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**Welcome to this House
of God:**
Talk to God before Mass
**Listen to God during
Mass**
Talk to others after Mass

Today's Mass Readings

Acts 1: 1-11;
Psalm 46;
Ephesians 1: 17-23
Matthew 28: 16-20

This Week 28th May - 4th June (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 28th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Retiring Collection for Catholic Communications	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall unavailable Traidcraft Stall in the Hall
Monday 29th May Solemnity of Dedication	10.00 am Geoff Griffiths RIP (BB)	
Tuesday 30th May Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	7.00 pm: Choir Practice 7.30 pm: Bible Study Group
Wednesday 31st May Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	10.00 am - 9.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 1st June Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	
Friday 2nd June Easter feria	9.00 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Saturday 3rd June Memorial of Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	10.30 am Holy Rosary 11.00 am Holy Mass	10.15 - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 4th June Solemnity of Pentecost	8.30 am Christopher Simpson RIP (SR) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 & 10.30 Mass: Coffee and Tea in the Hall. Piety Stall in the Hall Traidcraft Stall unavailable 6.00 pm Mass: No folk group

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: God goes up with shouts of joy; the
Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

**6.00 pm: Praise the Lord all of you peoples! Praise the Lord,
shout for joy! Praise the Lord sing him a new song!
Praise the Lord and bless his name.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ralph & Milly Arnold, Mary Arulandhu, John Blackman, Monica Campbell, Christopher and Mary Campbell-Johnston, Barbara Conway, Bernadette Violet Duffy, Alan Francis, Natasha Hake, Louise Hill, Marie Hopkins, Julia Howles, Alan Hurst, Michael James, Mike Jennings, Eileen Kilminster, Billy Lydon, Mae McGregor, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Rob O'Sullivan, Liz Prakash, Barbara Quigley, James Regan, Bob Shuck, Jacky Smith, Anne & Philip Smith, Pat Smith, Sarah Trueman, Ann Turton, Jim Tustain, Mary Wallace, Mark Wightman, Brigid Yates and Fr. Tom's sister, Maura.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Parish Council exists to support the Parish Priest in his work covering all aspects of our parish life. It consists of about 15 members of the Parish of the Sacred Heart, some of whom are statutory members, for example the Representative of the Finance Committee, some are co-opted, for example a representative from the Children's Liturgy Group, and some of whom are elected by members of the parish. There are currently several vacancies on the Parish Council (PC). Fr Vincent would like to invite all adult members of our parish (aged 18+) to consider offering themselves for election. You all have a great many skills and virtues which could be used to support the Parish Priest in his running of our parish. We have only four meetings per year, one of which is the Annual General Meeting. Anyone wishing to offer this valuable service or to find out more about it is asked to contact Fr Vincent as soon as possible and in any case before the end of May. (There is a copy of the Constitution of The Parish Council on the notice board at the back of church for anyone who would like this information.)

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART - FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

Once again this year, we shall be celebrating our parish Feast Day with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by a social evening and a shared table supper in the Parish Hall (please bring your own drinks). If possible we would like some informal entertainment for the evening, which have been a feature of these events in the past in the parish social life. So, if anyone has a party piece, don't be shy, let us all experience your humour, poetry readings, Irish dancing, singing or other skills. To help with organisation, please contact Maria Jenkins on 07741 294069 or Fr. Vincent SCJ with your items. There is also a clipboard at the back of Church for you to let us know if you are coming, how many will be in your party and what you can bring to our shared table. Let us be assured of a good evening.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM

WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE AT 7.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

All parishioners are invited to this event. If anyone has an item for the agenda, please contact Fr Vincent or any member of the PC before Wednesday 7th June for consideration. Following the AGM we will have our usual glass of wine and refreshments and the chance to meet one another socially. **PLEASE COME!**

CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

If your child is currently in Year 5 or above and you would like to have your child prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please could you contact Fr. Vincent SCJ or Maria Jenkins (07741 294069) as soon as possible. There will be a meeting with Fr. Vincent and Maria Jenkins on Monday 26th June at 6.30 pm in the Romero Room of the Parish Hall. This will be followed by a meeting at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School on Wednesday 28th June at 6.30 pm. The Confirmation Commitment Mass is on Sunday 2nd July at 10.30 am.

GETTING READY FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 8TH JULY: 1.00 PM - 3.00 PM

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Planning for our summer fair, we need your help to make it a success.

A big thank you to those parishioners who have brought in toiletries over the last two weeks.

How can I continue to help?

- Raffle tickets will shortly be available. You can help by buying raffle tickets for the grand draw and by selling them in large quantities to your friends, neighbours and relatives.
- By provided goods for our various stalls. In particular over the coming six weeks we are seeking items for the following stalls: **Toiletries, Tombola, bric-a-brac and cakes.**

For Sunday 4th and 11th June, can you please bring in any items for our Tombola stall. This is always a great money-spinner, so the more prizes we have the better! These items might be large or small, expensive or cheap, but they must be new and within date: bottles of wine and spirits, bottles and cans of beer or soft drink, gifts of any kind. If you have toiletries to donate but have been slow to bring them in, they too can still be given. There will be a box for you to place your donations in, in the porch as you enter church.

Let's make this the best fair ever!

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has allocated **Wednesday 7th June** to be the day of prayer for vocations at our Church of the Sacred Heart. We are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for an increase in awareness of the vocation of all within the Church. Time can be spent in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00 am until 9.00 pm every Wednesday. Heartfelt thanks to all those loyal to this devotion. All are welcome at any time in the chapel during the day. If anyone is interested in joining the rota for Eucharistic Adoration it would be much appreciated. Please contact Catherine Ingram on 01905 778053.

GENERAL ELECTION 2017

There are copies of "A Letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops" at the back of church.

This letter has the agreement of all the members of the Bishops' Conference and is it hoped the you will find it useful as you prepare to cast your vote on Thursday 8th June.

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

Please could you speak to Father Vincent SCJ or Kate Dalgleish before adding any notices to or removing anything from the noticeboard in the Narthex. Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

There is a selection of First Holy Communion Cards on sale at the religious card stand in the Narthex.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The choir practice for Pentecost is on Tuesday 30th May at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome if you would like to join us.

Main Collection:

£307.15

Gift Aid: £207.35

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 301

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER
AGM**

The CTID AGM is on Wednesday June 7th at 7.30 pm at the Salvation Army Hall. This year's speaker will be Rev. Peter Tibke who was the Deacon at the Sacred Heart church until April 2015. In 2014 Peter became Roman Catholic Chaplain at Long Lartin prison and has since also become Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP Oakwood. Peter will be speaking about his experiences and the challenges that this role presents focusing on Multi-Faith and Ecumenical Teamwork.

THANK YOU

Father Hudson's Care have written to thank all parishioners for your support of the Lenten Alms Appeal 2017. This poster is displayed on the noticeboard.

**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Acts 2: 1-11;

Psalms 103;

*1 Corinthians 12: 3-7,
12-13*

John 20: 19-23

MISSION: RED BOXES

It's the first collection for 2017, so I would be grateful if you could kindly bring in your boxes to Church at your convenience until Sunday 18th of June. The number of "box holders" has been declining for the last couple of years. There is now an urgent need for more parishioners to help this wonderful cause. Please contact Maria or Father Vincent if you would like to become a "Red Box Holder". For all our parishioners that contribute so sincerely on a regular basis I, on behalf of Missio's Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF), would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, generosity and continuing support which brings faith and hope to where they are most needed. Missio have written to thank all for your contributions; a grand total of £913.26 was raised for the whole of 2016. To contact Maria please email goretticruz@msn.com or contact 07525 087415.

KNITTING AND UNDERWEAR FOR REFUGEES

Once again thank you so very much for the great variety of exquisite knitted items and underwear recently donated. All were passed on to the sorting depot on Saturday 6th May. There is still an urgent need for underwear for children and adults (just small to medium sizes). The next collection will be taken on Friday 2nd June. I also passed on all the wool and needles for use in the camps. If anyone wishes to replenish our stocks, items can be placed in the box in the porch.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER WALK - PRAYING FOR THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY**

Churches Together have organised a Prayer Walk to take place around Droitwich Churches on Saturday 3rd June starting at 10.00am. The plan is to walk towards the town centre stopping at churches and other places along the way to pray for Droitwich Town, its people and community. Please see the posters at the back of church for full information. You are welcome to take part for the whole walk or at any point along the way. If you are unable to join us, perhaps you could offer up a prayer during this time for the people and needs of our town.

HUGH DALY

In September, Hugh Daly will be cycling 300 miles in four days from Cork to Giant's Causeway in Ireland to raise money for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Coventry. If you would like to support Hugh by donating to Zoe's Place, please donate either via Hugh's Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Hugh-Daly1 or there are sponsorship forms at the back of church. To find out more about Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and the work that they do, their website is www.zoes-place.org.uk/coventry.

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.