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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parables in this week's Gospel are a reminder of the importance of continued learning, prayer and reflection, and humility in our discipleship. We shine God's light in the world when we are "lit from within" with God's grace, willing to examine our own conscience and recognize our own need for transformation through Jesus. As we are all busy helping our friend and family with physical, emotional, and spiritual growth, we may sometimes be challenged to find time and energy to care for ourselves and attend to our own spiritual growth. Yet doing so can improve our family relationships and help us guide our children in their faith. We can be reminded of the simple safety instruction we hear when flying: to put on our own "spiritual" oxygen mask before helping others (*/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	26/02	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Jean Thompson (RIP)
Sun	27/02	11:00 am	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Anonymous (Private Intention)
Wed	02/03	9:15 am 6:30 pm	School / Parish Ash Wednesday Mass Parish Ash Wednesday Mass	Pauline McGarry (RIP)
Fri	04/03	5:30 pm	Mass and Stations of the cross	
Sat	05/03	5:30 pm	Saturday After Ash Wednesday	Anonymous (Private Intention)
Sun	06/03	11:00 am	First Sunday of Lent	John McGarry (RIP)

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 27th February, 6th and 13th of March 2022 @ 11 am prompt. The children will be preparing for First Holy Communion using the book "Called To The Supper."

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Lenten Season Events: Throughout Lent, there will be Mass @5:30 pm every Friday followed by Station of the cross and Lenten Soup. Please email the office via stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk if you want to volunteer to help in any the events

Change in Mass Times: Due to parish activities during Lent, Mass times are subject to change. Please see above for changes in weekday Mass.

The Synod Process & the Diocesan Vision –Thank you for all those who are now giving time to filling in the Questionnaire about your life of faith and the Church's Priorities. Please fill in the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. You are not asked to give 'the right answers' but honest answers even if they are Challenging for the Church to receive. All responses gratefully received. This is a unique opportunity to speak from the heart and to say what your Church means to you.

Diocesan Vision Prayer – Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others. Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen