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Services for the coming week—

Sunday 20th June, 10.00.

Frank Hamilton. (anniv.)

Mary O Keefe.

Tuesday 22nd. 10.00. R. Smith.

Friday 25th. 10.00. Maureen Rushe.

Saturday 26th June, 10.00.

First Communion Mass for the children of St. Bernard's School.

Sunday 27th June, 10.00.

Patrick Martin. Dave Egan.

Services for the coming week—

Saturday 19th. June, 1.00. 12th Sunday OT year B

Mary Togher & Family

Madge Gargan. Gerry Harris.

Sunday 20th June. 11.30. 12th Sunday OT.

Cara Byrne. Mary & PJ Healy. Stella Pettigrew.

Saturday 26th. June, 1.00. 13th Sunday OT year B

Sean, Katherine Carr. Hegarty Family.

Laurence Kelly. Liam Power.

Sunday 27th. June, 11.30. 13th Sunday OT year B

Peter & Margaret Mc. Hale. Patricia & Francis Galligan.

William Jones. Charles Boyle.

The **DAILY EXAMEN** – is at the core of Ignatian Spirituality and an ideal way of praying for busy people. For St. Ignatius it was an indispensable prayer that takes our everyday lives seriously.

The Examen is not an examination of conscience but rather a review of our day, looking for the loving presence God in our lives. It consists of 5 steps.

1 Give thanks for the good things that have happened in our day. Everything, every day is a gift from God. Let's be positive.

2 Ask for light to see things through God's eyes. God often sees things that we don't.

3 Go back over our day, watching it like a film, looking for the moments that speak to us especially of God's presence and action in our lives. What do they mean?

4 Take responsibility for any failures during the day in order to grow in freedom.

5 Look forward to tomorrow. What shall I do now? Where do I need God's help? Prayer leads to action.

Praying the Examen regularly can help us gradually to become more sensitive to the presence of God in our lives all the time. It is a simple life-changing prayer

THINKING FAITH – *Thinking Faith* is the online journal of the Jesuits in Britain. Explore the website to find articles and reviews which will help you think about your faith and think, through your faith, about the world. Since 2008, Thinking Faith has been publishing articles that offer a faith-based perspective on contemporary issues and resources about the Catholic tradition. You will also find reviews of the latest film and book releases.

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Archdiocese of Birmingham- The Diocesan Vision.

Please take the Prayer Card issued last weekend along with a copy of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, if you didn't get a copy, in which he sets out the four areas of Mission; Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy & Worship, & Social Outreach. Every parish is asked to consider how best they can engage with each of these areas of mission. This is about bringing about a Culture of Change in which we are all engaged in the mission of discipleship.

. Bible Alive.

This month marks the 25th anniversary of the launch of **Bible Alive** and since then 7 million copies have been printed since its launch in 1996. Monsignor Paul Watson, who sadly died in 2018 was one of the founding trustees of the magazine and often wrote the daily reflections on Scripture. Archbishop Peter Smith, of East Anglia, was also a lifelong supporter but he sadly died in march 2020. the magazine continues to provide spiritual input and formation in its explanation of Scripture passages and represents really good value at only £3.00 per month.

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