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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we listen to today's Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. (*Liturgical-year/sunday-connection*)

Please Pray for the Sick: Yoland Rahim, P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, 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	12/02	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Healing of Antoinette Iklaki
Sun	13/02	11:00 am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mr Mulugheta Tekle and Mrs Yolit Bahta (Wedding Anniversary)
Tues	15/02	11:00 am	Feria	Healing of Antoinette Iklaki
Thurs	17/02	11:00 am	Feria	Healing of Antoinette Iklaki
Fri	18/02	9:15 am	School Mass	
Sat	19/02	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Jean Thompson (RIP)
Sun	20/02	11:00 am	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Anonymous (Private Intention)

Second Collection: Today there is collection for Racial justice.

Confessions: appointments are via email or calls only. See details above

Covid Measures: Following guidance given by the Catholic Bishops' Conference the wearing of face masks is no longer compulsory and there is no need for formal social distancing in church. We ask you to remain sensitive to the needs of others around you.

Baptism Preparation Course: The date for the next course for parents of children between the ages of 0-3 years is Friday 18th March 2022 @ 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.

Holy Communion preparation Course

The next date will be on the 20th February 2022 @ 11 am prompt. The children will be preparing for First Holy Communion using the book "Called To The Supper."

Children's Liturgy: This is to kindly remind parents that the children's liturgy is for children 4 years and above who have not yet received their first Holy Communion. All children who have received their first Holy Communion should be at Mass and are encouraged to join altar servers or children's choir.

Arabian Mass: There is Arabian Mass in the parish on the 26th of February 2022 @ 6:15 pm.

Children's Choir Practice: Parish children's choir practice will be every Sunday after Mass at the Lady's Chapel. Parents who would like their children to join in the choir to sing every 4th Sunday of the month are encouraged to bring their children forward after Mass.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA programme is on-going every Thursday in the church @ 7 pm.

2021 synod 2023 for Synodal Church: This is to thank everyone that participated in the last parish Synod meeting, Theme – Communion: The Life of the Church. Formation, your contribution is highly appreciated.

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We would warmly encourage you to please take part – each of us in the parish doubtless has valuable things to say. Parish consultations are based on the themes and questions prepared by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. (See next page). In preparation for the meetings, please take some time to put a thought to the questions.

The views expressed will be collated and drafted into a Parish response to the Archdiocese. If you would prefer to submit your own thoughts directly to us, please email us at stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively, if you would like to submit directly to the diocese you can do so on by emailing to synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk.