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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 19th September 2021

1st Reading – Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Psalm – The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading – James 3:16-4:3

Gospel – Mark 9:30-37

The Word of God invites us to take a deeper look into ourselves and examine our way of life. All is not always well with the community, as we see the disciples in today's Gospel arguing about who is greatest among them, and St. James in his letter explaining that all this behaviour stems from uncontrolled desires within us. If we do nothing about them, it is easy to see how we might end up in a similar state as the godless ones in the book of Wisdom plotting against others to ensure their downfall.

If we listen to St. James, then we need to start paying greater attention to what happens within us day after day, especially all the feelings flying about, demanding our attention, and driving us on in one direction or the other. We cannot control our desires if at times we struggle to name them. We need to learn to listen more and recognize that being at home with our feelings is part of our spiritual life. All the feelings we experience are like a letter sent to us by God trying to communicate something important to us. We have a choice to make in the same way as we do with any letter coming in: do I want to read it or just throw it straight to the bin.

God wants us to read His letters and to ask His assistance if we find them written in a strange language. If we do that we will discover that the Lord is communicating with us far more often than we might have imagined at first. We might even be surprised at what He is saying to us. Ultimately, we will learn humility seeing the love of God being shown to us in so many different ways and how much time God takes to get through to each of us.

Br. Ambrose May OFM Cap R.I.P. – Our Br. Ambrose passed away peacefully at our friary last Sunday at 4pm. We are grateful for all your prayers for his peaceful death and for all your support shown to the friars. His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Monday 27th September at 10am**. His body will then be taken to our friary church in Pantasaph, North Wales for the funeral Mass on Tuesday morning at 10am followed by the burial.

Fr. Hudson's Care Annual Parish Collection - 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.

Kenelm Youth Trust are recruiting - As we emerge from the pandemic and increase our school and programme numbers Kenelm Youth Trust are seeking to recruit enthusiastic and capable retreat leaders and operational staff:

- Alton Castle Trainee Programme Leader
- Alton Castle Programme Leader
- Catering Assistant
- Housekeeping Assistant

All the information for these roles can be found on our website here: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/work4kyt.html>

CAFOD Family Fast Day 1st October – Climate Crisis Appeal

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website](#) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](#) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies. Envelopes will be available next weekend for you to take home and bring your offering for the weekend of 2nd/3rd October.

House Visits / Blessings – An important part of my service to you as your parish priest is to come to know you, pray with you, and bless you. That is why I would like to invite myself into your homes! – not for a 3-course meal, not even a cup

of tea required, but to meet you, chat, and pray. Don't be afraid – I won't turn up uninvited. If you'd like a visit, just get in touch in any way you can – speak to me after Mass in the sacristy, email, phone, fill out the form on the website, or fill in a card that should be available at the back of the church.

Baptism Preparation Talk – If you would like to have your child baptized then please attend our next baptism preparation talk on Sunday 26th September at 3.00pm in the church. If you could, please sign up for the talk via our website appointments page. All relevant information will be provided to you on that day.

1st Holy Communion / Confirmation 2022 – If you would like your child to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, please get in touch in order to sign your child for the relevant course. All classes will begin from January, but the sooner you let us know the better. Please fill in the relevant form on the website or speak to me in person. You have until mid-December to ensure your child is signed up.

R.C.I.A. 2022 – If you are a Catholic who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, then this course is for you. Please fill in the relevant form as soon as possible on our website or speak to one of the friars. Classes will commence in mid-October.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2021 - The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday 9th October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral.

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet.

You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know!

The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email

– marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk

Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 19th September 2021 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Mary Gaffey R.I.P.
9.00 a.m. Paddy McKenna R.I.P.
11.00 a.m. Joyce Elwins
5.30 p.m. Parishioners

Monday 20th

***Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul
Chong Hasang & Companions***

7.30 a.m. Anne Scripture

Tuesday 21st

St. Matthew, Feast

7.30 a.m. Mateus Tilman R.I.P.

Wednesday 22nd

St. Ignatius of Santhià

7.30 a.m. Nora Reilly

Thursday 23rd

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

7.30 a.m. John & Natasha & Family

Friday 24th

Our Lady of Walsingham

7.30 a.m. In thanksgiving (Selvin
Rodrigues)

Saturday 25th

Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

8.00 a.m. Flora Maria da Silva
6.30 p.m. Sabrina Collins R.I.P.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.