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### Today's Mass Readings

Ezekiel 17: 22-24;

Psalm 91;

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10;

Mark 4: 26-34

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

This Week 13th June - 20th June Psalter Week 3	Mass Intentions	Other Events
<b>Sunday 13th June</b> 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 For all the Parishioners at Sacred Heart (LM)	
<b>Monday 14th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Dennis O'Hara RIP (BB)	
<b>Tuesday 15th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Gino RIP (BB) 11.00 am Requiem Mass	
<b>Wednesday 16th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Mass for the People of India (LH)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
<b>Thursday 17th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am David & Betty Holden - 60th Wedding Anniversary	
<b>Friday 18th June</b> Dedication of the Cathedral, Feast	9.15 am Dennis O'Hara RIP (LH)	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
<b>Saturday 19th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am First Holy Communion Mass (St. Joseph's School) 1.30 pm First Holy Communion Mass (St. Joseph's School)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b> 6.00 pm: FHC Meeting
<b>Sunday 20th June</b> Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Retiring Collection for Day for Life	8.30 am Fr. Terry Luxon RIP (MM) 10.30 am Special Intention (MM) 6.00 pm Walter Duddington RIP (JD)	Day for Life

*“Authentic social dialogue involves the ability to respect the other's point of view and to admit that it may include legitimate convictions and concerns. Based on their identity and experience, others have a contribution to make, and it is desirable that they should articulate their positions for the sake of a more fruitful public debate.”*

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 203)

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.  
6.00 pm: To be announced during Mass.

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### 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.**

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### RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Dennis O'Hara** and **Anne-Marie Bourne** who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Dennis O'Hara will be at 11.00 am on Tuesday 15th June followed by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium at 12.15 pm. The Funeral Service for Anne-Marie Bourne will be at 12 Noon on Tuesday 22nd June followed by a burial at St. Mary's Churchyard. Please keep their families and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

### CASHLESS GIVING

During the current Covid 19 pandemic, the trend towards cashless giving and online payments using credit and debit cards has become more popular. We have decided to make these payment options available to parishioners and visitors who may wish to donate. We expect them to be available within the church and on our website in the coming weeks. Donations by cash, standing order and using Gift Aid envelopes will also remain an option. In the church there will be a cashless giving terminal with a tap and go facility. This will be set up to give the option of donating for general parish funds (the first collection), specific fundraising collections, mass offerings and charitable/second collections when they occur. Gift Aid payments will also be possible. Once operational, the payment system will also enable fast payments to be made. An online link will also be available to make payments through our website. This system is already in use within many churches in our diocese and has proved to be very popular with parishioners and visitors. We will provide more information on this when the facility has been made available.

## 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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

First Holy Communion preparation for the children who do not go to St. Joseph's School will start on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 am in the Parish Hall . There will be a meeting with parents on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00 pm in the parish hall. If anybody have not given their name yet please contact the parish office and register the name as soon as possible.

## 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.

## YOUTH GROUP

The parish will be launching the new youth group shortly. Some time ago there was a canvass of parishioners and several offers of financial support. Those parishioners who were willing to do this, if you are still in a position to help please can you think about a either a one off donation or if possible a regular standing order. Its the parish intention to make the youth group an integral part of parish life and to do this it will need proper funding. Any support both in time volunteered or financial will make a difference to what can be offered to our young parishioners. Please contact Fr George or Matthew Hartley (youth group leader) and if you want your donation to go through the gift aid scheme, Gerry Ceclich.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

There will be First Holy Communion Mass on 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 this Mass and the current restrictions on numbers, attendance at Mass may not be possible for parishioners in the church. If any parishioners would like to attend the Mass we will be broadcasting in the parish hall. Holy Communion will be distributed in the Hall as well. 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.*

## *SAVE THE DATE*

*Centenary  
Celebration*

*Mass:*

*Saturday 9th*

*October at*

*3.00 pm*



## **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.

## **ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE**

Thank you to all those who donated. £200 was raised for pro-life charities.

Bridget Bullock

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

**Main Collection  
(Sunday 30th May):  
£192.55**

**Gift Aid (Sunday 7th  
June): £305.40**

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

**8.30 am: 70**

**10.30 am: 72**

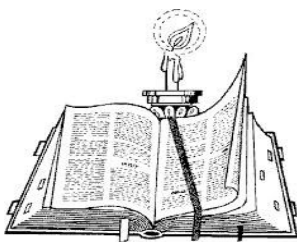
**6.00 pm: 48**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Additional donation  
for Catholic  
Communications**

**Gift Aid: £5.00**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**



**Next Sunday's Mass**

**Readings**

*Job 38: 1, 8-11;*

*Psalms 106;*

*2 Corinthians 5:*

*14-17;*

*Mark 4: 35-41*

*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.*

### *We Walk by Faith and not by Sight*

There are three distinctive cultures we can find in this world in which we live today. Where in each culture we can see some sort of manipulations by people who conveniently do it for selfish reason. They are economic, religious and political cultures. Economic culture is manipulated by money. Religious culture is manipulated by some wrong theories about God and political culture is manipulated by power. It is in this context we are reflecting about today's liturgy.

St. Paul in our second reading tell us that we walk by faith and not by sight. Our entire Christian life is summarized by this very phrase because faith has the power to transcend beyond human intellect. Therefore, faith gives the primary orientation and direction to Christian life. Although, we cannot fully comprehend the will of the God, we show our faith by aligning our will with God's will, a kind of Faith Seeking understanding as St. Thomas Aquinas would put it. It is perhaps the most difficult part of being a Christian - to understand God's will contrary to the understanding of the world where people look for tangible evidence for everything that affects human life. Putting aside our own wills, our own desires, and our own self-interest, which seems against normal human nature, to do His work. That is the faith Paul is propagating. A faith that goes beyond physical world realities.

Jesus uses two parables to describe this point clearer. The kingdom he invites us to is a simple and peaceful one which grows gradually and steadily. It is open to all who seek it with a sincere heart. God maintains and sustains everything within it. The focus of this parable is not on the work of the farmer who planted the seeds, but on the work of the seed, which obtains its growth from a mysterious source and grows so slowly that one can hardly notice it. In this kingdom, God is present and doing His part in a manner that we can hardly explain or see. Yet, His invisible work is seen in the nature. The only thing we need to do is simply to plant a seed of faith in Jesus, and God himself will do the rest. Again, in the second parable, the mustard seed which is the smallest seed refers to our faith as Christians, in relation to the Kingdom of God. Therefore, Jesus tells us that: "If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed...nothing will be impossible for you (Mtt 17, 20)." Faith grows and when it does, it achieves great things. To be a man of faith we need not become a theologian or a scholar on spirituality but simply believe that Jesus My Lord and God that is all matters. When we grow in faith we not only grow as an individual but as a community. This is what Jesus means in the parable: "The birds of the air come to take shelter under its branches." Our faith in Jesus should give shelter to the people who are in need of some comfort in their sorrow and despair, in pain and in brokenness. The liturgy of the word tells us never give up on God. Always walk by faith and not by sight. May God bless you!