



Reflection

The very Word of God was there before them, wanting to give them his love, and some people were just interested in scoring points against him and against each other. It is just possible that this same Word of God is standing right in front of me in my daily life and I am missing him because I am caught up in some silly games of my own.

I might want to gaze on this scene and look with compassion at the Sadducees and Pharisees. It

might be a blessing if I can catch sight of myself among them.

At another time Jesus was asked, 'Who is my neighbour?' Then he told the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 11). Jesus expands the meaning of neighbour to include everyone in need. His understanding of 'neighbour' is as broad as God - thus he unites the two commandments. It is an easy answer to say that the greatest commandment is to love God. The real insight of Jesus is to unite the two loves of life - God and others - into one big law of love.

The gospel today centres the message of Jesus on love; on two loves united in each of us. Love God, love the neighbour - this is the only commandment of Jesus. Without this, all we say we do for him is really done for ourselves. No detail of religious observance is above this law of love. Jesus said this, and lived it in his life. He never allowed the laws of religion overtake the need for love. The message of Jesus is all-embracing and covers all our relationships, both the close relationships of marriage, family and friendship, as well as the call to love the wider world, particularly where the needs are great.

Jesus' religious education stressed love of the neighbour. He brought it to its farthest - love to death. The life and death of Jesus is a self-sacrificing love. Prayer is our moment of being open to the total love of Jesus for all. Without a welcoming of this love, our faith cannot be understood.



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Saturday	24th	The 30th	Vigil Mass 4 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	25th	of Ordinary Time	Mass 9.30 am	Rita McCormick RIP
Monday	26th	Feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday	27th	Feria	Mass 10 am	Private Intention
Wednesday	28th	Ss. Simon & Jude Aps.	Mass 10 am	

Joan Hazel Lomas Anniv RIP

Thursday 29th Feria Mass 10am Holy Souls Friday 30th Feria Mass followed by Exposition & Benediction at 10 am

Saturday 31st NO MORNING MASS

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners

Sunday 1st NOV

Mass 9.30 am

The faithful departed of the parish



Next Week : THE 31st SUN OF ORD TIME

The Feast of All Saints

Saturday 31st. Oct 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm.

Sunday 1st. November 2020 Mass 9.30am

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THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2020

is on Sunday 1st. November at 12 noon **stream live** from St. Chad's Cathedral, Celebrant Bishop David Evans.

Website [https://](https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

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Here I am, Lord,
Send me
To share your love
With all people.
May I be empowered
And carried by you
To be courageous
And enthusiastic
In bearing faithful witness
To the merciful Father,
To the love of his Son,
Jesus Christ,
And the divine life
In the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever.
Amen

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO COME
TO MASS THIS WEEKEND YOU
NEED TO INFORM FR. PAUL BY
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**WE HOPE YOU HAVE BROUGHT
BACK YOUR WORLD MISSION SUN-
DAY ENVELOPES FOR MISSIO.**

**ALSO THE CAFOD envelopes and
the Father Hudson ones if you still
have them at home.**

MASS ATTENDANCE IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

5/6-26. & 29	12/13-14 & 23
19/20-14 & 12	26/27-19 & 19

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Mary (Peggie) McInerney will take place here at St. Benedict's on Monday 2nd November at 1.15 pm followed by Cremation at Nuneaton Crematorium.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THIS POINT. PLEASE :-

1. SANITISE YOUR HANDS WHEN ARRIVING AND LEAVING CHURCH.
2. WEAR FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES.
3. ONLY SIT ON PEWS WHERE DIRECTED TO.
4. MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES. (NO PHYSICAL CONTACT AT EXCHANGE OF PEACE).
5. WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION, DO SO ON HAND ONLY AND MOVE WHEN DIRECTED TO.
6. THERE ARE NO NEWS SHEETS HANDED OUT, NO HYMN BOOKS TO HOLD, NO SINGING BECAUSE OF SPREAD OF VIRUS.
7. LEAVE CHURCH AFTER MASS WHEN DIRECTED BY STEWARDS.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

It will be Saturday morning 11.30 to 12 noon each week. Due to the social distancing it will be on the benches in the front presbytery garden. **Please telephone to let me know your are coming 07973239942.**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

Mass each day continues to be shown live on my Facebook page—Paul Roy Lomas. It is also available to use after the Mass has ended in case you can't be on your computer,

