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Today's Mass Readings

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20;

Psalm 53;

James 3: 16 - 4: 3

Mark 9: 30-37

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

This Week 19th September - 26th September Psalter Week 1	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 19th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Anthony Kelly (BB) 6.00 pm Penny & Peter Gilfeather (BB)	Home Mission Day Retiring Collection for Catholic Evangelisation
Monday 20th September Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and companions	9.15 am Nick & Clare Lynam (BB)	
Tuesday 21st September Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	9.15 am Don Lloyd RIP & Family (BB)	
Wednesday 22nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Connor H RIP (G & PF)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 23rd September Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina	9.15 am Siwan Smith RIP (CP)	
Friday 24th September Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham	9.15 am Anne & Bernard Lloyd RIP (BB)	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only) Youth Group
Saturday 25th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Alan Remedios RIP (KA)	10.00 am - 12 Noon: FHC Preparation - Parish Children 10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 26th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	8.30 am Peggy & Denis Regan RIP (BB) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest Retiring Collection for Fr. Hudson's Care

“Negotiation often becomes necessary for shaping concrete paths to peace. Yet the processes of change that lead to lasting peace are crafted above all by peoples; each individual can act as an effective leaven by the way he or she lives each day. Great changes are not produced behind desks or in offices.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 231)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

The Lord upholds my life.

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.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION: PHOTOGRAPHS

We are hoping to have a display of photographs for our Centenary Celebrations. Could parishioners please look through your old photos of the church and college and see if there is anything you would like to share? Please make sure your name and address is on the back of every item! The Centenary Mass is on Saturday 9th October at 3.00 pm.

**DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION
(PARISH CHILDREN)**

The FHC preparation sessions will be held on following days:

- September: Saturdays 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.

REFUGEE CLOTHING COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributed clothing to this collection. There were so many wonderfully thoughtful items that will undoubtedly raise the spirits of the refugees. If more items are required in the future we will certainly inform you.

KNITTING

Thank you so very much to the band of knitters who so faithfully produce such beautiful items. Once again can you store the items at home until needed. If anyone else would like to knit; patterns, wool, buttons and needles are in a cupboard at the church entrance to help defray your costs. Donations of the same are also very welcome. Please knit anything you feel may benefit the refugees with winter approaching.

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.

HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend Hagley Catholic High School's Open Morning on Saturday 9th October starting at 9.00 am. We will be offering personal tours of the school site and a talk from the Principal. Please book your place via Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/4m8ns695>. Hagley is a Catholic school, totally universal in its approach, with the very highest levels of academic achievement, behaviour, progress and pastoral care .

PARISH HALL KEYHOLDERS

There will be a Key Holder's meeting on Monday 27th September at 6:45 pm. Please can all Key Holders come along.

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*

YOUTH GROUP

If you are able to support the Youth Group financially, please speak to Fr. George or Matthew Hartley.

JUSTICE AND PEACE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY ON ZOOM

The Diocesan Assembly takes place at 7.30pm on Monday 27th September, Wednesday 29th September, Friday 1st October and Sunday 3rd October, entitled *Let us dream: the path to a better future*". On Thursday 23rd September, joining information will be sent to all those who have booked. To book visit: bit.ly/JandP2021

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Main Collection
Gift Aid: £131.00
Mass Attendance
Last Sunday (church
capacity with social
distancing 1m + = 80)

8.30 am: 58

10.30 am: 91

6.00 pm: 32

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

Retiring Collection
for Catholic
Education:

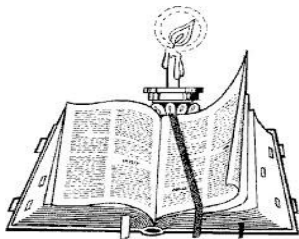
Gift Aid: £96.50

Thank you for your
generosity.



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for Sunday 5th September that is on the website. Thank you for your generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass
Readings

Numbers 11: 25-29;

Psalms 18;

James 5: 1-6

Mark 9: 38-43, 45,
47-48

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.

Who do I run for?

In today's gospel, Jesus foretells his imminent suffering, death and resurrection. Unfortunately, instead of reflecting on what Christ was saying, his disciples were busy quarrelling secretly over who was the greatest. Of course, their argument was aimed at the earthly government they imagined that Christ had come to establish. So, like the community that James wrote to, Jesus' disciples were experiencing a conflict of interest.

This is what we often see in any society, church, family, and indeed anywhere that personal ambition is considered more important than anything else. There, we see in-fighting, gossips, indifference, aggression, threats to lives and properties, hatred, and all sorts of vices. All these, come at the expense of the common good and peaceful coexistence. Wherever these exist, there can be no progress, prosperity and peace.

An organisation that looks after the handicapped children conducted a running competition for its inmates. To create confidence in them was the objective of the competition. Seven participants were ready on the track and the final whistle heard, the children started running. Suddenly one of the boys fell on the track and he was so upset that he fell and others noticed it at once. Suddenly, almost as one, they turned around and they ran back to the little boy and picked him up and shouldered him, one under each shoulder, and got him to his feet. And all seven began to go to the finish line and each waited for the other and they all crossed the finish line at the same time. And there was a great silence in the crowd. They had never seen a race like this. This would be a race to end all races. And they knew what had happened. And a great cheer went up and a great feeling of: "Yes, this is the proper way to run a race".

This story would be a story that Jesus, if he had heard it, would have told to his disciples.

The handicapped children had it right. They went to serve each other because they need each other. And this is the way they will learn to love each other and care for each other. And when they learn to care for each other, then it doesn't matter if you are handicapped, because you have support and love and caring. In our day today lives' race we sometimes try to look only on oneself. Concentrate only on one's own life and gain. But Jesus teaches us therefore, by using a child as an example for us today, Jesus is simply teaching us that we have to become like children in order to be great. Of course, this does not mean being childish. Rather, it means being child-like. It means that, we have to live our lives in humble service to God and to one another. Finally, to be great is to be focused on something other than oneself. It means our ability to accommodate, welcome, and work in harmony with others just as children always do. It also means the readiness to accept the truth and, to reflect positively on it.

May God bless all of us.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ