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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfil the dual command which begins with love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher. (<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>)

Please Pray for the Sick: Yoland Rahim, Clement Akujiobi, P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, Patrick O'Reilly, Trisha Weldon, John Curry, Pat Hillman, Clément, Trish, Teresa and Masie.

Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.

Sat	20/07	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Carmel McCrann (RIP)
Sun	21/07	11 am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Biddy Haslegrave (RIP)
Tue	23/07	6 pm	Feast of St Bridget	No Intention
Wed	24/07	6 pm	Feria	No Intention
Thurs	25/07	6 pm	Feast of St James	Henry Emeka Chukwumah-Special Intention
Fri	26/07	6 pm	Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne	No Intention
Sat	27/07	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Mrs Christina O'Sullivan (RIP)
Sun	28/07	11 am	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bennie Collins (RIP)

Second Collection

Today there is collection for Apostleship of the sea

Confessions and Rosary for the Month of July

Rosary in the Lady Chapel on weekdays Tuesday-Friday @ 5.30 pm before 6 pm mass and Sundays at 10:30 am. Confessions on Saturdays at 5 pm or on request.

Baptism preparation course

The next courses will be held on Friday; 13th September 2019 @ 7 pm in the Lady Chapel. Before attending the course please email the office @ stcathsiena@gmail.com for a form which you should complete and return.

Assumption Day

On the 15th of August is the feast day of Assumption and a Holy day of obligation. Please be encouraged to attend Mass wherever you are. Check the bulletin and the website for mass times in the parish.

Sacrament of Holy Communion preparation

Catholic children in year 3 and above at Non-Catholic schools, who would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation in 2020, please email your child's details including full name and date of birth to the office @ stcathsiena@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RICA)

Non-Catholics interested in preparing to become Catholic, please email the office @ stcathsiena@gmail.com for details about the RICA programme.

St Catherine's Parish Lottery Club

Earlier this year we started a Lottery Club. So far we have sold 37 numbers; our aim is to sell at least 100 numbers! You can buy a number for £2 per month /£24 per year (Standing order only). 50 % of all income goes to the church, 25% to 1st number drawn, 15% to 2nd and 10% to 3rd. **Draws will be held on 22nd July, 18th Aug, 15th Sep, 20th Oct, 17th Nov and 15th Dec** after Sunday mass and winning numbers published in the next newsletter. There are still numbers available - Please contact the office @ stcathsiena@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

For Mass intentions please use the envelopes provided in Church. Each Mass is offered up for a particular person or prayer request. The Mass is the greatest collective prayer of the Church.

IICSA Update

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has published its report on the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

We apologise to all victims and survivors of child sex abuse. We hope that with this Inquiry they feel that they have been listened to. Even so, words are not enough. We are committed to continuing to improve our safeguarding procedures and to listen to and learn from victims and survivors. Past failings must never happen again.

The diocesan response to the report can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> If you have a safeguarding matter to report please contact the Archdiocese safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or via email: safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org.

Intercultural Mass

We are all invited to this year's Intercultural Mass to be held on the 26th of October 2019. Mass will be in our church @ 12 pm. Please save the date and Let's celebrate!!!

St Joseph's Home, Coleshill.

Offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting, with Mass said daily by resident priests. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

Church Repairs and Conference Centre

We need to raise approximately £50,000 over 5 years to cover the cost of essential Church repairs and a new Conference Centre with Kitchen.

Need	Cost
Essential Church repairs	£ 32,500
Conference Centre	£ 14,000
Total	£ 46,500 + VAT
Amount Collected so far	£ 9,573.14
Amount remaining	£ 36,926.86+ VAT

We are on Target! Thank you all for all your contributions.