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### Today's Mass Readings

Wisdom 1: 13-11, 2: 23-24;  
Psalm 29;  
2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15;  
Mark 5: 21-43

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

This Week 27th June - 4th July Psalter Week 1	Mass Intentions	Other Events
<b>Sunday 27th June</b> Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year 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	
<b>Monday 28th June</b> Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr	9.15 am Dennis O'Hara (MR)	
<b>Tuesday 29th June</b> Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles	9.15 am Thanksgiving and Special Intention (DT)	
<b>Wednesday 30th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Frida Ebika Egbe Arrey	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
<b>Thursday 1st July</b> Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	9.15 am Brenda O'Keeffe (JC)	
<b>Friday 2nd July</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Anne-Marie Bourne RIP (AM)	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
<b>Saturday 3rd July</b> Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle	11.00 am Anna, Michael & Charlie Wilson (EK)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions</b> 10.00 am: FHC Preparation
<b>Sunday 4th July</b> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Fr. Terry Luxon RIP (MM) 10.30 am Francis Ryan (LR) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	

*"Is it possible to be concerned for truth, to seek the truth that responds to life's deepest meaning?...Murder is not wrong simply because it is socially unacceptable and punished by law, but because of a deeper conviction. This is a non-negotiable truth attained by the use of reason and accepted in conscience. A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most basic of truths."*

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 207))

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued  
me.**

**6.00 pm: I will praise you Lord you will rescue me.**

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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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**SECOND COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE**

In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his  
charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to  
support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims  
of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This collection is an opportunity to  
join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers  
and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

**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.

## 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.

## THANK YOU

The family of Dennis O'Hara would like to thank everyone who made the Requiem Mass so special. We are also touched by the many kind wishes and Mass cards received at this sad time.

## MIRACLES COME TO MALVERN - SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

St Joseph's Catholic Church in Newtown Road, Malvern, will be exhibiting the Eucharistic miracles researched by Blessed Carlo Acutis over the weekend of Friday 25th to Sunday 27th June. All are welcome to attend this free exhibition.

### *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.

## JOB VACANCY

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is advertising the role of Data Compliance Manager. If you are interesting in applying for the role the information is on our website and has also been distributed by email with this newsletter.

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Charity, Birmingham  
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Number 234216.*

**Main Collection  
(Sunday 13th June):  
£267.20**

**Gift Aid (Sunday 20th  
June): £121.00**

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

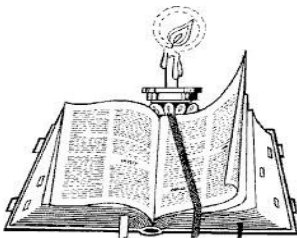
**8.30 am: 62**

**10.30 am: 77**

**6.00 pm: 57**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**The Retiring  
Collection for  
Day for Life raised:  
Gift Aid: £88.50  
Thank you for your  
generosity.**



### **Next Sunday's Mass**

#### **Readings**

*Ezekiel 2: 2-5;*

*Psalm 122;*

*2 Corinthians 12:*

*7-10;*

*Mark 6: 1-6*

*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.*

### ***Believe and Live!***

"Everyone wants to go to heaven, but no one wants to die". This statement of a wit brings out the fear that many have of death. However, the readings of today, though they speak about death, regard death as something that is not to be feared if one believes in a God who is the giver and sustainer of life.

The first reading, from the book of Wisdom, makes this point emphatically when it states that death cannot be part of God's original plan because God does not act only to see his work end in corruption. The purpose of creation is not death, but life, and the natural orientation of all created things is life. This is true especially of humans who alone are created in the image and likeness of God.

That God gives life and sustains it is brought out even more powerfully in the Gospel text of today. Since Jairus' daughter is at the "point of death", Jesus must not tarry, but hurry, if she is to be saved. Yet, Jesus tarries because he knows that the basic orientation of the human is not death, but life, and that God's power over death will prevail. Jesus tarries, confident in the knowledge that he can, indeed, raise the dead. Jesus tarries because he knows that he is the giver of life. This gift of life is given, not only to Jairus' daughter but, also to the woman with the flow of blood who, though not dead, had reached a stage when she was tempted to give up on life. She had reached the end of her tether; her last hope was the Lord. She was not disappointed. She received healing. She received life.

The Psalmist sings the words that the woman, Jairus, and his daughter, would have wanted to sing. They have indeed been rescued by the Lord. He has liberated them from all bondage. He has saved them from death. The challenge of the readings of today may be summed up in the words "persevering faith". This means that there may be numerous times when we are faced with death-like situations. These are situations when, like the woman in the gospel story, we have done all that is required of us and there seems to be nothing more that we can do. These are situations when, like Jairus, we have nowhere to turn. It is at times like these when we may tend to give up and give in. However, like the woman, and like Jairus, we are called never to give up or give in because the God we believe in is a God of everything that is positive, a God who never gives up on us, a God of life. Since he is also a God who gives and does not hold anything back, we who are created in his image and likeness cannot live selfish, self-centred lives. Like Paul invited the Corinthians, we, too, are invited to live lives filled with faith, a faith which is shown in action.

God bless you all. Fr. George Mathew SCJ.