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Today's Mass Readings

Exodus 24: 3-8;

Psalm 115;

Hebrews 9: 11-15;

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

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

This Week 6th June - 13th June Psalter Week 2	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 6th June SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Year B	8.30 am Isabella Read RIP (M.M) 10.30 am Rose Pearce RIP (CI) 6.00 pm Dennis O'Hara RIP (I & MM)	
Monday 7th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am For the healing of an offence caused to another (KL)	
Tuesday 8th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Andrew Tooby RIP (AK)	
Wednesday 9th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Private Intention (I & MM)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 10th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Bridget Bullock	
Friday 11th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.15 am George Howard RIP (DS)	After morning Mass: Novena to the Sacred Heart
Saturday 12th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	11.00 am First Holy Communion Mass (St. Joseph's School)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 13th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Mary Josephine McCorry RIP (MM) 10.30 am Intentions of Anne King (LH) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	

"...the media's noisy potpourri of facts and opinions is often an obstacle to dialogue, since it lets everyone cling stubbornly to his or her own ideas, interests and choices, with the excuse that everyone else is wrong. It becomes easier to discredit and insult opponents from the outset than to open a respectful dialogue aimed at achieving agreement on a deeper level. Worse, this kind of language, usually drawn from media coverage of political campaigns, has become so widespread as to be part of daily conversation."

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 201)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call
On the Lord's name.

6.00 pm: The cup of salvation I will raise (Mike Anderson).

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. The Requiem Mass will be at 11.00 am on Tuesday 15th June
followed by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium at 12.15 pm 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 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.

GIFT AID DONATIONS TAX YEAR 2020-2021

We have just submitted the tax rebate claim for the above tax year. A big
thank you to all parishioners for your amazing generosity. Our gift aided
donations in the year were £45,874. This was an increase over the previous
year of £200. Your thoughtfulness, care and support for the parish is much
appreciated. Even though many of you were not able to attend the church
due to the Covid restrictions, you continued your financial support. It's a
great result and so appreciated. Thank you also to Gerry for coordinating
the gift aid donations.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In preparation for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, on
Friday 11th June there will be Novena to the Sacred Heart after morning
Mass.

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.

FATHER HUDSON'S VOLUNTEERS

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.

WE NEVER WALK ALONE BY MSG. ALEX REBELLO

Mgr. Alex Rebello has beautifully produced the above book. We Never Walk Alone has its literary locus in the present pandemic and is meant to offer comfort and courage to meet the challenges that have arisen there from. That is the reason why it has been dedicated to the victims who fell to and the warriors who continue to battle against the virus. The opusculum is priced at £3 each. The book is on sale at the back of the church. All royalties from the sale of the book will be set aside for the education of children in Mumbai.

CAFOD



Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how

to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

There will be First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th June at 11.00 am for children at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Please note that due to the children and their families attending these Masses and the current restrictions on numbers, attendance at Mass may not be possible for parishioners. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Thank you to all those who donated. £100 was raised for pro-life charities.

Bridget Bullock

SAVE THE DATE

*Centenary
Celebration*

Mass:

*Saturday 9th
October at
3.00 pm*

*Registered as a
Charity, Birmingham
Roman Catholic
Diocesan Trustees:
Registered Charity
Number 234216.*

**Main Collection
(Sunday 23rd May):
£200.50**

**Gift Aid (Sunday 30th
May): £225.00**

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

8.30 am: 65

10.30 am: 80

6.00 pm: 41

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for Sunday 6th June that has been distributed via email and is on the website. Fortnightly collections from the Sacred Heart Church have now resumed. Thank you for your generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Ezekiel 17: 22-24;

Psalms 91;

2 Corinthians 5 : 6-10;

Mark 4: 26-34

This is My Body, this is My Blood

Dear Brothers and Sisters, today we celebrate the Feast of the Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the special Sunday in which our Mother Church asks us to reflect on the fundamental mystery of our faith, the greatest of all Sacraments, the Holy Eucharist. It is a day reminiscent of the Holy Thursday. In the Gospel of Luke 9:11-17 Jesus performed a miracle by feeding five thousand. This miracle is preparing for the greatest New Testament miracle, the Eucharist. Jesus performed the same four actions over the bread and fish when he multiplied them as he would do later over the bread during the Last Supper; He took the bread and fish, said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to his disciples. In the first miracle Jesus gives physical food and at Last Supper He gave Himself for us.

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of faith. We will see here in this Mass as we do in every Mass the Sacred Host after the consecration, it is held up by the priest for the adoration of the people. "Adoration" in which we look at the host and say this is Jesus, this is God. My Lord and my God as St. Thomas said. Yet, if you take the host after the consecration and put it next to a host before the consecration, they look the same, taste the same, smell the same and they will have the same amount of weight as before. It is as if all the senses are deceived. St. Thomas Aquinas in his famous Eucharistic hymn Adoro Te Divote refers to this by saying, "Seeing, touching and tasting are in the deceived. What says trust in hearing, that shall be believed. What God's Son told me to take for truth, I do." True Himself speak truly or there is nothing true. St. Thomas continues, "We don't get what Eucharist is through any of the senses, except through one, the ears, because with our ears we hear our Lord say, as those first disciples heard Him say, This is truly my flesh given to you to eat, this is my blood given to drink "

We can see this in St. Paul's first letter to Corinthians 11:23-26, we can see the description of the Last Supper that is very precious to us because it is the oldest account of the Last Supper in the Scriptures, written even before the Gospels. Jesus did not say, "This is a symbol of my body" or "This represents my body" but Jesus said, "This is my body, This is my blood." Transubstantiation is the name we give to the bread and wine changing into the body and blood of Jesus while maintaining the appearance of bread and wine. Transubstantiation, the substance is transformed while maintaining its external appearance of bread and wine. The substance is changed while the matter remains the same. During my priestly ministry, many Christian brethren have asked me, why the Eucharist is reserved only for Catholics, why can't I have it?. Because, Holy Eucharist should be received by the one who truly believes that it is the real body and blood of Christ. The one who receives Holy Communion makes an intimate communion with Christ and His Church. This intimacy is possible only through faith not by any other means. Therefore, the Catholic Church insists five things to keep in mind for the worthy reception of Holy Communion. (1) Receive the Eucharist in a state of grace. Can. 916 "A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or to receive the Body of the Lord without prior Sacramental confession" (2) Observe the 1-hour Eucharistic fast. (3) Prepare spiritually and arrive at Mass a few minutes early (4) Make an act of reverence before receiving the Eucharist (5) Make a prayer of thanksgiving after receiving Communion. These are not mere recommendation but a necessary requirement to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments. May God bless us all to receive him worthy in the Eucharist. 4

Fr. George Mathew SC