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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 53 (54):3-6,8

R: *The Lord upholds my life.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 18/09/21	12:30 CTK	25th Sunday in OT	Peter Minh Thoai Doan (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Elaine Hird (RIP)
Sun 19/09/21	10:00 CTK		Lillie & Frank Sayer (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Joseph Van Tho Nguyen (RIP)
Mon 20/09/21	08:00 Con	St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, Korean Martyrs, Mem.	Phylis Fields (RIP)
	09:30 Mon		Mary Jones (RIP)
	12:30 OLAM		Requiem mass - Veronica Finnerty
Tue 21/09/21	09:30 Mon	St Matthew, Apostle - Feast	Bridget Gorey (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Maura Woods
Wed 22/09/21	08:00 Con†	Feria in OT – Wk 25	Janina Mikula
	09:30 Mon		Grace Deane (RIP)
Thu 23/09/21	09:30 Mon	St Pio of Pietrelcina - Mem	Anthony Duggan (RIP)
	12:00 CTK†		Annie Rochford (RIP)
Fri 24/09/21	09:00 CTK	Our Lady of Walsingham, Mem	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	10:30 Mon		John McDonnell (Anni.)
Sat 25/09/21	10:00 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 25	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	12:30 CTK		Carol & Eddie McKeown (50th Wedd Anni.)
	18:00 OLAM†		Marie Fitzgerald (RIP)
Sun 26/09/21	10:00 CTK	26th Sunday in OT	Les Brookes (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Bob Thompson (Anni.)

Baptism Booking: Parents who would like to arrange for their children to be baptised are to speak to Fr The-Quang after weekend mass. Please make sure you have your details (names of child and parents plus contact details) on a piece of paper.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Vanda Strlkovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul.

RIP: Please pray for Leo O'Reilly, Dwayne Jones, Janet Clements and Carmen Beeke who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Deaconate Ordination: of Br Joseph Carson at Pluskaden Abbey on Sat 25/09/21 is going to be live streamed at <https://www.pluscardenabbey.org/live>. Please keep Br Joseph in your prayers.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reflection (<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>)

St Augustine wrote: "Observe a tree, how it first reaches downwards so that it may then shoot upwards. It sinks its roots deep into the ground so that its top may reach towards the skies. Is it not from humility that it endeavours to grow? But without humility it will not reach higher. You want to grow up into the air without roots. That is not growth, but collapse."

The disciples of Jesus had not yet reached this awareness. They were not above squabbling about rank, a weakness that has hexed the clergy ever since. In this passage it says "they" were discussing; we can guess that James and John were in the thick of it, because in the very next chapter these two are asking for the best places in his Kingdom (10:35). It is the ego, the false self, that looks for promotion; the real self, the self that comes every moment from the hand of God, doesn't need it or look for it. "If you find yourself in love with precedence and high honour," said St John Chrysostom (347–407), "pursue the humblest things, pursue being the least regarded of all, pursue being the lowliest of all, pursue being the smallest of all, pursue placing yourselves behind others." Religion often brings out the worst in people: hypocrisy, fanaticism and cruelty. Seeking preferment is not as serious a fault as these, but it is the next on the list. Jesus wanted on this occasion to be alone with the disciples, in peace and quiet, to give them a new teaching: about humility and suffering. This is the hardest lesson of all, and one that no one wants to hear, even though every mortal being is a sufferer. Jesus himself was to drain the cup of suffering to the dregs. "God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering," wrote St Augustine. This made the disciples' squabbling for position look very shallow indeed. "What were you arguing about?" he asked. "They said nothing..." because they were ashamed. They suppressed their argument for the moment, and it looked as if the argument was over. But no, it would break out again later. By their very obtuseness they are teaching us something – just as a slow learner sometimes helps the whole class by slowing down the teacher!

Last Week's Collection Ctk

Envelopes	£ 112.00
Loose	£ 149.90
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 468.59

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 131.00
Loose	£ 270.39
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 434.85

Thank you for your generosity

Next weekend: Second Collection: Father Hudson's

Father Hudson's Care: On 25-26 September, the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please Call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Link with Oscott College

1. The College is now open to the public for Evening Prayer at 6:30pm every Sunday.
2. From October, there is going to be a house group of students from Oscott College joining the either parish for Sunday mass on every second Sunday of the month. Please make them feel welcome.

Community Meal at St John's Centre on Sunday 26th September 2021 at 4.00pm

To secure a place you must book in with Sandra on 07985607091

RCIA - A course for those who would like to discern the Catholic faith so as to have a better understanding of the Church's teaching that would lead them to seek Baptism and/or full Communion with the Catholic Church – First meeting on Tuesday 5th October at 7:00pm in Christ the King Church.

Sacramental Preparation for young people who go to non-Catholic schools: Meeting for parents on Saturday 2nd October at 10:00am in Christ the King Church.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions, @ 7pm. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

People with special needs and learning disabilities can be invisible to the Church. Sometimes this is because our parishes are not very good at offering welcome, even to the Church, where all should be sure of finding welcome, care and respect. To try and see how we might do better in our deanery, a meeting has been planned for Sat 16th Oct at 3pm, at St Nicholas church, 243 Jockey Road, B73 5US. The meeting is for people with special needs, of any age, especially those who live in this area. Their families are welcome too - should they wish to come. It is a chance to meet and listen and learn from people with special needs (and their families). If you would like to learn more and maybe take part, please email stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk or ring 0121 354 1763 .

Training and Formation for those called to the service of the Church at prayer

Sat 9th Oct – Day for Readers; Sat 6th Nov – Day for Ministers of Holy Communion; Sat 4th Dec – Day for Leaders of Prayer. The days take place at St Nicholas, 243 Jockey Road, Boldmere, B73 5US, 10:00am till 4:00pm. Further details and booking forms are available at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/training-for-ministers