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### Today's Mass Readings

*Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8;*

*Psalm 14;*

*James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27*

*Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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

This Week 29th August - 5th September Psalter Week 2	Mass Intentions	Other Events
<b>Sunday 29th August</b> Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Brendan Chinnery RIP (RB) 10.30 am Winn Clark RIP (LM) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 30th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 am Holy Communion Service	
<b>Tuesday 31st August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
<b>Wednesday 1st September</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
<b>Thursday 2nd September</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
<b>Friday 3rd September</b> Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
<b>Saturday 4th September</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Holy Communion Service	
<b>Sunday 5th September</b> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Mary & James McDonnell RIP (BN) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Fergus O'Toole RIP (CH)	

*“In many parts of the world, there is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.”*

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 225)

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

8.30 am & 10.30 am: The just will live in the presence of the  
Lord.  
6.00 pm: Let the Lord enter in, he is the king of glory. Let the  
Lord enter into your heart.

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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, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings,  
Sheila Manion, Sally McCool, Andrew 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.**

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**FR. GEORGE MATHEW SCJ**

Fr. George will be away from the Parish from Wednesday 25th August until  
Wednesday 15th September. During this time there will be Holy  
Communion Services on weekdays and Saturdays.

**REFUGEE KNITTING COLLECTION**

Would you please bring the items you have been kindly storing at home to  
Church by Sunday 12th September. Global Aid are ready to send a  
consignment. You will be delighted to hear these items will be sent to  
Afghan refugees relocated to Eastern Europe. On this occasion only, if you  
have any good quality clothes, shoes, medical items or toiletries please  
bring them to church. Sadly they cannot take toys. The organisation is well  
equipped to send items abroad, and feel the need is more desperate in  
Eastern Europe than here because of our well known generosity during  
desperate times. I wasn't able to find any local group collecting  
incidentally, but if any parishioner knows of one we will obviously help  
them. Once again thank you for your tremendous support of these appeals.

**NATIONAL MASS FOR THE GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN**

The National Mass for the Guild of St. Stephen will be on Saturday 25th  
September 2021 at 12 noon at the parish of Ss. Mary & John,  
Wolverhampton. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the principal celebrant  
and homilist at the Mass. After the Mass, there will be refreshments in the  
parish centre. This Mass, to which servers from across the country are  
invited, is in addition to our annual Diocesan Mass, which takes place each  
spring at the Cathedral. It is completely FREE to attend, but booking is  
required. Everything you need to know is at [www.vocations.org.uk/  
guild-national](http://www.vocations.org.uk/guild-national).

## COVID 19 STEP 4 GUIDANCE

- **Sanitise** your hands at the entrance and exit.
- **Masks:** We highly recommend you to wear a mask in the church.
- **Test and Trace:** Please give your name and contact details to the stewards for Test and Trace or make use of the QR code provided at the entrance.
- **Seating:** There will not be any cordoned pews, so you can occupy any pew you wish to sit. In a pew a maximum of four people can sit, except family pews. Please leave the family pews for the families with children.
- **Holy Communion:** Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind.
- **Congregational Singing:** Indoor congregational singing is permitted. It is recommended that singing should be phased in gently as part of worship and that face coverings should be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together, until infection levels reduce.
- **Exit:** To exit please use both the main door and the side door.
- **Capacity of the Church:** Increased to 150
- **Church visiting by the public:** The church will be open to the public for private prayer and for visiting from 8.00 am until 1.00 pm.

A big thank you to all of you for your cooperation and understanding during the time of the pandemic. We expect the same cooperation and support to continue. Always be considerate and kind towards others so that together we can defeat this pandemic.

## ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The annual Sacred Heart Community Sponsored Walk for the SCJ Mission in India will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Canal towpath near Kingswood boat basin, Solihull. If you would like to sponsor the walk, please give your name after Mass. If you wish to join the walk you are most welcome. Gift aid envelopes also available at the back of the church.

## THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2021

The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1<sup>st</sup> up to 60<sup>th</sup> (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) at [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk) for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know! The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email at [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk). Closing date to register for the Mass is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### *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*

## THANK YOU

Many thanks for all the delicious cakes which were donated to the Parish Picnic and Tea. They were all much appreciated. We had a lovely social occasion with parishioners old and new. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped and supported the event in any way.

## PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

As the Hall is now closer to operating normally, please could any volunteers who currently hold keys let Caroline Healy or Kate Dagleish know as soon as possible whether they would be happy to resume opening and closing the hall. The team has always been small and if any parishioner would like to help by opening and closing the hall for bookings please contact the parish office. Any help would be much appreciated. Many thanks.

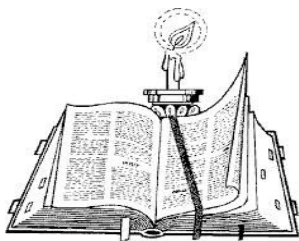
Gift Aid (Sunday 22nd  
August): £110.00

Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.



### FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for Sunday 29th August that is on the website and has been emailed with this newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.



### Next Sunday's Mass

#### Readings

Isaiah 35: 4-7;

Psalm 145;

James 2: 1-5

Mark 7: 31-37

*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.*

### *Clean both body and spirit*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

To truly grasp the 'Good News' we have got to understand the 'bad news': the Fall of Man or Original Sin. We can lose sight of this profound truth, which eloquently explains the darkness and evil in the human condition. For Jesus, the problem is the human heart. He shines his spotlight onto it, and what is revealed is not pretty. It can be sobering and rather disturbing to be confronted with the state of our own hearts.

The Lord is forthright and direct about the dark forces at work in the human heart. He says that inside the human person are the following dark drives and impulses: 'evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly' (vv. 21-23 NIV). Do you recognize yourself? Does this describe your heart? Or do you find this diagnosis (so to speak) too depressing or overly negative? While without doubt the human heart, created in the image and likeness of God, is capable of great nobility, dignity and heroism, nevertheless there lurks deep within us another side to our characters and personalities. We do not shout about it, we don't like it, and only those open to the convicting and convincing work of the Spirit can see it clearly, but the truth is that we each have a 'dark side'.

Understanding this, the great Russian novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn reflected: 'If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds and it was necessary to divide them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being and who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart? Socrates taught us, 'know thyself'. The Holy Spirit teaches us too to know ourselves because it is only the Holy Spirit who can show us sin but also show us the remedy – repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The Spirit, too, gives us the wisdom to understand:

'O happy fault of Adam that won for us such a Saviour.' (Exultet)