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We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus' there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

ANIMA CHRISTI Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday 9th February 2019			<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Rose and Lawrence Sweeney RIP Maureen Boyce - Anniversary</i>	
Sunday 10th			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Deirdre Burke RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Anniversary of Michael & Sheila Malone RIP</i>	
Monday 11th			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00 pm	St C	Service of Word	
Tuesday 12th			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Theresa Clucas RIP</i>	
Wednesday 13th			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
10:00am	St T	<i>Brito Fernandez RIP</i>	
Thursday 14th			<i>Feast of St Cyril, Monk, & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe</i>
10:00 am	St T	<i>Fr Francis Gwinnett RIP</i>	
Friday 15th			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
10:00 am	St C	<i>Doreen Plimmer RIP Gerry Waldron RIP</i>	
Saturday 16th			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
10:30 am	St T	Morning Mass: People of the Parish	
11:00 am	St T	Exposition and Holy Hour and Confessions	
4:00 pm	St C	Exposition and Holy Hour	
4:30 pm	St C	Confessions	
			<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Joe Harris RIP Olive Farmer</i>	
Sunday 17th February			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Sarah Gallagher RIP – Anniversary Jean Wadsworth RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Ann Blud RIP</i>	

Remember in your prayers those who have died Michael Fahy.

Michael's Reception will be at St Thomas's 4:30pm Wednesday 20th February and his Requiem Mass will be at 10.45am on Thursday 21st February.

May he rest in peace.

We pray also for his family and friends at this time.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Raymond Gradwell, John Flavell, Hugh Toland, Maria Bevan, Roger O'Connor, Claude Woddford, Zbigniew Pieniaziewicz, Veronica Davis, Joseph Rush, Hugh Dyke, John Croft. Iris MacFarlane, Rose Coolis, Anne Harrison, Thomas Cox, John Curley, Madge Flavell, Ann Blud, Sr Marie Determes SJT, Sr Marie Arpwood SJT, Dorothy Farmer, Pauline Callaghan, Florence Boal, Joan Eagle, John Johns, Kathleen Marandola, Jack Hodgson, Catherine Murphy, Evelyn Onion, Bernard Scanlan Malcolm Evans, Edna Woodford, Martin Dyke, Tom Cussack, Olive Green, Mollie O'Shea, Dennis Dupont, Julia Curran, Doreen Plimmer, Charles Michell, Sam Warwick, William Knott, Maureen Rogers, Rev John Watkins, Rev Matthias Brady, Rev William Conefrey.

PRAY FOR THE SICK Zofia Stanislawska, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap, PWB, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, Mr & Mrs JT Bogue, John Lewis, Margaret Waleczek, Peter Mason, T Hill, Alexandra Marshall, Jayne Wiggins, Patrick Murphy, Anthony Jones, Tony Jones, Betty Cotter, Joan Mullen.

SICK LIST To comply with GDPR legislation, as of November 2018, we have started the parish sick list afresh and so only those who have given consent will be on our sick list. Consent is understood to be either from the person who is ill themselves, or if that is not possible (if the sick person, for example lives far away), confirmation should come from the person who asks for the name to go on the list to say that the said person is aware of their name being included on the newsletter which is also available online should people choose to access it via the website.

A letter is available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.

St Christopher's Parish Secretary	Anne Shipley	01902 842891
St Thomas' Parish Secretary	Linda Allen	01902 751025
St Christopher's Catholic Primary School	Headteacher: Mr K Babarczy	01902 297820
St Edmund's Catholic Academy	Principal Mrs M Hazeldine	01902 558888
Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes	33 Alameda Gardens	01902 751614
St Christopher's Safe Guarding	Jo Stewart	01902 845027
St Thomas of Canterbury Safe Guarding	Angela Walker	01902 751197
Newman Centre Bookings are taken through Parish Office		01902 751025

JOINT NEWS

Youth Group We would like to re-establish a Youth Group for those aged 11-17 years for our parishes. If you would like to be involved in any way there will be an informal meeting with pizza and drinks on Sun 17 Feb at 5 pm in St Christopher's Church Hall.

Redundant Spectacles If you have any spectacles lying around of any type, ready-readers or prescription please bring them and pop them in the box at the back of church they will be passed on to St Mary's Trust in India to give to the poor. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Next Meeting at St Christopher's Monday 18 Feb at 7.30pm. If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc. **If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

Development Officers - Wolverhampton District SVP We are looking for volunteers to fill these positions who will work with current members to set up new Conferences in the District as well as increasing membership in existing Conferences. Training will be given and candidates do not have to be members of the SVP. Expenses will be met. If you are interested please contact Mary Jeffs-Watts at maryjw19@gmail.com.

Baptism Preparation Anyone wanting their child to be baptised contact Matthew Bradbury, 01902 844701. Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 2 March, 9.45am.

Lenten Group will begin on Thurs 7 March, 7pm at St Christopher's. The theme: "The Sacraments"

Lenten Lunch at St Thomas of Canterbury, in the Newman Centre. It takes place on Saturday the 30th of March @ 12-30-2.30. All welcome. Charities we are supporting this year are as follows: Local Charity - Hope Community provides support for all people in the Heath Town area of Wolverhampton. Oversea Charity Streetlight in the Philippines (Street Children)

Concert at St Anthony's Church Bee Lane, WV10 6LE, Fri 1 March, 7.30pm. 'Anam Caras' perform Celtic spirituality songs, stories & humour. Tickets from St Anthony's, adults £5, children £2.50. Light refreshments. Proceeds shared between the church restoration fund & the Good Shepherd Ministry.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage Lourdes 2019 As usual it would be wonderful for a group from our parishes to join with this Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It would be a special joy if any of our young people aged 14-30 would join the Kenelm Youth Trust on this pilgrimage. I would be happy to do all we can to give assistance in financing this. Do speak to Fr Paul for more information.

Wolverhampton Life Group is grateful for your support from the Crib Collection and the Diocesan 2nd collection for Life. Also thank you for your support for our Life Charity shop in the city centre at 12 Lichfield Street. Your donations keep the shop well stocked & successful. Please continue to send clothes, bric-a-brac, books etc. Donations can be put the box in the church or handed in at the shop. Baby goods (cots, buggies, & baby clothes etc) are welcomed by the Life Pregnancy Matters Centre (based at the shop) which helps many needy local mums.

Charity Concert by international Pianist Margaret Fingerhut Stories of refugee composers in music & words at The Royal School, WV3 0EG, Sun 10 Feb at 6pm. Adults £10, U18's £5. All proceeds for Wolverhampton's City of Sanctuary refugee work. See flyers and poster. Email tickets@wolvescofs.com or ring 07396 146 830.

Wolverhampton Church Shelter. If you think you could volunteer or want more info, more contact Jeremy Watson on 07970 778595, email churchsheltervolunteers@gmail.com for an application form or more information. People can volunteer for one night a fortnight or even one night a month. All volunteers will be trained, must be aged over 18 with two character references

ST THOMAS'S NEWS

Confirmation at St Thomas' Thursday 14th March 7-8pm.

Please park with consideration to the people who live in Haywood Drive and Hanover Court. Please do not park close to the corners of Wood Road and Haywood Drive or Hanover Court as this makes the corners blind spots and dangerous to other road users. Thank you.

We have noticed through the census forms that there are a number of people who are tax payers who have not yet signed up to Gift Aid their offerings. If you are one of these parishioners please would you consider signing up as it costs you nothing and we get extra revenue. Forms are available from Fr Paul or Linda and at this juncture every penny counts!
Church Collections If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not, **the Sort Code is 560069, the Account Number is 60313595. Please see Linda if you have any questions.**

ST CHRISTOPHER'S NEWS

First Holy Communion Parents of children Year 3 upwards who don't go to a Catholic School but who want to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion please see Fr Paul or contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Good Shepherd Relief in Need Thank you for all of your donations which help so many people. To collect large items tel Ann Reaney, 07845 003656, the shop 07510 618752, House clearance tel Peter 07889 786687. (Beds, sofas & chairs need fire labels).

St Christopher's Tots on Wed 13 Feb, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

200 Club Feb Draw £50, No24, S Groom; £25, No144, J Keenan; £10, No101, T Fitzsimons.

Day of Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Wed 20 March, 10am-4pm.

Dementia Friendly Churches at the heart of Dementia Friendly Communities are running a free course of training sessions for 4 weeks starting Wed 13 Feb, 7.30-9pm at the Church at Perton, Andrews Square, WV6 7HQ. See poster for details. To book: email mike.bridgewater@lichfield.anglican.org 07531 105853 or revjulia.perton@gmail.com 01902 750232.

Andrew Tyson Piano Recital Wed 6 March at 7.30pm, at Codsall Community High School, WV8 1PQ. Tickets cost £15 (students £8) purchased from Ian Rigby Jewellers, Village Crafts, the Square, Codsall, (payment by cash or cheque) or online at www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk from 29 Jan. See poster for details or email the address above.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST

Flame, 2 March, Wembley Arena Come with the Archdiocese of Birmingham group to join 10,000 young people £39pp includes local pick-up travel by coach, insurance & T-Shirt. Email kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for information or to book.

Fearless weekend retreat 22-24 March at Alton Castle for adventure, adrenaline, times of prayer, worship and entering in to the Sacraments. Open to people in Years 5-9. Cost £75. Includes a stream for Young Leaders in Years 10-13 having their own accommodation and taking part in sessions suited just for them: designed to engage, inspire and build up their ability to lead and share their faith. Email stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more info.

Proud to Profess at St Mary's College Oscott on Sat 13 April 11am-6pm. For those aged 14-30 £5 per person. Workshops and live presentation of the Stations of the Cross, fresh look at Marian Devotion. Email kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more info or to book.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 25 May-1 June Youth Section for all aged 14-30. Prayer, liturgy and serving the elderly, sick & disabled pilgrims, We will join the Archdiocese under the Kenelm Youth Trust banner. Email megan.cox@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more info or to book.

Newsletter To receive the newsletter by email, send your email address to either parish office.

<i>Weekly Collections</i> <i>January 26/27</i>	Loose	Gift Aid	Gift Aid <i>Standing Orders</i>	Total	Life
St Christopher's	£215.40	£189.60	£1114.00	£1519.00	£316.60
St Thomas's	£142.94	£225.00	£60.00	£427.94	£136.61