THE CATHOLIC CHURCH of SAINT BIRINUS
DORCHESTER-on-THAMES

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026
September: MONTH OF THE HOLY ANGELS
PENTECOST XIV
SUNDAY XXII (A) Year II

SUNDAY	**30**	SUNG ENGLISH MASS at Berinsfield	**9.30am**	*Neville Rogers (A)*
		SUNG LATIN MASS at Dorchester	**11.00am**	*pro populo*
Mon	**31**	Feast of St Aidan of Lindisfarne	**10.00am**	*Denis O'Shea*
Tue	**1**	St Edmund Arrowsmith	**9.30am**	*Suzanne Hurley*
Wed	**2**	Feria IV *(Latin)*	**8.00am**	*Winifred Looker*
Thu	**3**	St Gergory the Great, apostle of the English	**9.30am**	*Helen Selwood*
Fri	**4**	of the Sacred Heart *Fast & Abstinence*	**9.30am**	*Katherine Kent (1st A)*
Sat	**5**	of the Blessed Virgin Mary *(Latin)*	**9.30am**	*Michael Watson (RIP)*
		VIGIL MASS	**6.00pm**	*Sheila Robinson (sick)*

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5:15-5.45 pm or by appointment with the Priest. *BPMF *Birmingham Perpetual Mass Fund*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING GENEROSITY TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON MONDAY, BEING A BANK HOLIDAY, THE MASS IS AT 10AM

THE REVIVED ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

The revived Assisted Suicide Bill, brought back to Parliament by Lauren Edwards MP, faces it's Second Reading on Friday 11th September. This is the same dangerous Bill that did not pass in the last session of Parliament. The vote on 11 September can be won. As the previous Assisted Suicide Bill passed the House of Commons by a very small margin, only 12 MP's need to change their minds for the revived Suicide Bill to be defeated at the Second Reading. A number of MP's have already expressed reservations about bringing it back or forcing it through Parliament. The Prime Minister has now said the debate should wait until palliative and social care are properly funded.

Mounting evidence from the small number of places around the world that have legalised assisted suicide shows that safeguards do not work, and that changing the law can have devastating consequences. If assisted suicide becomes law, thousands of individuals will be placed at risk for years to come.

It is therefore IMPERATIVE that this revived Assisted Suicide Bill is defeated at the Second Reading.

Experienced Parliamentarians tell us that one of the most effective ways to persuade MP's to oppose this dangerous Bill is through letters or postcards from constituents asking them to vote "NO" to the Bill.

"NOT DEAD YET UK" a network of disabled people who oppose legalising assisted suicide, has very helpfully arranged for the post cards at the back of our church to be distributed throughout the UK. BUT, the Postcards will only make a difference if they are actually sent to MPs. A Postcard left at the back of the church can easily be missed.

You will be handed a post card as you leave church. PLEASE FILL IT IN AND SEND IT TO YOUR MP. If parishes across the country do this, MPs will receive thousands of postcards before 11 September. With only 12 MPs needing to change their minds, this could be crucial. PRAY TO OUR LADY for the overthrow of this wicked Bill.

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