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Today's Mass Readings

Genesis 2: 18-24;
Psalms 127;
Hebrews 2: 9-11
Mark 10: 2-16

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

| This Week 3rd October - 10th October (Psalter Week 3) | Mass Intentions | Other Events |
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| Sunday 3rd October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B | 8.30 am Rose & Don Brooks RIP (PW) 10.30 am Holy Mass 6.00 pm People of the Parish | Retiring Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast |
| Monday 4th October Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi | 9.15 am Mike Ryan RIP (MR) | |
| Tuesday 5th October Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.15 am Holy Communion Service | |
| Wednesday 6th October Feria in Ordinary Time | No Service in Church - Maintenance | |
| Thursday 7th October Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary | No Service in Church - Maintenance | |
| Friday 8th October Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.15 am Holy Communion Service | 6.30 pm: Youth Group |
| Saturday 9th October Feast of St. John Henry Newman, Priest | No Morning Mass 3.00 pm Centenary Mass | 10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions |
| Sunday 10th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B | 8.30 am John Hanson RIP (MB) 10.30 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA) 6.00 pm Mary Ryan (DR) | |

“Forgiveness and reconciliation are central themes in Christianity and, in various ways, in other religions. Yet there is a risk that an inadequate understanding and presentation of these profound convictions can lead to fatalism, apathy and injustice, or even intolerance and violence.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 237)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: May the Lord bless us all the days of our
life.

6.00 pm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his
ways. Hymn No. 58.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who
are unwell:

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Finbarr Cronin, Eileen Dalton, Delores
Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, Tony Gilroy, 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.

CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL: 3RD OCTOBER

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate
change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the
parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD
website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the
worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our
online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling
the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity
for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in
Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response
at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The youth group is currently running on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm –
8.00 pm. The weekly group is aimed at 9-11 year olds. In the coming weeks
we have lots of games, activities and potentially some trips planned. For
those that are slightly older we will also soon be launching the youth cafe
which will run every other week.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Mass is on Tuesday 7th December at 7.00 pm.
Confirmation classes for parish children will start on Saturday 30th October.
If your child is in year 6 or above and you would like them to receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation this December, please contact Fr. George by
Saturday 23rd October. There will be a meeting for parents at 6.00 pm on
Saturday 23rd October.

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.

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.

DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION - PARISH CHILDREN

The FHC preparation sessions will be held on following days:

- October: Saturdays 2nd & 16th
- November: Saturdays 6th, 13th & 27th

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

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*

ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

Thank you for supporting Fr. George and Brother Patrick on their sponsored walk to raise money for the Sacred Heart Fathers' Missionary work in India. Any sponsorship money can either be passed to Fr. George or Brother Patrick or given in to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Main Collection:
£131.03

Gift Aid: £359.00

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

8.30 am: 59

10.30 am: 63

6.00 pm: 40

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

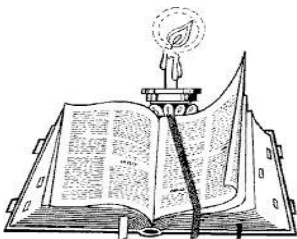
Retiring Collection
for Fr. Hudson's
Care: £191.16

Thank you for your
generosity.



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for Sunday 26th September that is on the website. Thank you for your generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Wisdom 7: 7-11;

Psalms 89;

Hebrews 4: 12-13

Mark 10: 17-30

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.

The two shall become one flesh!

According to Christian understanding there are three kinds of Vocations. Vocation to consecrated life or celibate life for religious reason, vocation to single life and vocation to married life or family life. Among these three the latter one is the foundation for the other two vocations. In the first reading, the Book of Genesis tells us of an ideal situation at Creation, when God is creating our human race. It speaks first of all of the relationship between man and woman and is speaking about their original unity.

In the Gospel Jesus speak about Marriage. Two dimensions of marriage that are at the heart of the Jesus' teaching are: Unity and Permanence. Unity: "a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh" (Mk 10:7-8). Marriage is between a man and a woman. Permanence: "What God has united, human beings must not divide" (Mk 10:9). Why are unity and permanence so important in marriage? Human beings have to just look at their heart. Is it possible to just forget and move on with one's life after two people have entered an intimate relationship where everything was shared, at the physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual levels? In the second part of the gospel reading of today we can see the themes of marriage and children appear together. Why is a healthy family that is ensured by a permanent marriage needed, for the wellbeing of children?

Let us look at some interesting facts in the nature that we see every day. A calf of a cow is able to stand on its feet merely thirty minutes after its birth. Next day: it is all over the place, running uncontrollably. A duckling can swim the very day it is hatched. Even a calf of an elephant, large as it is, can stand on its feet within minutes of its birth, and eventually move with the herd. Now look at a human baby: totally helpless at birth. We take an average of eight to twelve months to crawl, to stand on our feet, and eventually to walk and run. Why is the human baby so vulnerable? It is because of two related facts: the human brain is so complex, and because of its complexity, only about 40% its structure could be complete by the time of birth. On the other hand, a calf's brain could be about 80% complete by the time of its birth. We learn to be human in the company of other human beings. Hence an infant needs to be welcomed among a caring group of people. The development of an infant is greatly influenced by its family and surrounding. And the best place is within the family where he/she is loved and cared for especially through the early years. No wonder then, unity and permanence in marriage ensures a stable family, tied to the wellbeing of the couple, the children, and humanity in general.

We Catholics have an enormous evangelization to do in our modern world. Especially when it comes about marriage and sexual morality. Our challenge is first to live the teachings of Jesus and the Church. We have witnessed so many silver and golden jubilarians in our parish who lived their married life faithfully. Not that they are all perfect couples that they were able to live a successful married life but rather they understood this as a precious vocation and sacrificed everything else to safeguard this invaluable vocation where all point out to Jesus as their⁴ source of strength, by which they were able to withstand the ups and downs of their marriages. Let us pray for the married couples during this Eucharistic celebration.