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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

11th October 2026

God's invitation to joyful communion with Him.

The Kingdom of God is a banquet—an open invitation from God to share His own divine life. We often hesitate because the invitation seems too generous, too free. Yet God asks only that we accept His call and trust that living in His Kingdom is not a loss of joy but the beginning of true joy.

We fear that following Christ means giving up the goodness of this world, but God never rejects the world He created. Instead, He teaches us to use its gifts wisely, so that even now we begin to live in His Kingdom. What He desires is our longing for Him—our desire for love, justice, and the life of the beatitudes.

When we live deeply rooted in God, life becomes rich with purpose and joy. Whatever our vocation—marriage, celibacy, or any path God gives—we discover that doing His will is not a burden but a delight. So let us come to the Lord's banquet with gratitude, rejoicing in His call and offering our lives in love to the God who invites us.

Mass Times & Intentions: 11th October – 18th October 2026

Sun. 11th: Mass 10:00am- Paul Kwame Wordui ((RIP 4th Ann), Victoriana Rodillas (RIP Ann), Rose Aladi Edeba (RIP), Fr ..

Tue 13th: Mass 10:00am – Deacon Larry Sutton (Get well)

Wed. 14th: Mass 10:00am- Irene Hearn (Get well), Br. Kenneth Bascombe (Recovery).

Thur. 15th: Mass 10:00am- Rose Aladi Edeba (RIP), Br. Kenneth Bascombe (Recovery)

Fri. 16th: Mass 10.00am – Mrs McKenna (RIP Ann)

Sat. 17th: Mass 10.30am- Br Philip (Diaconate Ordination), Br. Kenneth Bascombe (Recovery)

Sun. 18th: Mass 10am – Mick Gallagher (RIP 3rd Ann)

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) 2026–2027. INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? The RCIA supports adults seeking full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you are interested, please register with Fr Hyacinth.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- Please note the forthcoming events: • Christmas Bazaar – 29th November • Christmas Carol Service – 20th December at 5pm

SECOND COLLECTION - This weekend's second collection is for World Mission. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

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.

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 £202.82 Dona- £159.00 = £361.82 Second collection (CAFOD) - £67.84 **THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.** Attendance - 185

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