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St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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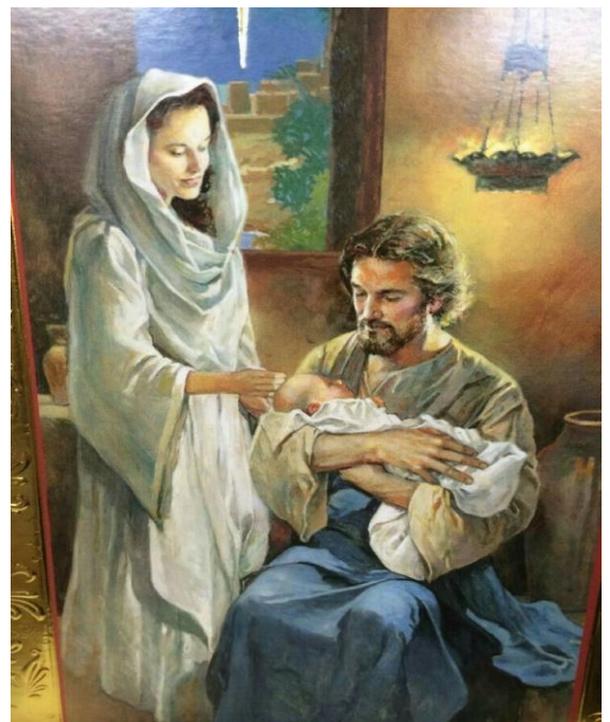
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FROM THE *AMORIS LÆTITIA*
OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

The Tenderness of an Embrace (continued)

29. With a gaze of faith and love, grace and fidelity, we have contemplated the relationship between human families and the divine Trinity. The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Begetting and raising children, for its part, mirrors God's creative work. The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of God and to share in Eucharistic communion, and thus to grow in love and become ever more fully a temple in which the Spirit dwells.

30. Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child and his Mother, to bow down and worship him (cf. *Mt* 2:11). Like Mary, they are asked to face their family's challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. *Lk* 2:19, 51). The treasury of Mary's heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families.



REMINDERS

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1246.81. (Standing orders: £766, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £480.81) Third World collection: £14.14. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift-aided. Counting Team this week: D (Next week: E). This weekend there will be a voluntary second collection for the LIFE charity.
- **RCIA Programme 2018/2019:** The next session of our Come & See programme will be on **Monday 4th February at 7:45pm** in the Parish Centre. The topic for this session is **'Vocations'**. Everyone is welcome.
- **Mass Times:** Please check Page 4 of the newsletter for any changes to Mass times this week.
- **Mass and Anointing of the Sick:** Monday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day for the Sick. There will be a Mass in church at 11am, to include the anointing of the sick, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. (Please note that there will be no Mass in Maryvale Court on this day.)
- **Thanksgiving Mass for the 10th Anniversary of the Vocationist Mission in the UK:** There will be a special celebratory Mass in our church on Wednesday 20th February at 7pm. Archbishop Longley will be celebrating Mass, alongside the Vocationist priests and other priests from the diocese. We also expect to welcome parishioners from our other Vocationist parishes. We will be having refreshments in our parish centre after the Mass and we are working with St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Patrick's parishioners to prepare the food. We would like to know approximately how many will be attending for refreshments and we are also asking for help with food donations of various items for the buffet or a cash donation if you prefer. We are working alongside the other churches, so we can show a growing 'togetherness', not only within the Mass but in our working together as parishioners from all 3 churches. After Mass this weekend, there will be people at the back of church collecting information about who will be attending this very special event and whether you are able to help with donations of food. If you can help in any way it will be much appreciated.
- **Service to our Parish:** Many thanks to all who have offered their service. Your support is greatly appreciated. If anyone else has a completed form, please return it to one of the priests as soon as possible so that we can add your name to our parish teams. If you have mislaid your sheet, please ask for another.
- **Bidding Prayers:** The new rota is now available. Please collect your copy from the sacristy.
- **Memorial Plaques:** If you have already expressed an interest in a memorial plaque, will you please reaffirm your wish by completing the form which you will find at the back of the church. If you think you might be interested, it is not too late. A sample of the granite and a mock-up of the size of the plaque are adjacent to the request form, which includes details of the cost.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Anthony Inns who died last week. May he rest in peace. Details of funeral arrangements will be announced next week.
- **General Parish Information:** Please see the poster at the back of church, and also on the noticeboard outside church, for general parish information.
- **Refreshments:** Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments, in the Pastoral Centre on **Thursdays after 10am Mass and on Sundays after 9am Mass.**
- **Flowers in Church:** The flowers in church this weekend have been donated by Josephine & Michael Norman. We are very grateful for their generous gift.
- **Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage:** His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage this Sunday, 3rd February, at 11am in St Chad's Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend, as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, please contact Lianne Pap via email: lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. Lianne is also trying to find the longest-married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies.

➤ **School News:** Every day is a blessing in school and especially when you have conversations with children that go like this..... *What did you enjoy most about Christmas?* (I was expecting the child to talk about their presents!) Their reply was as follows, ‘*It was lovely to see baby Jesus placed in the crib on Christmas Eve and know that Jesus had been born.*’ Wow- what a humbling experience that was for me! We are in full flow now with the term and have just celebrated a super Mass for reception and nursery with Father Roy. Bring on February and 2019 and the many blessings it will bring!
Catherine Amos Head Teacher.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Monday 11 th February	11am Mass & Anointing of the Sick, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre
Wednesday 20 th February	10 th Anniversary of Vocationist Mission in UK - 7pm Mass, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre
Sacrament of Confirmation	Wednesday 10th April - 7pm
First Holy Communion	Sunday 12 th May - 9am
First Holy Communion	Sunday 12 th May - 11:30am*
First Holy Communion	Sunday 19 th May – 11am

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love. **Hail Mary.....**

Prayer after Communion

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” **Bl. Fr. Justin**



Prayer for Priests – Prayer of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

O, Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let your holy love surround them and shield them from the world’s contagion. Bless their labours with abundant fruit and may souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here – and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Priests: **Pray for us.** Blessed Fr. Justin: **Pray for us.**

Saturday 2 nd	6:00pm	Ch		
Sunday 3 rd 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	Angelo Feliciello <i>RIP</i> Past Members of the Choir Antoni Pieszczyk	SVP M & N Tomkins A Evans
*Monday 4 th	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	MV Ch Ch	Madeline Rebeiro <i>RIP</i>	P Rebeiro
*Tuesday 5 th St. Agatha Virgin & Martyr	10:00am	Ch		
*Wednesday 6 th St. Paul Miki & Companions (Martyrs)	9:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	School Mass - Y3 & Y4 Adoration for Vocations Mass for Vocations Celine D'Silva <i>RIP</i>	
*Thursday 7 th	10:00am	Ch	Riya & Joseph <i>TH, M</i>	Voc. Co-operators
*Friday 8 th Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking	6:30pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch	Holy Rosary	
Saturday 9 th	10:00am 10:30am 11:15am 6:00pm	Ch Ch Ch Ch	Adoration & Confession Benediction	
Sunday 10 th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	David & John Skrodelis <i>RIP</i> Desmond Williams <i>RIP, DA</i> Kevin Biggs & Marjorie Byrne <i>RIP, DA</i>	T Caswell J Howard-Biggs

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, Sch=School

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Clare Gontarek, Doreen Phipps (Peggy), Anna Morgan, Marie Hornblower, Eileen Moseley, John & Gwen Bush, Judith Dunthorne, Peggy McGill, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Mary Gallagher, Margaret Powell, Anne Jennings, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton.

READERS

Mass	This Weekend	Next Weekend
6pm	Mrs D'Silva & Mr D Tranter	Mr M Rose & Mrs J Gribble
9am	Mr P Donnellan & Miss M Byers	Mrs L Bacallan & Mr J Nelson
11am	Mrs J Norman & Mrs C Williams	School Mass
7pm	Mrs C Benzigar & Mrs L Darby	Mr J Heavin & Miss A Vincent