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### Today's Mass Readings

*Job 38: 1, 8-11;*

*Psalms 106;*

*2 Corinthians 5: 14-17;*

*Mark 4: 35-41*

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

This Week 20th June - 27th June Psalter Week 4	Mass Intentions	Other Events
<b>Sunday 20th June</b> <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year B</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
<b>Monday 21st June</b> Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
<b>Tuesday 22nd June</b> Feast of Ss. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs	9.15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB) 12.00 Noon Funeral Service 7.00 pm Confirmation Mass	
<b>Wednesday 23rd June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Siwan Smith RIP (CP)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
<b>Thursday 24th June</b> Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	9.15 am Michael O'Grady RIP (CE)	
<b>Friday 25th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
<b>Saturday 26th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am:</b> <b>Confessions</b> 10.00 am: FHC Preparation
<b>Sunday 27th June</b> <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year B</b> Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am Loughlin Gerrard Gerry RIP (AB) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	

*"We need constantly to ensure that present-day forms of communication are in fact guiding us to generous encounter with others, to honest pursuit of the whole truth, to service, to closeness to the underprivileged and to the promotion of the common good."*

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 205)

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## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love  
endures for ever.**

**6.00 pm: O give thanks to the Lord.**

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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 Dalgleish. 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 **Anne-Marie Bourne** who died recently. May her  
soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest  
in peace. The Funeral Service will be at 12 Noon on Tuesday 22nd June  
followed by a burial at St. Mary's Churchyard. The service will be live  
streamed and with the new guidelines on funerals, we are allowed to have  
90 people in our church. If you wish to attend the service you are welcome.  
Please keep her family 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.

## DAY FOR LIFE

Today we celebrate *Day for Life*. This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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 .

## 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 for all the donations received towards the live streaming camera. These are much appreciated.

## 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.

### *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.

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

Main Collection  
(Sunday 6th June):  
£245.86

Gift Aid (Sunday 13th  
June): £102.00

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

8.30 am: 73

10.30 am: 74

6.00 pm: 41

Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.



### Next Sunday's Mass

#### Readings

Wisdom 1: 13-11,

2: 23-24;

Psalms 29;

2 Corinthians 8:

7, 9, 13-15;

Mark 5: 21-43

*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.*

### *Our Lord knows, that we are in trouble*

My dear friends, you must have heard a story about a priest who was on a long haul flight. It was close to the destination when came the announcement, "Please fasten your seat belts as we are expecting a little turbulence". Soon enough, a storm had broken out, lightning lit up the dark sky and within a moment that great airplane was being tossed around in the air. The priest looked around and saw that all the passengers began to panic. Some started praying and others wondered if they would make it through the storm? Except a little girl sitting ahead was happy and calm as ever. It was as if the turbulence meant nothing to her and she was reading a book. The priest could not believe the extraordinary calmness seen in her. At last, the plane reached its destination safely. The priest was curious to speak to her, that why such a terrible situation did not seem to bother her. With a smiling expression she replied, "Sir, why should I be worried when my father is the pilot of this plane and he is taking me home". The little girl had complete confidence in her pilot dad. Do we have the same confidence in our all-powerful dad in heaven?

Storms are part of the lived human experiences. There is no life without a storm. This storm can take various dimensions to stare us in the face. In today's first reading we hear of God's response to Job's complaints about the numerous and almost incessant storms in his life (Job 38, 1; 8-11). We are aware from the scriptures that how calamities after calamity befell Job who is reputed as a faithful man of God (Job 1, 13-22). And after much endurance of it all, he decided to confront God for an answer to his problems (Job 3,11; 7, 20; 13, 3).

So today God took out time to respond to him, certainly not as Job would have loved to have it, but God rather went by way of posing questions to Job. These questions, as seen in today's reading, highlights the mighty power and greatness of God over all his creatures. Of course, the world and all it contains including the wind and the seas are the work of his hands and are subject to his Command (Psalm 24, 1-2). In today's Gospel, Jesus exercised this power of God to put everything under control by rebuking the wind and commanding the sea to be still (Mark 4, 39). Jesus exercised this power because He is God, indicating that he has come into the world to calm the storms of our lives and bring about peace in our troubled situations. Like Job in the first reading, the disciples here began to panic as we usually do in the face of challenges and called out in fear: "Lord, don't you care if we drown?". Who says that the Lord does not care about our wellbeing? He does and always will do. All we need do as Jesus pointed out, is to trust and have faith in the power of God to save us (Mk 4, 40).

God always delivers to those who put their trust in him and even when he is seemingly silent, he is doing something for our good. As we renew our trust in the Lord this day, may our faith never fail us. And may the Lord calm every storm raging in our lives. God bless us.