.

Travelling Solo group - the monthly lunch group for those who are single/ widowed / divorced / separated. The first meeting for many months is on Sunday 1st August in the Benedict Room (behind the church). Bring food to share – drinks will be provided! 'Old' and new members welcome!

Join the parish outing to Aston Hall

Thurs August 5th. Come for part or all of the outing - and just meet there. *But if you wish to make a tour of the Hall you are advised to book your ticket in advance* **All are welcome - any age!**

www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston

11am The café opens - meet for a drink and a bite to eat.

12 noon Join a tour of the house (but book in advance)

1.30pm Fancy a bit of art tuition? Meet in the courtyard in front of the house. Geraldine Foster has some simple and fun things for people to have a go at. Absolute beginners welcome! Bring a pencil and a notebook.

Catholics 18-35: Meeting on Tuesday 27th July, 7pm, at Erdington Abbey parish hall. A talk by Fr Michael Dolman, rector of Oscott, on the Caravaggio painting 'The Call of St Matthew', and the spiritual lessons we can learn from it.

PARISH MASSES DURING THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Special Occasion	Remarks
Sa 24	4pm	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For the parish
	6pm		Fred Rhodes, Geoff Sterling, Ron Wilkinson RIP
Su 25	9am		Josie Kenworthy RD (Drozd)
	11am		William Mulvaney RIP (Mulvaney)
M 26	10am	Ss Joachim and Anne	Weekday services, this week – on Monday, Tuesday and Friday – are services of Word and Holy Communion.
T 27	10am		
F 30	7pm		
Sa 31	4pm	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For the parish
	6pm		
Su 1	9am		
	11am		Fr Stan Swarmy SJ RD (McDermott)

Please pray for sick parishioners including Brenda Davies, Elizabeth Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson. Please pray for Margaret O'Brien who died recently and for Fred Rhodes, Geoff Sterling, Ron Wilkinson, Christine Foster, Kenneth Grice, Brian Boyle and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

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

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down.

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow,
up to and including ‘the Virgin Mary’, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist *is the re-presentation of the Sacrifice of Christ to the Father, and his gift of life renewed to the Church, for the service of his mission.*

The Offertory: *There is no collection during Mass. Instead, please put your offerings in the basket at the entrance to the church as you arrive, or as you leave.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer is a memorial proclamation of praise and thanksgiving for God’s work of salvation, a proclamation in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and the people are joined to Christ in offering his Sacrifice to the Father

The Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE: *The Lord offers reconciliation in and with the invitation to share in the food and drink that is his Body and Blood. Love and mercy are the condition and the fruit of communion in the Lord.*

Invitation to Communion

Please observe the regulations on social distancing when processing to receive Holy Communion.

The Concluding Rites *send us out live in our daily lives the Mystery of Christ’s Death and Resurrection and the unity in Christ we have celebrated. Our mission is to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.*

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