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Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 35: 4-7;

Psalms 145;

James 2: 1-5

Mark 7: 31-37

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

This Week 5th September - 12th September Psalter Week 3	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 5th September 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)	
Monday 6th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Tuesday 7th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	
Thursday 9th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Holy Communion Service Mass Intention (Private Mass): Harry Remedios RIP (KA)	
Friday 10th September Memorial of St. Egwin, Bishop	9.15 am Holy Communion Service	10.00 am: Wedding Rehearsal Flower Arranging in Church (Private Florist)
Saturday 11th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Holy Communion Service 1.00 pm: Wedding	10.00 am: FHC Preparation - Parish Children 12.30 pm: Wedding
Sunday 12th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm Holy Mass	Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service

"The path to peace does not mean making society blandly uniform, but getting people to work together, side-by-side, in pursuing goals that benefit everyone. A wide variety of practical proposals and diverse experiences can help achieve shared objectives and serve the common good."

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 228)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**6.00 pm: Come Lord and save us, maranatha come into our
world.**

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

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.

DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION (PARISH CHILDREN)

The FHC preparation sessions will be held on following days:

- September: Saturdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
- October: Saturdays 2nd, 9th & 16th
- November: Saturdays 6th, 13th & 27th

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

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 25th 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 9th October at 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) at 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. Closing date to register for the Mass is Friday 1st 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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Wednesday 15th September is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and, all being well, the rosary of the Seven Dolours will be said in church at 3.00 pm, on that day. It would be good to have your company.

Main Collection
(Sunday 22nd
August): £193.93
Gift Aid (Sunday 29th
August): £255.00
Mass Attendance
Last Sunday (church
capacity with social
distancing 1m + = 80)

8.30 am: 67

10.30 am: 65

6.00 pm: 74

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.



FOODBANK

There is a new wish
list for Sunday 5th
September that is on
the website and has
been emailed with
this newsletter. Thank
you for your
generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Isaiah 50: 5-9;

Psalms 114;

James 2: 14-18

Mark 8: 27-35

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.

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)