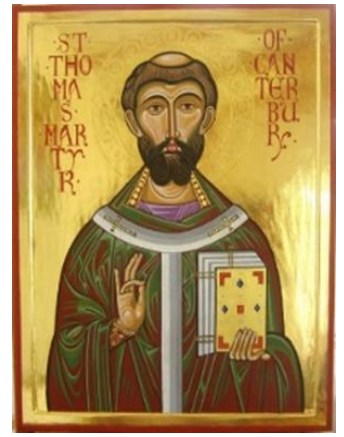




# The Catholic Parishes of



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7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>	Mass Book: Page 71
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This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying, which many find hard to understand: must we really hate our family to be the Lord's disciples? The point is that it is relative: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel. Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowding round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then, who can know the intentions of God?

**ANIMA CHRISTI** Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

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<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Pat Lennon</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Adrian Anslow RIP</i>	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
<b>St C No Evening Mass</b>			
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
10:00 am	St T	<i>John &amp; Mary Walsh RIP</i>	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
<b>No Mass</b>			
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
<b>No Mass</b>			
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		
10:00 am	St C	<i>Ann Picken RIP</i>	
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
10:00 am	St T	Morning Mass: <b>No Mass</b>	
	St T	Exposition and Holy Hour <b>No Confessions</b>	
4:00 pm	St C	Exposition and Holy Hour	
4:30 pm	St C	<b>No Confessions</b>	
<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Gwendoline Boyce (Anniversary)</i>	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
9:15 am	St C	<i>For the intentions of Fr Paul Whieldon</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Mike Hassman RIP</i>	
		<i>Leslie White RIP</i>	

**Remember in your prayers those who have died:** Avril Jessie Evans (Tony Evan's wife)

As yet we have no funeral details.

May she rest in peace.

We remember her family and friends at this time.

**SICK LIST** To comply with GDPR legislation, from Nov 2018, we started the parish sick list anew only those who have given consent will be on our sick list. A letter is available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Zofia Stanislawska, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap, PWB, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, Queenie Webb, T Hill, John Lewis, Mr & Mrs JT Bogue, Margaret Waleczek, Alexandra Marshall, Anthony Jones, Marian Allen, Jayne Wiggins, Betty Cotter, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Sister Genevieve, Jeff Gibbs, Mary Spratt, Emily Jarvis, Fr David Duggan, Chris Kennedy, CH,

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME** Henry Miller, Gertrude Golding, Reginald Davis, Kathleen Sambrook, Noreen Raby, Andrew Grennan, Alice Walker, Louisa Griffiths, Denis Richards, Victoria Jefferson, Peter Bruty, Ethelreda Mathews, Laurence McLean, Veronica Walker, Anthony Beesley, Thomas Lane, Lawrence Cole, Frances Sambrook, Francis McGovern, Margaret Bate, Phyllis Jones, Mary Williams, Michael Munn, Bernard McNally, Arthur Whitehouse, , Peneretta Mears, May Gillett, John Foody, Clara Beglan, Rev Antony Taylor, Mgr Thomas Fallon, Rev David Hutt, Rev Dominic Round, Rev Richard Dinnis, Rev Patrick Meagher

<b>Weekly Collection Figures</b>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Gift Aid Standing Orders</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>St Christopher's 31/1 Sept</b>	£193.72	£177.00	£684.00	<b>£1054.72</b>
<b>St Thomas 24/25 August</b>	£114.20	£246.60	£181.00	<b>£541.80</b>
<b>St Thomas 31/1 Sept</b>	£101.65	£222.10	£433.00	<b>£756.75</b>
<b>Thank you for your generosity</b>				

**This weekend we welcome Fr Andrew Robinson who is visiting our parishes from Oscott.**

**Second Collection next weekend for Home Mission Day/Catholic Evangelisation**

**Fr Paul** will return on Friday 27 Sept at 7pm for a joint parish Presentation Mass at St Christopher's Church with the reception afterwards taking place in St Christopher's School, just down the road. If you wish to attend the reception, it is the last weekend for you to add your name and the number of people coming on the list at the back of Church, for catering purposes. It is also the last weekend to give your gift for Fr Paul's collection. Please hand in your gift to Linda at St Thomas' or post your Gift in the wooden locked box at the back of St Christopher's church. Thank you.

**Thank you** The family of Pat Lennon would like to thank parishioners for their messages of sympathy, for cards, Mass cards, donations and for all who visited Pat. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

**This Weekend, St Christopher's monthly collection for Good Shepherd Relief in Need**

The van will collect donations at 9.30am on Tuesday 10 September. Thank you for anything that you can give – all is greatly needed and appreciated. If you have large items to be collected eg furniture (beds, chairs and sofas must have fire labels) phone: Ann Reaney 07845 003656, House Clearance: Peter 07889 786687, Shop 07510 618752.

**MASS INTENTIONS ENVELOPES** Please can you use the new envelopes for your Mass intentions – we need to follow GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) – Thank you.

**Gift Aid** Please consider Gift Aid, it costs you nothing & the church receives extra revenue. Forms available from Margaret Gallagher or either parish office. If you Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed e.g. you are no longer a UK taxpayer, or if your address has changed please advise Linda or Margaret. Thank you.

**Church Collections** If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for Gift-Aid or not. Speak to Linda or Margaret.

**Acts29@CT** will commence again on Sun 8 Sept. All 11-17 year olds are welcome.

**Baptism Preparation** Anyone wanting their child to be baptised please email Matthew Bradbury [1baptismclass@gmail.com](mailto:1baptismclass@gmail.com) Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 19 Oct, 9.45am

**'SVP Annual Festival Mass and anointing of the sick** Sunday 8 September at 3 pm at St. Michael's, Coalway Road. There will be a shared table.

**St Christopher's Tots** begins Wed 11 Sept, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years. (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month - term-time only).

**Daytrip to Llandudno on Thursday 12 September** "Llandudno Day Trippers: Please arrive at St Christopher's Church before 8.45am. Please don't forget any walking aids you may need, a waterproof and medication if needed. Looking forward to an enjoyable day out."

**Body in Balance class** Continues Thurs 12 Sept and every Thursday, 1-2pm term time only.

**Visit St Chad's Cathedral** Free tours are available on 13, 15, and 21 September. See poster at the back of church. To book: tel Karla Lowes 0121 2306215, email [cathedral.visits@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:cathedral.visits@rc-birmingham.org). Not suitable for under 10 year olds.

**St Christopher's "Craft and Chat"** begins Wed 18 Sept 9.30-11.30am, St Christopher's Church Hall (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month - term-time only). Get together to work on, enjoy, share skills, learn about different crafts from each other – sewing, embroidery, painting, card-making etc. Bring your own crafts. (No electrical equipment please). Refreshments included. Free to attend. All welcome.

**National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life** Saturday 28 Sept. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as there was a large increase in the number of abortions in this country last year. For details of our live saving work see [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com) See also the poster.

**A talk about St John Henry Newman** will take place on Sunday 6 Oct at 6pm, at St Mary's Catholic Church, Levenson St, Willenhall, WV13 1DA by Fr Guy Nicholls from Birmingham Oratory. Followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction. See poster or website [www.stmewmancluster.org](http://www.stmewmancluster.org) for details email [stmermancluster.wmids@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmermancluster.wmids@rcaob.org.uk) or phone 01902 452841

**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** 12, 19, 26 Sept, 3, 10 Oct. 7.15 - 8.45pm, St. Anne's RC Church Meeting Room, 96 Bradford Street, Digbeth, B12 0PB. Five evenings of reflection and discussion on the story of Christian mission in the Acts of the Apostles, seeking inspiration, direction & strength in responding to our baptismal call as missionary disciples today Led by Columban missionary Fr Tom O'Reilly. For info/to register contact Mauricio Silva on 07847 281190 or [ird@columbans.co.uk](mailto:ird@columbans.co.uk)

**BAPTISED AND SENT: OUR CALL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES** Sat 12 Oct, 10am - 5pm, St Peter's RC School, Solihull B91 3NZ. The 2019 Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, which is celebrating the Extraordinary Missionary Month, declared by Pope Francis for this October, by inviting you to reflect on your experiences, celebrating and putting in to action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation. Join the Columban Missionaries and people from across the Archdiocese to explore our call to be missionary disciples. Bring your own lunch. No charge, donations welcome. Register on-line at [http://bit.ly/JandP\\_Assembly2019](http://bit.ly/JandP_Assembly2019). Queries to Stephen Awre. Email: [events@columbans.co.uk](mailto:events@columbans.co.uk) Tel: 01564 772 096.

**Marriage Preparation and Marriage Enrichment Weekends**

**For those preparing for marriage:** Engaged Encounter Weekend: 12-13 Oct. Dormer Conference Centre, Leamington Spa. <https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/engaged-encounter-weekend-leamington-spa/>

**For marriage enrichment:** Marriage Encounter Weekend - 22-24 November. Ibis Hotel, Rugby. <https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/residential-marriage-encounter-weekend-rugby-3/>

**For information about Marriage Encounter** visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> or email [bookings@wwme.org.uk](mailto:bookings@wwme.org.uk)

**Wolverhampton Church Shelter** If you want to volunteer tel Jeremy Watson (07970 778595) email [churchsheltermvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:churchsheltermvolunteers@gmail.com) for info or an application form. You can volunteer for one night a fortnight or one night a month. Volunteers will be trained, must be over 18 with two character references.

**Women's Interfaith** support Period Poverty if wish to donate sanitary products please leave in the GIVE BOX at the back of church.

**Update on the roof at St Thomas of Canterbury**

As I explained last Sunday, unfortunately, the Archdiocese has asked for the works to the replace the roof to the church and Newman Centre to be put on hold for various reasons. I realise that this is frustrating, and it means that we will have to live with the buckets for a little while longer, but please be patient! This momentary break before the works start means that I now have an opportunity to fully understand what is needed. It will also allow sufficient time for the various permissions and approvals to be sought from the Archdiocese.

The roof, however, is a small part of a much bigger picture. As I also briefly explained last Sunday morning, the church building has a long list of additional issues which need to be addressed – some of these you may be aware of, others you won't.

I am, therefore proposing that we have a meeting after the 11.15 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 13th October**. (Please note the change of date.) By this point, I will have met with an architect to look at the various works (apart from the roof) which need to be completed, and, will hopefully, have a better understanding of the situation with the new roof.

I ask that we seek the Intercession of St Thomas of Canterbury for our parish as we prepare for these works to make the church building fit for the twenty-first century. Thank you for your ideas for fundraising – please keep these coming and we can start thinking about how we move forward.

With every blessing,

Fr Craig.

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** Next Meeting at St Christopher's Monday 16 Sept at 7.30pm. If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc. **If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

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