



St Catherine of Siena

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### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflection:** Imagine a gentle preacher coming to Birmingham today. People asking him questions and him answering using images that immediately strike home. He is meek but not weak. He confronts conflict squarely rather than avoids it, his standards are always high. This is no watered-down, easy message. But it is within our reach. He also foretells we will be surprised by those who enter the Kingdom and those who don't. However hard we try, we can all be guilty of excluding people or groups from our community. Today Jesus invites us to be wary of judging others, and to believe that all can be open to God's loving offer of salvation.

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

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

Sat	24/08	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Joe Finneran and Sabina (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	25/08	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Kenneth Boothe (RIP)
Tue	27/08	6 pm	No Mass today - there will be a Eucharistic Service with distribution of Holy Communion	
Wed	28/08	<b>NO MASS TODAY &amp; NO ROSARY</b>		
Thurs	29/08	6 pm	Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist	Margaret McGonagle (RIP)
Fri	30/08	6 pm	Optional Memorial of the English Female Martyrs; Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	Margaret McGonagle (RIP)
Sat	31/08	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Margaret McGonagle (RIP)
<b>Sun</b>	01/09	<b>11 am</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Margaret McGonagle (RIP)

#### Confessions and Rosary for the Month of August

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; 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 @ 7 pm in the Lady Chapel. Before attending the course please email the office @ [stcathsiena@gmail.com](mailto:stcathsiena@gmail.com) for a form which you should complete and return.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> Sep, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov and 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** after Sunday Mass and winning numbers published in the next newsletter. There are still numbers available - Please contact the office @ [stcathsiena@gmail.com](mailto:stcathsiena@gmail.com).

#### Winning numbers for 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Lottery Draw

1st prize No 11, 2nd prize No 24, 3rd prize No 47. Winners have been contacted.

#### Prayer for Vocations

Our resident Seminarian begins at Oscott this week. Please keep him and all our Diocesan Seminarians in your prayers. At the doors of Church you will find Rosary for Vocations prayer cards.

#### SVP Membership

By becoming an SVP member you can make a real difference to the lives of those near you who are suffering. We help all people irrespective of their background or religion. The only criterion for who we help is a person's need. Membership is open to anyone. If you would like to join us Please speak to Gloria or email the parish @ [stcathsiena@gmail.com](mailto:stcathsiena@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer and would like St. Catherine of Siena Church to receive Gift Aid on your donations please contact David Price on 07745610615. If you have already signed up for Gift Aid and would like to make additional donations, please also contact David so that Gift Aid can be claimed on your additional donations. Thank you.

#### Intercultural Mass

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

Collection Date	Cash	Envelopes	Total
20/21/July/2019	£ 211.33	£ 46.00	£ 257.33
27/28/July/2019	£ 179.11	£ 40.00	£ 259.11
03/04/Aug/2019	£ 235.59	£ 38.00	£ 273.59

#### 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. Many thanks for all your contributions so far.

Need	Cost
Essential Church repairs	£ 32,500
Conference Centre	£ 14,000
Total	£ 46,500 + VAT
Amount Collected so far	<b>£ 10,477.24</b>
Amount remaining	£ 36,022.76 + VAT

#### Second Collection

Next Sunday there will be a collection for Church Repairs and Conference Centre.