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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more that we can ever imagine.

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

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

Sat	11/09	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Susan Agada and family
Sun	12/09	11 am	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Susan Agada and family
Fri	17/09	6 pm	Feria	
Sat	18/09	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sun	19/09	11 am	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Confessions

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

Family BBQ: You're invited to the St Catherine's Family BBQ after mass on Sunday 19th September 2021 to welcome the parish children back to school and for parishioners to enjoy some time with each other. Please bring a dish to share or grill.

NOTE: The front lot will be unavailable on 19th September for car parking. Please find an alternative means of travel or location to park on that day.

Baptism Preparation Course

The dates of the next course for parents of children between the ages of **0-3 years** are **Friday October 15th** and **Friday December the 10th 2021** @ 7 pm. Please send your Child's details to: stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Please include your child's full name and date of birth.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

A new preparation course for Children in year 3 and above who **do not** attend catholic school and would like to prepare for Reconciliation and Holy Communion will begin on 26th of September 2021. Please send your Child's details on or before Monday 13th of September 2021 to: stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Please include your child's full name and date of birth.

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

Masses at SS. Johns and Martins: See link below;

<http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/>

October – Month of Devotion to Our Lady.

There will be Rosary said in both SS Johns and Martins and St Catherines at alternate weeks (dates to be published) followed by small prayer session, reflections, tea and biscuits. If you would like Fr Mario to come to your house to say the rosary with your family and friends, please email the office.

Cemetery visits in November – Fr Mario will be visiting local cemeteries to pray at the graves of our departed on set days in November. If you would like him to visit the grave site of your loved one, please email the office to register your interest by the 24th of October 2021.

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

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