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Today's Mass Readings

Proverbs 8: 22-31;
Psalm 8;
Romans 5: 1-5;
John 16: 12-15

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

This Week 12th June - 19th June (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Sunday 12th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Year C	8.30 am Mary Josephine McCorry RIP (MM) 10.30 am Daphne Bath - for a speedy recovery (CS) 12 Noon: Baptism 6.00 pm People of the Parish	200 Club Appeal at each Mass After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy 2.30 pm: SVP Afternoon
Monday 13th June Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.15 am Helen McCabe RIP (BB)	12 Noon: Church Visit (Private Group)
Tuesday 14th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Robin Taylor - Birthday Blessing (G & CP)	
Wednesday 15th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Marie & Iain Martin (CS)	10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
Thursday 16th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Betty Priddey RIP (BB)	Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
Friday 17th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am David Kavanagh RIP (MK)	Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
Saturday 18th June Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral	11.00 am Colum MacCourt RIP (C) (Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
Sunday 19th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year C Retiring Collection for the Day for Life	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Holy Mass 12 Noon: Baptism 6.00 pm Holy Mass	Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after 8.30 am Mass) After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's

"Let us take the Gospel in our hands and invoke the Spirit. We can say, "Come, Holy Spirit, remind me of Jesus, enlighten my heart"...Then, we open the Gospel and read a small passage slowly. And the Spirit will make it speak to our lives."

Pope Francis, 5th June 2022

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: How great is your name, O Lord our
God, through all the earth!

6.00pm: Ring out your joy give glory to God. Lift up your voice
and sing. Let all creation tell of his name. Praise him
for evermore.

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, Bob Grant, 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.**

**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.

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.

DAY FOR LIFE

'Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent' (Psalm 71:9). Day for Life is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. Funds raised from this second collection support various Day for Life initiatives, which focus on upholding the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Please do support this work in any way you feel able. For more information and to donate, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df122>.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Feast of the Sacred Heart is one of the important celebrations in our Parish. The Sacred Heart Community and the Parish Council cordially invite you and your family for the Solemn celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 24th June at 6.00 pm for Holy Mass, followed by a festive meal. We value your esteemed presence on this blissful day. In preparation for the Feast there will be special Novena to the Sacred Heart, after Mass from Thursday 16th June until Friday 24th June.

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.

REFUGEE KNITTING

Thank you so much for the vast quantity of wool donated 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.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

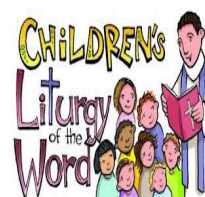
The wearing of face covering is now advised rather than mandatory. Please sanitise your hands on entrance and exit. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind. Social distancing is not required but please be sensitive to the needs of others in church. Please **avoid** attending church if you,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

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.*



*Our children
received their
First Holy
Communion
yesterday. Please
pray for them
and their
families.*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

COMMUNITY MEAL

The next Community Meal is on Monday 11th July 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.

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Main Collection
29th May: £315.44
5th June: £317.64
Gift Aid: £150.00
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

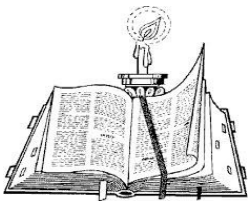
Mass attendance
last Sunday: 231



FOODBANK

There is a new wish list for Sunday 5th June that is on the website. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Genesis 14: 18-20;

Psalms 109;

*1 Corinthians 11:
23-26;*

Luke 9: 11-17

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.

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday or Mystery Sunday. The focus on this Sunday is solely on God, and God is a mystery. We call God a mystery because there is something about God that we can know, but there is also a great deal about Him that we do not and can never know. The most explicit knowledge of God is through the revelation that Jesus Christ has made, as Paul points out in the second reading of today. However, even as we do know something about God it is always important to realise that God will continue to remain a mystery and that there is a great deal that we do not and can never know about God because our minds are too finite to know the Infinite God. Much as we try to understand and define who God is, we keep in mind that we will always fall short. As a matter of fact, the more we try to understand the more we realise that we simply do not know Him. This does not discourage us, rather it makes us keep wondering about the mystery of God. We as Christians are fortunate that God has been revealed to us in a unique manner in the person, mission, death and resurrection of Jesus and that much of what we know of God, is through the revelation that Jesus has made.

God is Father, Son and Spirit and Almighty God, Word made flesh and Comforter. God is past, present and future. God was, is and will be. God is all and in all. Even as this eternal presence of God with us and for us is true, it is also true that three persons, one God indicates community, unity and inclusiveness. God does not exist in isolated individualism but in a community of relationships. In other words, God is not a loner or a recluse. This means that a Christian in search of Godliness must shun every tendency to isolationism and individualism. God is found in one's heart but also in community and in relationships. Since God is present in the now and in the world, it is right and fitting to find God in all things and all things in him. Thus, the ideal Christian spirituality is not that of flight from the world away from contact with other people and society but an immersion into the world with a view to transforming sorrow to joy, injustice to justice, negatives to positives, darkness to light and death to life.

It is a spirituality which seeks to transform fear into love. Since love is universal, there is no one who is outside the kingdom of God. We are all connected and interconnected. Yet, though the Trinity is united it also embraces diversity. We are not required to be the same. We can be different and yet united, we can be different and yet one, we can be different and yet integrated. We are asked, each of us, to offer our unique gifts for the good of the community. There is unity even in diversity. There is oneness even in difference. There are three persons yet one God.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ