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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 26th September 2021

1st Reading – Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm – The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

2nd Reading – James 5:1-6

Gospel – Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The Lord is not bound to continue His work within the borders that we set up. This is what happened to Joshua and the disciples in today's readings. Wishing to stop certain people from prophesying and casting out demons they were in effect trying to prevent God from fulfilling His mission. We can really get things wrong at times when it comes to our expectations of God and of others. Jesus once again shifts the focus away from other people and what they are doing to the disciples and how committed they are.

Jesus teaches us that our response to His calling requires a radical undertaking and perseverance. Jesus wants us to take sin seriously in our own lives, and to be ruthless with it: cut it off, cut it off, tear it out. There can be no room for compromise if we have our eyes set on the kingdom of heaven. The first step we need to make is to recognize the sin. We need the Lord's Spirit to enlighten us, to reveal to us where sin is hiding within us. It is not that obvious at times. We also might have got used to a certain way of being, behaving, thinking that we end up justifying ourselves as this is just how we are. Sometimes we may know full well that something is sinful and yet we still end up doing it and we give in.

Whatever we recognize within ourselves we need to remember that by ourselves we cannot simply decide to get rid of sin. It is through His grace that we are drawn to follow Him. It is Jesus who sets us free, who saves us from our sins, and we need Him constantly. In order to be committed to the Gospel as Jesus wants us to be we need to become more united with the Lord, so that our hearts fill up with love.

One way in which we can do so is to come together to pray. On this 1st Friday of October we will have an extra Mass at 2pm, followed by the Anointing of the Sick, time of adoration and prayers for healing. We will remember all who need God's healing that day. Come if you can, and spread the word to others.

Br. Ambrose May OFM Cap R.I.P. – Requiem Mass for Br. Ambrose May will take place this Monday at 10.00 a.m. Eternal rest grant unto him o Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Due to the preparations for the funeral Mass, **please note there won't be any Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday morning.**

Br. Ade Green – Br. Ade will be leaving us for another year this Sunday and will be continuing his formation in Ireland. We pray that he will have a fruitful time and enjoy this next stage of his journey.

Fr. Hudson's Care Annual Parish Collection – This weekend there is a second collection 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.

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. Please pick up your envelope to take home and bring your offering for the weekend of 2nd/3rd October.

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore (Friday 8th October 2021) –

Commemorating the arrival of Blessed Dominic Barberi at Littlemore and the anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's Reception into 'the One Fold of the Redeemer'.

Start at 7.00 p.m. with Pilgrim Prayers at The Oratory, 25 Woodstock Rd.

9.00 p.m. Candle Light Procession from 7 Courtland Road to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church

9.30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament presided by His Grace Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh

9.50 p.m. Benediction and Procession to The College Library and Chapel

You can join at any stage. Light refreshments provided after prayers. For more details see the poster at the back of the church.

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.

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 26th September 2021 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Sabrina Collins R.I.P.
9.00 a.m. Parishioners
11.00 a.m. João Baptista
5.30 p.m. Humberto Goncalves,
Antonio Goncalves,
Soni Samara

Monday 27th

7.30 a.m. Fr Raul Colaco R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Br. Ambrose May R.I.P.

St. Vincent De Paul

Requiem Mass

Tuesday 28th

7.30 a.m. Anthony Joyce R.I.P.

Wednesday 29th

7.30 a.m. Darlene Letey

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Thursday 30th

7.30 a.m. Birthday Thanksgiving

St. Jerome - Memorial

Friday 1st

7.30 a.m. John Patrick Lyons R.I.P.
2.00 p.m. For the sick

St. Therese of Lisieux

1st Friday Devotions

Saturday 2nd

8.00 a.m. Patrick & Martin Reilly
R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Joyce Family

The Holy Guardian Angels

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.