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Today's Mass Readings

Amos 7: 12-15;
Psalm 84;
Ephesians 1: 3-14;
Mark 6: 7-13

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

This Week 11th July - 18th July Psalter Week 3	Mass Intentions	Other Events
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 Sue Kelly & Jean Heeney - Thanksgiving (BB) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	
Monday 12th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Milbrough Blizzard (RB)	
Tuesday 13th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Fr. Tom Kelly SCJ (SR)	
Wednesday 14th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Mary McCarthy (AK)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 15th July Memorial to St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am Raymond Turner	
Friday 16th July Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Patrick Cussen RIP (JC)	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
Saturday 17th July Memorial of. St. Kenelm, Prince of Mercia	11.00 am Anna, Michael and Charlie Wilson (EK)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions 10.00 am: FHC Preparation
Sunday 18th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Win Sparkes RIP (MJ) 10.30 am Bernadette Violet Duffy RIP (PD) 6.00 pm Holy Mass	

“Acknowledging the existence of certain enduring values, however demanding it may be to discern them, makes for a robust and solid social ethics. Once those fundamental values are acknowledged and adopted through dialogue and consensus, we realize that they rise above consensus; they transcend our concrete situations and remain non-negotiable.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 211)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

6.00 pm: Show to us your love and mercy, give us your saving help (X2).

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 Dalgleish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

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.

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.

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. 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.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: SUNDAY 25TH JULY

The First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday 25 July. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration is "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). It expresses the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. The theme, "I am with you always" is also "a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share". Not only are grandchildren and youths invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith. Pope Francis' message and a prayer have been emailed with this newsletter and are available on the parish website. An Mass will be offered for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 25th July at 6.00 pm.

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 from Sunday 4th July that is on the website. Thank you for your generosity.

Registered as a
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Number 234216.

**Main Collection
(Sunday 27th June):
£271.31**

**Gift Aid (Sunday 4th
July): £221.00**

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

8.30 am: 61

10.30 am: 65

6.00 pm: 64

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**The Retiring
Collection for
Peter's Pence raised:
£57.61**

**Additional Gift Aid:
£2.00**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Jeremiah 23: 1-6;

Psalm 22;

Ephesians 2: 13-18;

Mark 6: 30-34

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.

Go out and proclaim the Good News

Dear friends in Christ Jesus on this 15th Sunday of the Ordinary Season in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

May God bless us to be a living missionary.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ