

## Reflection— We are living Tabernacles

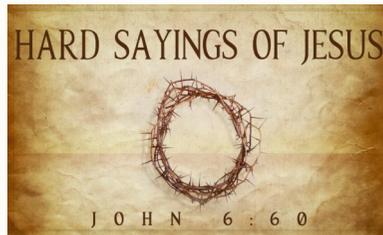
What should be our guiding principle if we decide to follow Jesus? It must always be forever, we will not only follow Jesus in good times we must also learn to follow Jesus in our most trying times. We will stay with Jesus even if it's hard to believe that He is comforting us in the midst of our sufferings and tribulations.

In the Gospel today the crowd rapidly had amnesia because they all of a sudden forgot that it was Jesus who feed them when they were all hungry. It was Jesus who healed them when they were sick and it was Jesus who gave them hope when they were hopeless.

Such is the behaviour of many of us, we quickly question or even leave Jesus when we go through trials. We never remember or perhaps we purposely forget the many blessings that He had given us in the past.

Let us never leave Jesus no matter how difficult our present circumstances are right now. Let us always choose to be with Him in sickness and in health, in our good times as well as in our difficult times.

I turned out that "Many returned to their former way of life because they could not accept what Jesus said." The reality of growing in faith requires a movement of the heart towards fully receiving the love of Father, Son & Holy Spirit. If we allow ourselves to explore the depth of our relationship further, our beliefs will naturally increase. However, to truly accept what Jesus says, we cannot do it alone; it takes supernatural gifts. Our Father grants us the grace to pursue the difficult walk with Jesus. **The one concept to fully understand this truth requires us to believe we consume Christ, when we receive him in the Sacrament—the Body & Blood of Christ. We consume him, so therefore we are living tabernacles for the Holy One of God.**



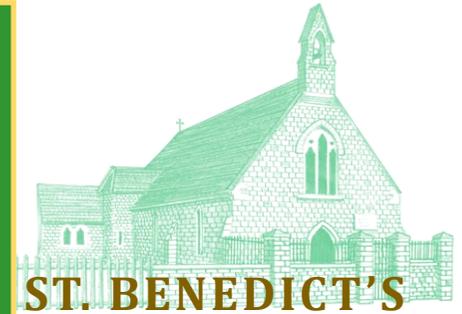
## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 21st August

Vigil Mass 4 pm

Sunday 22nd August Mass

at 9.30am Year 2021



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Saturday 21st **The 21st** Vigil Mass 4pm *Joseph Connelly RIP*  
Sunday 22nd **of Ordinary Time** Mass 9.30 am *Parishioners*  
Monday 23rd St. John Wall Pr. Mr. NO MASS  
Tuesday 24th Feast of St Bartholomew Ap. Mass 10 am *Missionaries*  
Wednesday 25th Feria, Mass 10 am  
Thursday 26th Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Mass 10 am  
Friday 27th St. Monica Mass 10 am *Thanksgiving*  
*for examination results*

**Saturday 28th St. Augustine Bp, Dr,** No Mass at 10 am

**22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Vigil Mass 4 pm** *Parishioners*

**Sunday 29th Mass 9.30 am** *Sean Loma RIP*

## Next Week : THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28th August 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm

Sunday 29th August 9.30am



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** : Fr. Paul will hear confessions **ONLY BY APPOINTMENT TO MAKE SURE SOCIAL DISTANCING IS POSSIBLE.** Please arrange by text, phone or e mail.



The annual diocesan **Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage** will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral.

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1<sup>st</sup> up to 60<sup>th</sup> (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk) for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos *THE LIFELONG COMMITMENT OF LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE CHRIST* to be part of the video compilation.

#### **Calling all altar servers: National Mass**

Book your place now to attend a very special event to be hosted in Wolverhampton this September. The Archdiocese of Birmingham has been asked to host the National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen, on behalf of the Archconfraternity in Westminster. It will take place on Saturday 25 September at 12noon at the parish of Ss Mary and John, Wolverhampton. Archbishop Bernard **Proximity A gathering for the Servers of the Archdiocese**

On **Saturday 2nd October 2021**, we are holding **Proximity**. We intend this to be an annual event **for altar servers of all ages**. The aim is to form servers in faith as **those who come close to Jesus at the altar, so that they may grow closer to him in their lives**. This year, our day is based around the life and witness of recently-beatified teenager **Blessed Carlo Acutis**. Hosted in the inspirational setting of **St. Mary's College, Oscott**, our diocesan seminary. More information in weeks ahead. The day is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other servers from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham and find out about other opportunities to grow in faith.



I'm still seeking someone to offering their skills in marketing or in grant applications. There must be someone out there with



these skills who would help us move forward? So far, four people have offered to donate £500 to the building fund. Also someone else has offered £150.00 (which reminds me, that if you can't manage £500, you can offer what you can afford). Is there anyone else willing to help in this way. We need to arrange for the work to be done over the next three to five years. The question is do we care enough to secure a future for St. Benedict's or is it low on our list of priorities? As we are struggling financially, if, say 20 or so of us were able to give around £500, that could fund the beginning of the work on the Church building .We can do this if we all pull together.

**If on holiday, we hope you have a fabulous time. Pleased be CAREFUL. So when you return you can come BACK TO MASS.**



**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, smart phone or lap-top at the exact time.**

**St. Benedict's the LITTLE GEM OF ATHERSTONE.**

#### **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.