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### Today's Mass Readings

*Genesis 14: 18-20;*  
*Psalms 109;*  
*1 Corinthians 11: 23-26;*  
*Luke 9: 11-17*

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

This Week 19th June - 26th June (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
<b>Sunday 19th June</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for the Day for Life	8.30 am People of the Parish 10.30 am Michael Mason RIP (MM) 12 Noon: Baptism 6.00 pm Marie Martin (BO)	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 Liturgy
<b>Monday 20th June</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am John McKinley	Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
<b>Tuesday 21st June</b> Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Dorothean Family and Friends	Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
<b>Wednesday 22nd June</b> Feasts of Ss. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Holy Mass	Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass) 10.00 am until 7.00 pm: Adoration
<b>Thursday 23rd June</b> Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	8.55 am Morning Prayer 9.15 am Gladys Remedios RIP (KS)	Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
<b>Friday 24th June</b> <b>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	8.55 am Morning Prayer <b>No Morning Mass</b> 6.00 pm Mass	Novena to the Sacred Heart (soon after Mass)
<b>Saturday 25th June</b> Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	11.00 am Colum MacCourt RIP (Droitwich Catenians)	<b>10.15 am - 10.45 am:</b> <b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday 26th June</b> <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Year C</b> Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence	8.30 am Fr. Terry Luxon RIP (MM) 10.30 am Special Intention (MD) 12 Noon: Baptism 6.00 pm People of the Parish	After 8.30 am Mass: Tea and Coffee in the Hall During 10.30 am Mass: Children's Liturgy

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

8.30 am, 10.30 am & 6.00 pm:

**You are a priest for ever. A priest like Melchizedek of old.**

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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, 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.**

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**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Your prayers are asked for **Rosemary McCabe** who died recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Funeral Service will be on Thursday 30th June at 1.15 pm, followed by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium at 2.30 pm. 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.

## RETIRING COLLECTION FOR 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 that focus on upholding the dignity of every human life. Please do support this work in any way you feel able. For more information please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df122>. Thank you.

## 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. With the meal, tea, coffee and juice will be provided. If you would like anything else to drink please bring your own. 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. Many thanks.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like some company, a drink, chat and cake then please come and join us on Sunday 10th July 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).

## REFUGEE KNITTING

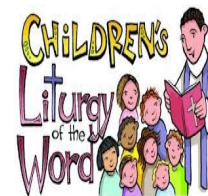
Thank you so much for the vast quantity of wool donated recently. It is stored in the cupboard at the back of the church if anyone would like to knit anything to benefit the Syrian and Ukrainian Refugees. There are also patterns, needles and buttons to help defray your costs. The knitting collections 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.*



## 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.

## READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - NEW ROTA

The new rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers is available to collect from the Sacristy.

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

**Main Collection**

**£305.59**

**Gift Aid: £162.00**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Mass attendance  
last Sunday: 258**

### **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.



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

#### **Readings**

*1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21;*

*Psalms 15;*

*Galatians 5: 1, 13-18;*

*Luke 9: 51-62*

*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.*

### *This is my body and blood!*

Today we celebrate the most important aspect of our faith or the centre and summit of our Christian life - Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus - Corpus Christi. We celebrate this feast in honour of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human and Jesus is giving the substantial, real and true presence in the Eucharist. How it happens? The bread and wine that is been offered during Holy Mass, through the concertation of an ordained priest, becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ by transubstantiation that means the conversion of the substance of the Eucharistic elements into the body and blood of Christ at consecration, while the appearances of bread and wine remain the same.

The first Eucharist was celebrated in the upper room. Jesus took bread and said, "This is my body" "This is my blood". It became the real body and real blood of Jesus by the word of Jesus and action of the Holy spirit. Jesus did not say, 'this is like my body or like my blood'. So when a priest takes the bread and wine and tells, 'this is my body' 'this is my blood' he tells it in persona Christi - the person of Christ, not the priest but Christ is doing it through the priest, who is ordained by the apostolic church that carries the succession of the Apostles. Therefore, whenever we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, by the action of the Holy Spirit the same Eucharist at the last supper is repeated. CCC 1374: "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially Contained". CCC 1374: "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread..., by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation". How long?. CCC 1377: "The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts..." The Catholic Church is the only church that believes and professes this truth in its entirety. How many of us truly and entirely believe this?

Once a non-Christian teacher was having a conversation with her Catholic student and the subject was Eucharist and at the end of the discussion the teacher said, "If at all I had faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, I would have attended Holy Mass every day". If I miss a Sunday Mass, do I really miss it? There is always a danger of considering Eucharist as merely prayer service. It is more than a prayer service. Eucharist is and should be the centre and summit of Christian life. Each Christian should draw strength from the Eucharist. It unites us to the mystical body of Christ that is the church. "Those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through it Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body - the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved by Baptism. In Baptism we have been called to form but one body." CCC 1396. God bless you.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ