



**St Margaret Mary,  
Birmingham  
The 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
13 June, 2021**

Priest: ✠ In the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Confiteor: I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I  
have failed to do, through my fault,  
through my fault, through my most  
grievous fault; therefore I ask  
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May Almighty God have  
mercy upon us, forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

**Gloria in excelsis** Glory to God in  
the highest, and on earth peace to  
people of good will. We praise you,  
we bless you, we adore you, we  
glorify you, we give you thanks for  
your great glory, Lord God, heavenly  
King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten  
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of  
the Father, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us, you  
take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer, you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father, have  
mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord, you alone are  
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the  
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. **Amen.**

**First reading: Ezekiel 17.22-24** /  
*will plant a shoot on the high  
mountain of Israel.*

**Psalm response:** *It is good to give  
you thanks, O Lord.*

**Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-  
10** *We want to make our home in  
the Lord.*

Gospel acclamation: *I call you  
friends, says the Lord, because I  
have made known to you everything  
I have learnt from my Father.*

**Gospel: Mark 4.26-34** *The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.*

## **Homily**

**Nicene Creed** I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things, visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Offertory** Pray Brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**Sanctus:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**The Mystery of faith: We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Dismissal:** Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**Notices** \* Figures for 6/6/21: Gift Aid: £64.50; Loose £139.14; Organ Fund £50; Attendance: 181

\*This weekend we will hear Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter, introducing the *Archdiocese's Vision: Unfolding God's Plan*. Please look out for the prayer cards in church, and feel free to share copies with those who are unable to come to Mass.

You can find the Pastoral Letter in text, audio and video format on the Diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision)

\* 'Beautiful Songs and Spirituals' Concert at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm with Jobe Sullivan and Jeanne Conard. Tickets will be £7, (£20 Family ticket) includes refreshments. Profits to organ fund. You can also purchase single tickets at £7 from Eventbrite website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beautiful-songs-and-spirituals-tickets-156414587241?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=checkoutwidget>

\* Blessing of the new Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and the new organ by Monsignor Keith Newton **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July** at 11am Mass, followed by refreshments.

\* Songs of Praise, **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July** at 6.30pm why not have your favourite hymn or psalm or spiritual song played on our new organ?

\*The government has just announced a long-term future for Community Sponsorship of refugees – a national scheme co-designed and piloted by Catholic parishes. All are invited to join a national Catholic celebration of the scheme via Zoom on 14 June at 6:00pm co-hosted by Caritas Social Action (CSAN) and Reset. CSAN is the official agency for Catholic social action in England and Wales. To register visit: [www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events](http://www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events)

\*"**Putting Laudato Si into Practice**" a talk by Dr Sam Ewell, author and Laudato Si activist, parishioner of St Patrick's, Dudley Road, Birmingham. Monday June 14th 7pm -8.30pm. Recently we marked the anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, "Caring for our Common Home" or "Laudato Si". Email: [actabhm@gmail.com](mailto:actabhm@gmail.com) to register.

\* **Foodbank enquiries**, please phone Carmel Dowdall on 07943 577638.

\* Many thanks for all your donations to the new organ. We

are fund-raising for a further £3,155.

\* Pope Francis prayer intention for June: *Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.*

\* [www.portal.mag.uk](http://www.portal.mag.uk) is out for June. There is now a weekly podcast available on:  
<https://soundcloud.com/user-666404058>

**\*Prayers for the departed:**

Thomas Doyle, Mary Margaret Parrott, Marjorie Derbyshire, Rev John Polkinghorne, Rev David Reed, Barbara Lewis, Liam Mooney, Patrick Nolan, Tomek Tobiasz, Monica Lenkowicz, HRH Prince Philip, Margaret Hall, Howard Merrett, Andrew Madden, Mary Beardshaw, John Leydon, Zdzislaw Gorlewski, Terese McElhinny, Greta Merle West, Martin Brennan, Sister Philomena Walsh, Teresa Eiko, Dea-John Reid, Christopher Beasley, Frankie Barr.

**THIS WEEK** Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June. The Immaculate Heart of Mary. 9am *Second Saturday* meeting for leadership. 6.30pm Mass (The deceased members of the Hiney family RIP).

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> June **The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.** 9.30am Mass (Pro populo). 11am Mass (June Banbury).

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Adoration and Benediction. 7pm Mass (Sean Cooper RIP).

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Mary Mealy). 6pm Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist meet online.

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> 8.35am Adoration and Benediction. 9.15am Mass (Teresa Eiko RIP). 7pm Sycamore virtual course.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass with 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. (Yash Rautela RIP). 11am Funeral of Christopher John Beasley RIP.

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. 6.30pm Mass (Lily Kielty RIP).

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June **The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.** 9.30am Mass (Mary and Ava Danso personal intentions) 11am Mass (June Banbury). Baptism of Chidiebube Kingsley Destiny. *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for 'Day for Life'.*

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**PASTORAL LETTER  
OF THE  
MOST REVEREND BERNARD LONGLEY  
ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM  
FOR THE 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 12/13 JUNE 2021**

*I will take a shoot and plant it myself...it will sprout branches and bear fruit.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to welcome you back to church, as the pandemic restrictions are easing, if you have recently returned. With all the hardships we have endured over the last year, we are learning to deepen our trust in God's loving care and to respond in ways that express our care for each other.

Even though our church buildings haven't been fully open, the communal life of our Church has continued. I have seen wonderful work from so many people across the Archdiocese. People have continued to witness - stepping forward to support foodbanks, or to make PPE, helping to keep our churches open by becoming stewards or simply checking their neighbours' wellbeing. In such difficult times you have risen to the challenge, sacrificing your time and energy to serve others.

We are now making a fresh beginning in a very different setting. Following Pentecost we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we build-up the Body of Christ. The pandemic has focused our minds on our faith and on the role our churches play in society. We now have a fresh opportunity to make sure the Gospel is heard and seen through the example of our daily Christian lives.

I invite you today to reflect on what we have learned about our faith during this time. For my part, I have very much missed being able to visit you in the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese. At the same time, it has been a blessing to spend the whole liturgical year as part of the Cathedral community at St Chad's and to keep in touch through the live-streaming service.

I wonder what you may have learned about yourself and your faith in the past year? What has fanned the flames of your faith? What will you do differently in future?

The present moment offers an opportunity to focus on renewal here in our Archdiocese – being open to change. I want us to look at how we can each respond to God’s call to be missionary disciples in the Church and in our local communities, working joyfully together to spread the Word and undertake the work of God. How are we to unfold God’s plan for our Church?

Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and others.

Over the coming weeks, we want to begin a dialogue with you about how we fulfil this vision, and how each one of us can use the charisms given to us through baptism to play our part.

To prepare the way for this dialogue I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

**Evangelisation** – Encouraging others to know God’s love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

**Formation** - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support – helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

**Liturgy and Worship** - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

**Social Outreach** - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work.

We have all had to review our plans because of the pandemic, and now I am inviting you to join me in looking with fresh eyes at our diocesan mission. Where is the mustard seed that the Lord is asking us to plant for him? Can it take root and flourish in one of these four areas of growth?

These are the actions that I shall be taking:

I will ensure that priests, deacons, Religious and parishioners are supported to work together, so that we can share responsibility for the mission of the Church and deepen our relationship with God.

I will put the structures of the archdiocese at the service of our mission. This will begin with a re-arrangement of our deaneries, enabling us to begin a dialogue about how our parish structures can change so as to create or enhance vibrant parish communities.

I will put young people and families at the centre of our diocesan planning. Working with and through our wonderful Catholic schools, we will listen to them and actively encourage and support them to use their talents in the life of the Church and thus build even stronger relationships between our schools and parishes.

Next week some leaflets will be distributed at Mass and you will be able to find a new dedicated space on our diocesan website about the vision, together with more details of the diocesan plan to deliver it.

In July I will be inviting parishes to participate in a summer event, supported by the Archdiocese's Evangelisation group, to extend a hand of welcome to their local communities.

Next year we will be supporting parishes with more training, resources and events to help us in our mission to serve God and to enable the Church to grow – *like a mustard seed which...is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

I will be praying about all that lies before us as we continue this pilgrimage of faith. I invite you to pray the vision prayer with me and to make a pledge: to pray for our Archdiocese, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us forward and to make our faith fruitful in good works.

So let us pray together:

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

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ Bernard Longley

✠Bernard Longley  
Archbishop of Birmingham

Given at Birmingham on the 2 June 2021 and appointed to be read in all Churches and Chapels of the Archdiocese on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (12/13 June 2021).