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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

25th October 2026

The true measure of our love for God is how we treat the person others.

When asked for the greatest commandment, Jesus responds with a revolution, fusing the call to love God wholeheartedly with the command to love our neighbour as ourselves. They are two sides of the same coin; we cannot look up to God in the sanctuary while looking down on someone sitting in the pews. As St John bluntly warns us, anyone who fails to love can never truly know God, because God is love.

The tragedy of our modern world is that we have cheapened "love" into a fleeting feeling, but true Christian love is *agape*—a selfless, self-sacrificing decision. This love cannot remain an abstract concept; it must be a verb felt right here in our community. As St Augustine noted, love has hands to help, feet to hasten to the poor, eyes to see misery, and ears to hear sorrows. It demands our comfort and energy, calling us to serve our parish families, welcome the stranger, and support the vulnerable in season and out of season.

In the second century, the philosopher Aristides defended early Christians to the Emperor by writing, "*Christians love one another... There is something divine in them.*" As we receive Christ in this Eucharist—the ultimate act of *agape*—we must ask if people see that same divine love when they walk through our parish doors. Let us pray for the courage to step out of our comfort zones, to stop merely talking about love, and to start actively living it through our parish ministries and daily interactions.

Mass Times & Intentions: 25th October – 1st November 2026

Sun. 25th: Mass 10:00am- Br. Kenneth Bascombe (Recovery)

Tue 27th: Mass 10:00am –

Wed. 28th: Mass 10:00am-

Thur. 29th: Mass 10:00am-

Fri. 30th: Mass 10.00am –

Sat. 31st: Mass 10.30am-

Sun. 1st: 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

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.

BISHOP TIMOTHY MENEZES –It has been announced by the Holy See, that Bishop Timothy Menezes has been appointed by the Holy Father as the new Bishop of Brentwood. I know that you will join me in assuring Bishop Timothy of our prayers as he prepares to take up his new responsibilities and our congratulations on being entrusted with the leadership of his new diocese and the care of its clergy and people.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-2027

YOUTH MASS –We are excited to announce the start of a Youth Mass in our parish, with the inaugural celebration taking place on the **8th of November**. This initiative is part of our commitment to recognising, supporting, and empowering the young people within our community, giving them a meaningful place in the life of our parish.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- Please note the forthcoming events: • Christmas Bazaar – 29th November • Christmas Carol Service – 20th December at 5pm. Someone will be speaking to us today at the end of the Mass.

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.

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 £249.14 Dona- £260.00 = £ 509.14. Second collection (Mission Sunday) - £ 509.14. Nigerian Chaplaincy- £35.00.
THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. Attendance - 205

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