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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

This Week 14th June - 21st June (Psalter Week 3)	Mass Intentions (Mass will be said privately by the Parish Priest)	Other Events
Sunday 14th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A	Mary Josephine McCorry RIP (MM)	7.00 pm: Novena
Monday 15th June Feria in Ordinary Time	Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	7.00 pm: Novena
Tuesday 16th June Feria in Ordinary Time	Bob Turner RIP (ST)	7.00 pm: Novena
Wednesday 17th June Feria in Ordinary Time	For the sick and infirm in the parish	7.00 pm: Novena
Thursday 18th June Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral	Mr & Mrs. Wareham and deceased members of the family (ST)	7.00 pm: Novena
Friday 19th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	7.00 pm: Novena
Saturday 20th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	For the NHS staff, volunteers and carers	
Sunday 21st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	Fr. Terry Luxon RIP The victims of Covid-19 RIP	

“We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with other people. Every act of cruelty towards any creature is “contrary to human dignity”.”

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' (paragraph 92)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell:

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Andrew McDermott, Stella McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Aidan Skinner, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Monsignor Graham Wilkinson.

Please keep all parishioners and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If you would like your name to be included in this list please contact Fr. George SCJ or Kate Dalgleish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS 2020

The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram are live-streaming a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from their parishes in England. A Novena is a very special time of prayer and reflection. As our congregation bears the name of the Sacred Heart and our Founder, St. Michael Garicoits, was keen to spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart please join together with SCJ family for this Novena in honour of the Sacred Heart. We shall draw strength and hope from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially in this unprecedented time in our lives. During the Novena to the Sacred Heart there will be a reflection given by one of the SCJ Fathers and Brothers. We are all invited to pray thanking the Lord for the many graces that God has given to us and to submit personal prayers and intentions for remembrance. The Novena to the Sacred Heart will take place each evening at 7.00 pm until Friday 19th June. Please contact sacredheartdroitwich@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to join the live-streaming and provide your name and either your mobile number or email address.

Please note that the link will be sent out to mobile numbers via What's App within a Sacred Heart WhatsApp group. If you join this WhatsApp group, the information you receive will relate to the Sacred Heart Novena only. Joining the group in the light of this information constitutes consent to receiving information of that nature. If you join this WhatsApp group your number will be known to all other members. You can leave a WhatsApp group at any time by following the WhatsApp procedure to do so. Other members will be aware that you have left the group. Information shared on WhatsApp is shared under WhatsApp's terms and conditions and privacy policy.

CAFOD

We have received the following message from CAFOD:
"Thank you to all parishioners at Sacred Heart & St Catherine of Alexandria for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £397.93 which we received on 29th May 2020. It means so much to us that you have reached out to our brothers and sisters around the world, when life here at home is quite changed. The support of parishes like yours is also the reason why we can be there when an emergency strikes and reach people in urgent need. Thank you so much for being there for our global family."

OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

It is the Government's intention to allow the phased re-opening of the places of worship from Monday 15th June. This will begin with private prayer. In due course there will be the opportunity for public celebration of the Mass. I am sure that we are eagerly awaiting this opportunity. Prior to re-opening the church we need to make sure all the government guidelines are followed so that people can come and pray safely. These guidelines were discussed at the parish council meeting on Wednesday 10th June. The team need a week's preparation to make sure the church is properly equipped with all required safety measures. The aim is that the church will be open for private prayer from 1.00 pm on Sunday 21st June. More information will be given in due course. We need at least two volunteers as stewards at all times in the church. Are you or members of your family or friends (**must** be over 18 years and under 70 years) able to be a steward in the church for one hour at a given time to help us open the church for prayer? If you can help us please contact the parish office via email or by phone for more details. The opening of the church is completely dependent on the availability of the volunteers so please help us to open the church. Thanking you in anticipation of your help. Fr. George Mathew SCJ

GIFT AID

The parish has submitted the Gift Aid claim for 2019/2020. These amounts have now been received and are £1995.00 for the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (loose collections) and £10,728.04 for the main Gift Aid claim. Thank you all for your generosity to the Sacred Heart Church.

USEFUL LINKS

BDES: CATHOLIC EDUCATION

<https://www.bdes.org.uk/resources-for-prayer-and-learning.html>
<https://www.bdes.org.uk/shared-resources-from-diocesan-schools.html>

CAFOD

www.cafod.org.uk

CTS BOOKS

www.ctsbooks.org

VATICAN WEBSITE

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

ALIVE PUBLISHING

<https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

PATHWAYS TO GOD

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/resources>

CATHOLIC SATELLITE TV (EWTN)

Catholic Satellite TV(EWTN) on Sky TV channel 588, broadcasts daily Mass at 1.00 pm, 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm and it has 24 hours of different programs which will be helpful for us all in this time. EWTN is also available on other digital platforms.

MARYVALE SACRED HEART NOVENA

All are invited to join online for the Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart at Maryvale Institute. There will be a Mass, Sermon and Novena live streamed each evening at 8.00 pm until Friday 19th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart). Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 21st June at 11.00 am (on the day the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place). It will be live streamed from St. Chad's Cathedral. Full details, and how to access each event, are available on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/join-online-maryvale-sacred-heart-novena>

"The Lord himself will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forget you. Don't be afraid and don't worry."

Deuteronomy 31: 8

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Please visit www.cbcew.org.uk/ for resources including news articles, links to streamed Masses, podcasts and prayers. There is also a reflection *In Times of Darkness* that can be found on their homepage.

DROITWICH SVP

Sacred Heart SVP can be contacted on 0777 292 7535 or at droitwichsvp@googlemail.com.

DROITWICH CATENIANS

Fellow Catholic parishioners – please come and join us!

The Catenians are a Catholic association for men and their families, strengthening family life through friendship and faith. Our Droitwich Circle welcomes new members. For further information, contact **Mike Nott** on **07756 876269**.

FOODBANK

Foodbank would be very grateful for any donations. Whilst the church is closed there are collection points in Droitwich at Waitrose and Morrisons.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Online donations can be made at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work> and would be gratefully received. Please select Droitwich if you wish to donate to the Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

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What is Eucharist for You?

A team of Russians and Americans were on a common expedition. Among their cabin foodstuff was Russian black bread. It was tasty but hard on the teeth. During a meal an American bit into a piece and snapped a tooth. He threw the bread overboard and growled: "Lousy Communist bread". The Russian countered: "It is not lousy communist bread, but a shaky capitalist tooth". Some of us may complain in a similar manner about the Eucharist being useless. However, if we do not experience the transforming power of the Eucharist it is not on account of the Eucharist but on account of our shaky faith and lack of understanding of what the Eucharist really means.

The feast of Corpus Christi is usually thought to be the feast of the Eucharist and while this is certainly true, it would be a mistake to restrict the understanding of the feast to the ritual of the Eucharist. The feast goes beyond the ritual to life itself, just as the Eucharist does. The Eucharist is both a sacrament and a sacrifice. The Eucharist is a sacrament, an outward sign in and through which we meet Christ who shares his life of grace with us. Through signs of bread and wine He nourishes and strengthens us for our journey through life. We see with human eyes what looks like bread and wine. We see with eyes of faith, not bread and wine, but the risen, living Lord Jesus. The Eucharist is a sacrifice, the representation or reliving of Christ's sacrificial death on Good Friday and of his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The scripture readings today stress how God made a covenant with His people first through Moses and then, finally and forever, through Christ, a covenant sealed and ratified by his blood. This covenant or bond of love between God and us is renewed and deepened through and in every Eucharist or Mass.

The second reading today, from Paul, is the earliest recorded story of anything Jesus did. And that earliest story is about a meal, the Last Supper, which Jesus shared with his disciples. In a very particular way, he made that meal a way to remember him. It brings forward his sacrifice and death and resurrection, his fellowship and unity with us, and everything he taught us. And he did not want his followers to eat it just once that night but to do it again and again, so that we continue to remember.

St. Augustine often stressed to his parishioners a unique quality of the Eucharistic food. The ordinary food we eat, he says, becomes part of us. We are what we eat. But partaking of the Eucharist, we become part of Jesus. We become more Christlike, more patient and kind, more forgiving and understanding. We still live our ordinary daily lives, but it is Our Lord who inspires our attitudes and actions. We begin to see people and events through his eyes, to think as he did. When Jesus was on this earth, he used his own hands to reach out to people, but when he wants to feed the poor today, he uses my hands, your hands to do this.

Surely we hunger and thirst for something new when we share in the grief, anger, misery and neglect of the impoverished, the unjustly accused and victims of violence caused by religious intolerance, ethnic hatred, terrorism and racism. We are hungry indeed for peace and thirsty for reconciliation in this, our troubled world. We are hungry and thirsty for a new world, a world where we will look one another in the eye and recognise the kinship of sisters and brothers who are all children of God. The promise of this new world is set forth in the strongest possible terms when Jesus declares, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them".

This feast, then, of the Body of Christ, sums up three important confessions of our faith. First, and most important, God became physically present in the person of Christ - true God and true Man. Secondly, God continues to be present in His people as they form the Mystical Body of Christ in his Church. Thirdly, God becomes present in the form of bread and wine on the altar at Mass. Eucharist, then, should not remain simply a "going to" or "taking of" that begins and ends in the sanctuary. It should become the deepest expression of our communion with Christ.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ