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THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENT AND ELDERLY

Reflection: This World Day that we are celebrating today can help us to understand that all of us, young and old, grandparents and grandchildren, whether or not we belong to the same family, are “one body and one Spirit.” If we think of our grandparents, what they often bring to our families is precisely the gift of gratuitousness. Their way of loving and pampering their grandchildren, to the point of spoiling them, may seem exaggerated to us, but exaggeration is the only measure of love. St. Ephrem the Syrian comments on this passage from John's Gospel in words that seem to describe the attitude of a grandfather towards his grandchild. He writes, "Not only has he showered us with his gifts gratuitously, but he has also pampered us with affection. [...] He has drawn us with this food that is pleasing to the palate to draw us towards that which enlivens our souls..." (WDFGE liturgy notes)

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

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

Sat	24/07	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Paul Flanagan (RIP)
Sun	25/07	11 am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Paul Flanagan (RIP)
Tues	27/07	1 pm	Funeral Service	Philomena Rountree (RIP)
Fri	30/07	6 pm	Feria	Eve Hyland & Jay (The Soul of their beautiful little baby boy)
Sat	31/07	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Nora Hyland (RIP)
Sun	01/08	11 am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Hyland (RIP)

Confessions

Confession appointments are via email or calls only. See details above.

Funeral Service: for Philomena Rountree (Phyliss) who died at the City Hospital on the 2nd July 2021 will be on Tuesday, 27th July 2021 @ 1pm, in St Catherine of Siena Church. Our prayers are with her family.

Evening Masses: Mass @6pm Fridays, 5.30 pm on Saturdays

Change in Mass Time

There is no evening Mass on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursday

Masses at SS. Johns and Martins: See link below; <http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/>

Mass Intentions: If you want to say a special prayer for yourself or your loved ones, please use the Mass Intention envelop.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Children in year 3 and above who **do not** attend St Catherine catholic school and would like to prepare for Reconciliation and Holy communion, Please send your Child's details to: stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Please include your child's full name and date of birth.

Weekly offering – Please give generously: income from the weekly offerings continues to be low due to COVID's impact on Mass attendance and room rentals in the presbytery. The Parish Council requests you to please give as generously as you can each week to help cover the running costs of the church and priests

Fundraising for Hall construction: Approximately £25,000 has been raised over the past 2.5 years from parish donations – thank you! The Parish will continue to fundraise towards our goal of £50,000 over 5 years (2018 to 2023).

Foundation Governors needed for St Catherine's Primary School

Are you interested in the educational attainment, safeguarding and catholic ethos of young pupils in the parish? Do you have professional skills and experience in areas like Finance, Planning, Employment, Analysis and Communication? Please consider becoming a Foundation Governor for St Catherine's Primary School. Contact Monica.Todd1@gmail.com (07738472605) to learn more about what's involved.

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. Membership is open to anyone. If you would like to join us please email the Parish on stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk