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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

4th October 2026

We are stewards of God's gifts, called to bear good fruit in Christ.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel - and today, it is us. In the Parable of the Wicked Tenants, Jesus reminds us that God has given us everything we need to bear good fruit. Yet we can forget that we are stewards, not owners.

God is the generous landowner who equips us with life, talents, relationships, and the Church. But like the tenants, we can slip into entitlement - treating our time, money, and choices as if they belong only to us, ignoring God's voice in Scripture, conscience, and the needs of others.

The Son the tenants rejected becomes the cornerstone. Jesus, cast out and crucified, is now the foundation of our lives. Build on Him, and your life stands firm; build without Him, and it crumbles.

Jesus ends with a warning and a promise: God gives His kingdom to those who produce its fruit. He seeks not success or status, but love, generosity, faithfulness.

Each day, God entrusts His vineyard to us again. May we remember who it belongs to and offer Him a harvest rich in good fruit.

Mass Times & Intentions: 4th October – 11th October 2026

Sun. 4th: Mass 10:00am- Patrick Qualter (Birthday RIP), Fr Donatus Okpokpo (RIP)

Tue 6th: Mass 10:00am –

Wed. 7th: Mass 10:00am-

Thur. 8th: Mass 10:00am-

Fri. 9th: Mass 10.00am –

Sat. 10th: Mass 10.30am-

Sun. 11th: Mass 10am –

PARISH INFORMATION: Parish Priest: **Fr. Hyacinth Igwenagu Ogbodo C.S.Sp.**, Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:30am - 2pm. Tel: 0121 4540418 (St Patrick's) Email: stpatrick.bham@rcaob.org.uk; Website: <https://stpatsbham.org.uk/> Direct debits/ Gift-aids contact: **Martine O'Meara**

Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions: Saturday 11:00am; **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Sat. 10.00am and Sunday 9.00am. Communion of the sick: 1st Fridays of the Month/on arrangement. Baptism: Saturdays of the Month before 1:00pm.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Pamela Ndu. Now, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

ANNOUNCEMENT

ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS- All parish organisations will meet this Sunday, **04 October 2026**. These groups include the Youth Group (Ages 18–25), Young Adults, Women's Organisation, and Men's Organisation. Each group exists to build community, strengthen fellowship, and support the mission and activities of the parish. New members who wish to get involved are warmly encouraged to join.

HALF-TERM CHILDREN & YOUTH SOCIAL AND CRAFT DAY - We're hosting a fun and welcoming social and craft day for all young people aged 25 and under on **Sunday, 1st November 2026**. It's a safe, supportive space for learning, playing and relaxing together as a community. Parents are warmly encouraged to join in and support the activities. Please register your children on the sign-up sheet at the church entrance.

MASS INTENTIONS- We kindly request Mass intentions for our parish Masses. If you wish to book a Mass, please place your intention envelope in the baskets provided in the church.

SHAC INITIATIVE – We are launching a new project, Spiritan Hope for African Children (SHAC), to support our families and young people. Volunteers are needed to help with administration. If you're able to help, please contact Fr Hyacinth. We urgently need someone to manage our social media.

OCTOBER DEVOTION - During the month of October, we shall pray the Rosary during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays and Sundays. Families are also encouraged to pray the Rosary together at home throughout this month.

FUNDRAISING AT St PHILIP SMETHWICK- DJ Brij will host the event at St. Philip's Community Centre on Saturday, 24th October 2026, from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM, with a three-course buffet. Ticket prices are £25 for adults and £15 for kids. You can pay through our Parish Dona; the QR code is on the Poster.

CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS - NATWEST BANK. Account Name – RCAOB St. Patrick
Account Number – 00110752; Sort Code – 60-02-35.

SUNDAY OFFERING - We warmly welcome your offerings and donations. To give, please scan the QR code below with your smartphone. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support.



Last Sunday Collections:

Offertory £92.21 Dona- £209.00 = £301.21; Second collection(Home Mission) - £71.10. **THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.** Attendance - 175

LIGHT A SPECIAL CANDLE FOR YOUR LOVED ONES FOR THEIR SPECIAL OCCATIONS.
Please speak Carlyle if you would like one of those candles.

The Sacred Heart candle for special intention of...

Our Lady's candle for the special intention of