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Today's Mass Readings

Acts 2: 1-11;

Psalms 103;

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

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

This Week 5th June - 12th June (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 5th June Solemnity of Pentecost Year C	8.30 am Kevin & Isabella Read RIP (MM) 10.30 am Molly Mason (MM) 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall After 10.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall Day of Prayer for the Church
Monday 6th June Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church	9.15 am Holy Mass	12.30 pm: Community Meal
Tuesday 7th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Moses Hodgetts RIP (C & JH)	
Wednesday 8th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Katherine & Edward - 61 years married (BB)	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 9th June Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.15 am Dominic Chapman RIP (CF) 12 Noon: Requiem Mass	
Friday 10th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Harry Remedios RIP (KA) 9.45am: Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)	
Saturday 11th June Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle	11.00 am Michael Webb RIP (PW)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 12th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Year C	8.30 am Mary Josephine McCorry RIP (MM) 10.30 am People of the Parish 6.00 pm Holy Mass	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall 12 Noon: Baptism 2.30 pm: SVP Afternoon

“Knowing how to listen, besides being the first gesture of charity, is also the first indispensable ingredient of dialogue and good communication: knowing how to listen, to let others say everything, not to cut them off halfway, knowing how to listen with the ears and with the heart. I hope that everyone may grow in this capacity to listen with the heart.”

Pope Francis, 29th May 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**8.30 am & 10.30 am: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and
renew the face of the earth.**

**6.00pm: Send forth your Spirit O Lord, that the face of the
earth be renewed.**

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Betty Priddey** who died recently. May her soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in
peace. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 9th June at 12 noon. Please
keep her family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

**RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST: AN INVITATION FROM THE
BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

“Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic until the present time, we have
shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has
meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be
fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed.
The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. We
therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from
attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.
We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who,
for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has
always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of
any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason,
because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear,
this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. Our Catholic people and
parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online
streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online
does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of
continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for
example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not
apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who
administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound. Looking
forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics
who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.” The full
letter is available at the back of the church and on the parish website.

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.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much to the parishioners who left such a vast quantity of wool recently. It is stored in the cupboard at the back of the church if anyone would like to knit anything to benefit the Syrian and Ukrainian Refugees. There are also patterns, needles and buttons to help defray your costs. The knitting collections can now resume, as GAIN are able to once again receive donations. Unfortunately I am unable to accept other items these days, with the exception of new underwear, but if any parishioner has storage facilities to extend the collections, please contact the Parish Office who can direct you to the charity. Many thanks to those who continued to knit and store items at home, I look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

CCTV

We have installed four CCTV cameras in the church covering the Narthex, main entrance and the path through the graveyard. For information access requests please contact the Archdiocese of Birmingham on 0121 230 6216 during office hours or the Parish Office on 01905 773258 outside of these times.

MARYVALE INSTITUTE

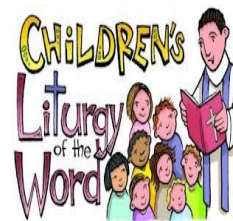
Join online on Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 6.00 pm (London) time for the latest in a series of occasional, online public seminars by Maryvale academics. This time, Dr. John Murray will be discussing *The Man With Two Consciences: A Modern Catholic Horror Story?* Attendance of the forum is free. Register at <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/activities.html> to receive the link for the evening.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday 12th June 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.

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 no Children's Liturgy today.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 6th June at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

10.30 AM MASS:

If you would like to help serve coffee and tea after the 10.30 am Mass please contact the parish office.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION - WORCESTER CIRCLE

Following a very promising meeting for the relaunching of the Worcester Circle, a follow up meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd June at 7.30pm, St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester. Car Park WR1 1UT. Please come along with ideas for future meetings

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

Gift Aid: £147.00

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Mass attendance last Sunday: 196

The retiring collection for Catholic communications raised:

Gift Aid: £87.10

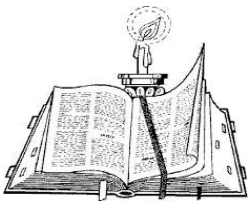
Thank you for your generosity.



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for Sunday 22nd May that is on the website and the noticeboard at the back of church. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Proverbs 8: 22-31;

Psalms 8;

Romans 5: 1-5;

John 16: 12-15

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.

"Send forth your Spirit...and renew the face of the Earth!"

For us Christians, today is 50 days after the Resurrection. It marks the birth and beginning of the church as we see in the first reading. Today, we witness the dawn of the new beginning in the life of the early Church. It is the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. On this day of NEW BEGINNING in the life of the church the Holy Spirit dissolved fears in the apostles, over-charged them with the unction to actualize the 'missio ad gentes' (preaching the good news to all nations) of Mt.28:19-20. They received the great endowments of the sanctifying and ministerial gifts of the Holy Spirit as described in the second reading; which transformed them into new persons and renewed generation and constituted ambassadors of the Good News.

The Holy Spirit renews, refreshes, empowers, re-creates, reminds, guides and comforts the church - those in the church and those who meet churches outside of the church. Jesus is ascended to heaven. While He was here on earth He was bound by time and space, but when He re-entered Heaven and took up all power and authority again, He sent the Holy Spirit. This Spirit will be the helper for those who are left behind to carry on His work. The Spirit will promote the Good News about Jesus and give His followers the courage to do things that they otherwise would never dare to do. Remember how they had run away with fear at the time of Jesus' passion and crucifixion! Even Peter, His closest friend, denied Him. Now after being empowered by the Holy Spirit, they were ready to die for Christ. We need to know, now in different ways large and small, how to keep the flame that of first Pentecost, that glow. How? We do it every time we whisper a prayer for peace, we do it when we volunteer to help in the parish in different areas of its pastoral work. We do it when we join with different social and pious associations in the parish, we do it when we hold the hand of someone who is sad and in pain or bring a smile to someone who is lonely. We do it when we strive to love, to give and to hope even in difficult times with difficult people. We keep the flame of Pentecost burning when our greatest ambition is simply to be like Christ.

How can we keep this fire burning in us? 1) By putting off the old self that belongs to the old manner of life that is evil and desirous of deceit (Eph.4:22-24). The quest to put off the old self begins with desire and materialises in 'metanoia' - change of heart or repentance. 2) Walking under Grace: The grace of God is synonymous with being spirit-filled. 3) Renew the face of the earth: The apostles used the Pentecost anointing and gifts to build up the body of Christ, the Church and the community, making it a better place for me and for you to live. In other words, be the salt of the earth and light of the world.

This Pentecost let's ask the Spirit to touch all our hearts as He touched the hearts of the disciples on the First Pentecost. Let the fire burn over us so that the flame can spread like in the words of St. Catherine of Siena, "If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze". Think about what you can be and what you can do with the Holy Spirit to guide you, to inspire you, to ignite you. This Pentecost Sunday prepare to set the world blaze with love. Amen.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ