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Today's Mass Readings

Ezekiel 2: 2-5;

Psalm 122;

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10;

Mark 6: 1-6

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

This Week 4th July - 11th July Psalter Week 2	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 4th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Fr. Terry Luxon RIP (MM) 10.30 am Francis Ryan (LR) 6.00 pm Evelyn Glossop RIP (BB)	
Monday 5th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Anne-Marie Bourne RIP (BB)	
Tuesday 6th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Mariyakutty Francis RIP (J & MF)	
Wednesday 7th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 8th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Mae & Angus Thomson 60th Wedding Anniversary	
Friday 9th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Mary Leason RIP (MB)	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
Saturday 10th July Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Canon Giles Goward RIP (MB)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 10.00 am: FHC Preparation
Sunday 11th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Retiring Collection for Apostleship of the Sea	8.30 am Vincenza Eaton RIP (MF) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	

"What is now happening, and drawing us into a perverse and barren way of thinking, is the reduction of ethics and politics to physics. Good and evil no longer exist in themselves; there is only a calculus of benefits and burdens. As a result of the displacement of moral reasoning, the law is no longer seen as reflecting a fundamental notion of justice but as mirroring notions currently in vogue. Breakdown ensues: everything is "leveled down" by a superficial bartered consensus. In the end, the law of the strongest prevails."

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 210))

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us
his mercy.

6.00 pm: I lift up mine eyes O I lift up mine eyes, I lift up
mine eyes to the Lord. From whence shall come my
help, from whence shall come my help? I lift up mine
eyes to the Lord.

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 & Phil Yates.

**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.**

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.

DIOCESAN VISION

You may recall a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley was read
out at Mass a few weeks ago. It outlined the vision for the Archdiocese as
we move forward. Leaflets explaining The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's
Plan will be available to take away and a copy is available on the website
and has been emailed with this newsletter. Please pick up a copy for
yourself, and take copies for those who are unable to come to Mass. More
information on the Vision is available on the Diocesan
website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision.

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.

DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION (PARISH CHILDREN)

The FHC preparation sessions will be held on following days:

- July: Saturday 3rd, Saturday 10th & Saturday 17th
- September: Saturday 4th, Saturday 11th, Saturday 18th & Saturday 25th
- October: Saturday 2nd, Saturday 9th & Saturday 16th
- November: Saturday 6th, Saturday 13th & Saturday 27th

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 4th December at 11.00 am.

ST. JOSEPH'S CARE HOME

Situated in the beautiful surroundings of rural Warwickshire, St Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just *how home feels*. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered and would be interested in more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ1 and contact Care Home Manager Shelley Perryman on 01675 434559, email shelleyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk or visit our website at www.stjosephscarehome.co.uk

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.

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 4th July that has been distributed via email and is on the website. 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.

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

**Main Collection
(Sunday 20th June):
£245.94**

**Gift Aid (Sunday 27th
June): £156.00**

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

8.30 am: 66

10.30 am: 66

6.00 pm: 40

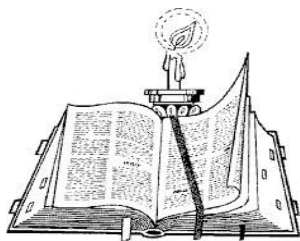
**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The Retiring
Collection for
Day for Life raised:
£93.30**

**The Retiring
Collection for
Peter's Pence raised:**

Gift Aid: £124.00

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings**

Amos 7: 12-15;

Psalms 84;

Ephesians 1: 3-14;

Mark 6: 7-13

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.

Do I know really?

On this 14th Sunday of the year the scripture readings tell us that Jesus, in order to accept us, make us belong to Him, He had to face the painful experience of rejection by his own people in his own village of Nazareth. It was just a prelude or an anticipation to the rejection by the entire Jewish authorities and Jewish people later, all the more, even today, this rejection continues. We see this trait all through the Bible: for example, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, John the Baptist, Apostles, the Apostle Paul and so on. Today Christians continue to face this rejection just because one accepts Jesus as Lord and God.

In the first Reading of today Prophet Ezekiel is warned by God about similar rejection as a prophet. In the Second Reading, as St. Paul was facing some personal difficulties, he was assured by the Lord, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". The readings give us the comforting message that on the face of rejection and opposition for the sake of God's kingdom, God is ever close to us, and assuring us: "My grace is sufficient for you." Jesus invites us to understand that it is a universal experience that a true Christian or a missionary will be always rejected by many people especially by his own nearest ones.

After the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus was very enthusiastic to come to his own village of Nazareth, to teach them a lot about the Kingdom of God. They felt that they knew everything about him, and they could measure him up just in a few simple statements about him: "Is not this the carpenter? Son of Mary?... This attitude of prejudice and cynicism is dangerous to the growth and development in people and in community. Such situations can either break a man or make a man.

The Gospel concludes this event with these words: "And he marveled at their lack of faith". We see the same words "Jesus marveled" in Matthew's Gospel 6:10, when Jesus heard the words of faith by the centurion, the Gentile Roman Officer, "He marvelled at his faith" In contrast, at Nazareth, it is lack of faith. Despite their lack of faith and rejection, Jesus could go ahead with his work, because he was always very clear about his mission which his Father has entrusted him. He was constantly aware, that on the face of rejection and opposition, his Father was with him, "as a mighty warrior" as a source of his strength and power. Jesus gave less importance to the opinion and estimation of people, and more importance to his Father's will, and accomplishing them in his life was his priority. In his prayer, he was always assured of His Father's support and strength. A leader, a God's messenger, a missionary, certainly would face similar prejudice and opposition in his or her own life. In such situations, like Jesus, one must not look around for support, but LOOK UP to the ONE who commissioned him or her. Remember the Psalmist who exhorts us in 118:8 "It is better to trust in the Lord, than to trust in man.". God Bless you.