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Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

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### Today's Mass Readings

*Acts 13: 14, 43-52;*  
*Psalm 99;*  
*Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17;*  
*John 10: 27-30*

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

This Week 8th May - 15th May (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 8th May</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund	8.30 am Francis Nixon RIP (RB) 10.30 am Fr. Edward Simpson RIP 6.00 pm Dominic Chapman RIP (SVP)	After 8.30 am Mass: Community Meal Meeting During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm: SVP Afternoon
<b>Monday 9th May</b> Easter Feria	9.15 am Miriam & Peter - Thanksgiving (B.B)	12.30 pm Community Meal
<b>Tuesday 10th May</b> Easter Feria	<b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	
<b>Wednesday 11th May</b> Easter Feria	<b>9.15 am Holy Communion Service</b>	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
<b>Thursday 12th May</b> Easter Feria	9.15 am Sheila Manion RIP (AK)	
<b>Friday 13th May</b> Easter Feria	9.15 am Dominic Chapman RIP (Fr.G) 9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)	6.30 pm: Youth Group
<b>Saturday 14th May</b> Feast of St. Michael Garicoits	11.00 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KA)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am:</b> <b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 15th May</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Year C</b>	8.30 am People of Ukraine (EK) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Michael O'Hara (BO'H)	During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy

*"Today is the beginning of the month dedicated to the Mother of God. I would like to invite all the faithful and communities to pray the Rosary for peace every day in May.*

Pope Francis, 1st May 2022

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**8.30 am & 10.30 am : We are his people, the sheep of his  
flock.**

**6.00 pm: We are his people the sheep of his flock, his people  
the sheep of his flock. He made us we belong to him,  
his people the sheep of his flock.**

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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, Barbara Coomber, Finbarr Cronin, Eileen  
Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Joan Graham, Bev Griffiths, Beryl  
Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Jackie  
McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward,  
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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**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Your prayers are asked for **Dominic Chapman** who died recently. May his  
soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God  
rest in peace. Details of the funeral will be announced in due course. Please  
keep his family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES**

Please note that there will be Holy Communion Services on Tuesday 10th  
May and Wednesday 11th May.

**LIVESIMPLY INITIATIVE**

Are you committing to live simply?

- Live within your means
- Eat simple, home cooked meals
- Eat less, move more
- Buy less, make more
- De-clutter your house and give away things you don't need
- Release thoughts that no longer help you
- Stress less, laugh more
- Feel blessed, love more
- Meet up with nourishing friends
- Find a quiet spot every day and breath
- Allow for a miracle to sweep in when you least expect it!

## JESUIT ONLINE RETREAT

33 of us joined in the Jesuit online Lent retreat this year from different churches and different denominations. We had zoom meetings on Tuesday afternoons for one group and on Thursday evenings for another larger group, which was split into 2 smaller breakout groups. We found that the story of St. Ignatius fitted in very well with the progress through Lent and many found his story both new and inspiring. As in previous years, the sharing in the weekly meetings was uplifting and a great blessing for all of us while the daily personal prayer with the wonderful resources provided yielded much fruit.

### COVID-19 GUIDANCE: UPDATED 27TH FEBRUARY

Please note that the wearing of face covering is now advised rather than mandatory. Please sanitise your hands on entrance and exit. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind. Social distancing is not required but please be sensitive to the needs of others in church. As has always been good practice during pandemic, please **avoid** attending church if you, or someone in your household, has symptoms of COVID. Thank you for your co-operation.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like some company a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us today from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm in the church hall. Please see the notice at the back of church for more information. If you know of anyone in need please do not hesitate in contacting us on 0777 292 7535 or at [droitwichsvp@gmail.com](mailto:droitwichsvp@gmail.com).

### UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

*The Universe Catholic Weekly* is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper. Order your digital copy by going to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call us on 0743 661 7650.

### NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

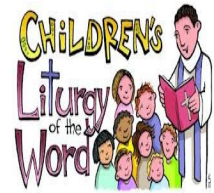
An open meeting will held on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester to discuss the possibility of a relaunch of the Worcester Circle of the Newman Association. All welcome, bring along ideas of speakers, topics and the time of day meetings might be held.

### FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - PENTECOST CHALLENGE 2022

For further information about the Friends of the Holy Land Pentecost Challenge, please visit <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Appeal/pentecost22>. What is raised from this year's Pentecost Challenge will help Friends of the Holy Land support vocational training, jobs and small family businesses, along with funding their wider work across the Holy Land. We'll use your gifts where they will have the greatest impact. The link above also includes details of how to donate directly.

### *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.*



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be Children's Liturgy for two groups (4 to 7 year olds and 8 to 11 year olds) at the 10.30 am Mass. All children are welcome.

### SHEILA MANION RIP

Thank you to all who helped to make Sheila's Funeral Mass such a special occasion and also for the £220.00 in donations for St. Richards Hospice which has now been sent to them.

### COMMUNITY MEAL

The Community Meal resumes on Monday 9th May at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

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

**Main Collection:**  
**£303.82**

**Gift Aid: £289.00**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 209**



### **FOODBANK**

There is a new wish list for Sunday 1st May that is on the website. Thank you for your generosity.



### **Next Sunday's Mass**

#### **Readings**

*Acts 14: 21-27;*

*Psalms 144;*

*Apocalypse 21: 1-5;*

*John 13: 31-35*

*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.*

### *He is our Shepherd!!*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Usually, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday. It offers us an opportunity to contemplate the quality of our relationship with our Lord. If Jesus is our shepherd, what is the quality of our Christian life that we live as members of His flock? Are we the kind of sheep that we ought to be? The image of the Good Shepherd and our self-examination on the quality of the sheep that we are is very much relevant as we move along the Easter season.

Jesus, in today's gospel, calls himself the Shepherd. We, the followers or believers, are the sheep. Sheep are receptive to the voice of the Shepherd. They recognise his voice and respond to it and do what he says because his voice is clear, sure and decisive. It is consoling to know that Jesus knows us. The challenge for you and me today is to hear His voice. Hearing the voice of the master is the sign of loyalty. All those who have domestic pets like dogs and cats must have noticed that they can be silent to the voice of a stranger but as soon as they sense the presence of the owner they jump up; it is their expression of their loyalty. Where does my loyalty lie? Whose voice am I paying attention to? If we maintain a personal and close relationship with Jesus our shepherd, we will be able to distinguish His voice from the many disturbing voices that are urging us to follow them with their voices. Hearing the voice of the shepherd is a sign of intimacy, of loving and being loved. The voice of the Shepherd is caring and loving, it's of warning and safety. It creates an intimacy between sheep and the shepherd with the same wavelength. When we recognise the voice of Jesus who leads us from the front, we will experience the intimacy of His love that assures us true security, because the challenges of the day are greater than our strength. When we know Jesus our shepherd, then this knowledge leads us to trust him very much. The Shepherd knows his sheep individually; He calls them by name, and they follow him. The fact is that the Good Shepherd pays much care and attention to his sheep. He goes before them. Today there are circumstances of life beyond our control, and we the sheep must depend on the Shepherd. The fact is that our Good Shepherd Jesus is dependable. He wants that you and I are safe under his care.

Have you ever heard the voice of someone who would lift the burden from your shoulder and place a lighter one instead? Some one who knows you by name and loves you? God is the one who is ever willing to lift us up. The fascinating thing about Him is that He knows us and He loves us we are. He does not look down upon us at our weakness but rather he accepts us with all our strengths and weakness. We know It is not the healthy and the able one but the weak and the stray one that get much attention from the shepherd. Therefore, we need not be timid because we are weak, but rather we can be assured that our Lord is impartial and he cares us all equally. The fact is that each of us who are here one or the other way are touched by our loving God and Lord who is our Good Shepherd. Let us renew our loyalty to him during this Eucharistic celebration the greatest sign of His love for us. God bless us.