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Today's Mass Readings

Acts 2: 1-11;

Psalms 103;

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

John 20: 19-23

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

This Week 23rd May - 30th May Psalter Week 4	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 23rd May SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST Year B	8.30 am Patricia Watkins RIP (KG) 10.30 am Siwan Smith RIP (CP) 6.00 pm Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD)	Day of Prayer for the Church 12 Noon Baptism
Monday 24th May Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church	9.15 am Fr. Owen O'Neal RIP (C & PI)	
Tuesday 25th May Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am Rose Pearce RIP (SS)	
Wednesday 26th May Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest	9.15 am Margaret Tayler - 80th Birthday (CP)	10.00 am - 12 Noon: Day of Adoration and Prayer for Vocations
Thursday 27th May Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.15 am Zita McConnell RIP (PW)	
Friday 28th May Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Aleyamma Joseph RIP (SR)	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
Saturday 29th May The Solemnity of Dedication	11.00 am Patricia Watkins RIP (ML) 1.00 pm Wedding	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 30th May SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Year B	8.30 am Patricia Watkins RIP (KG) 10.30 am James Goodhusband RIP (BB) 6.00 pm Frida Ebika Arrey RIP (D)	Day of Prayer for the Church 12 Noon Baptism

“For this reason, it is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others. Good politics combines love with hope and with confidence in the reserves of goodness present in human hearts.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 196)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and
renew the face of the earth.

6.00 pm: Send forth your Spirit O Lord, that the face of the
earth be renewed.

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, Sheila Manion, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Stella
McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith,
Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman,
Richard Wightman & Monsignor Graham Wilkinson.

**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 Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also
placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Dennis O'Hara** who died recently. May his soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace. Please keep his family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming from the Sacred Heart Church has been installed. Please
make use of this to participate in Mass and other events if you are unable
to attend church. The live stream can now be viewed via our own website
on the homepage. The front pew may be visible, if you do not want your
image to be part of the live stream then please sit further back in the
church. Thank you very much for your generous donations towards the
cost of the live streaming camera. So far we have received £1,017.81. The
total cost of the installation was £5,076. Any additional donations would be
greatly appreciated. Donations can be made by cash or by cheque; for bank
transfers please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

FATHER HUDSON'S VOLUNTEERS & GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

Father Hudson's are looking to recruit an ambassador in each parish. The
volunteer will be provided with training to speak to groups as well as
regular updates from Father Hudson's to enable them to share news and
stories comfortably and confidently. If anyone is interested please contact
libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk. The Good Shepherd Mass will be
celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley on Tuesday 25th May and live
streamed from St. Chad's in Birmingham. If you would like to join this
online event, please email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk. 2

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish for your child to be prepared to receive this Sacrament in the summer 2021, please would you contact Fr. George SCJ as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents and children will take place in May, date and time will be announced in due course. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions in place, this year the children being prepared by the parish will receive their First Holy Communion separately from the children at St. Joseph's. The First Holy Communion Mass for children prepared in the parish will take place sometime before the school summer holidays.

COVID-19

Mass continues to be open to the public. We would like to remind all parishioners to ensure that you fully observe the rules that are in place at the Sacred Heart Church. It is especially important that you keep your distance from those not in your household or bubble and leave promptly after Mass. We appreciate your co-operation in helping us keep those who attend Mass safe from Covid-19.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much for the exquisite blankets, hats, scarves and baby/toddler jumpers and cardigans so beautifully crafted and packaged. Thank you also for the underwear and miscellaneous items so kindly purchased. The donations are being sent to Bosnia by Agape, a Birmingham based charity. They will let us know as and when they are shipping goods in the future. Therefore, please could you keep any items at home until we have the next date. Once again, thank you for your continual support which is so appreciated and heart warming.

CAFOD



As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

FOODBANK

There is a new wish list that has been distributed via email and is on the website. Fortnightly collections from the Sacred Heart Church resumed on Tuesday 20th April. Thank you for your generosity.



Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself completely to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

G7 SUMMIT

CAFOD has asked us all to pray for the success of G7 summit taking place in Cornwall, UK from Thursday 10th until Saturday 12th June, and to contact our MP's for support in this. The three aims of the summit are: how best to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, dropping the debt of developing world countries, and cutting the greenhouse gas emissions round the world. Big subjects, big prayers. Thank you. Justice and Peace Group.

SOWER

The Pentecost edition of The Sower magazine is now available from church and online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Father George and the many parishioners for the gifts, cards and good wishes for our Golden Wedding Anniversary. God Bless you all.
Steve & Sue Rawlings

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**Main Collection
(Sunday 9th May):
£310.20**

**Gift Aid (Sunday 16th
May): £126.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday (church
capacity with social
distancing 1m + = 80)**

8.30 am: 65

10.30 am: 68

6.00 pm: 49

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Retiring Collection
for Catholic
Communications:**

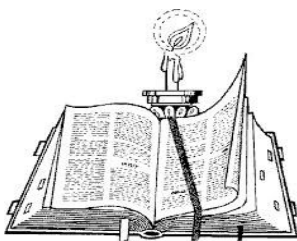
Gift Aid: £104.50

**Additional
donations for
the Clergy Training
Fund:**

£197.30

Gift Aid: £20.00

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

*Deuteronomy 4:
32-34, 39-40;*

Psalms 32;

Romans 8: 14-17;

Matthew 28: 16-20

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.

Come Holy Spirit!

The feast of the Pentecost marks the official beginning of the Church. As promised by Jesus before his Ascension into Heaven, the Holy Spirit comes down on the apostles at Pentecost and it transforms, sanctifies and strengthens them. The Apostles become supercharged people and they go out and win a world for their Master - Jesus. Can we not do the same? Didn't you and I receive the same Holy Spirit at our Baptism and Confirmation? Yes, we did receive the Holy Spirit and, yes, we can do what the Apostles did, if we but allow the Spirit to work within us.

Today's readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. It's an event that will happen in our lives every day, if we will. An old beggar lay on his deathbed. He called his youngest son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips and said, "Son, I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junk yard of a rich lady". After his father's death, the son continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the young man's bowl and he was surprised to hear a familiar clinking sound. "Let me check your bowl," the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar's bowl was made of pure gold. "My dear young man," he said, "why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least 30 thousand dollars." Aren't we too oftentimes like that young beggar who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl? Don't we fail to recognize the power of the Holy Spirit, especially the power of his gifts and charisms in our lives?

Pentecost marked the beginning of the end. It ended the timidity and indifference of the apostles, it ended fear and confusion, it ended compromise and half-heartedness, it ended doing divine activity under the influence of man's wisdom and efforts. At Pentecost, Peter possessed a personality totally influenced by the Spirit of God that enabled him to preach what he believed and live what he preached. His preaching at Pentecost was a tremendous exhibition and illustration of the Spirit's power, a mandatory qualification to become a witness to Jesus Christ.

A genuine experience of Pentecost inspires us to ask, like Peter's listeners, "What shall we do?" The answer is simple: Resolve to reject our old self, the routine ways of living our lives, and accept a new self-given by the Holy Spirit. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to fill every area of our lives our minds, words, relationships, attitude and character to ever remain and live under His divine influence. Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people. Frozen in our prayer life. Frozen in the way we relate with one another. Frozen in the way we celebrate our faith." Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"