MASSES AND SERVICES

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - 15th June 2025

This weekend there is a second collection for the Day for Life

Saturday 5.30pm Roland and Margaret Taylor RIP (T&J T)

Sunday 8.45am Patrick Doyle RIP (CH) 10.30am People of the Parish

Weekday Masses & Services

16.6 Mon 10.00am Feria Alison Cook RIP (Fr J) **17.6 Tues 10.00am Feria** Michael Doherty RIP (JG)

18.6 Wed 10.00am Dedication of the Cathedral Richard Evans RIP (ME)

19.6 Thurs10.00amFeria John Martin RIP (E&G MB)20.6 Fri10.00amSt Alban Nora & Bill Seaby RIP (SM)

21.6 Sat 11.00am First Holy Communion - Children from the school

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 22nd June 2025

This weekend there is a second collection for the Church Maintenance Fund

Saturday 5.30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 8.45am Antonio da Costa RIP (DD)

10.30am First Holy Communion – Parish Catechism Class

No Confessions next Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9am - 9.50am,
Rosary – Monday to Friday 9.35am Saturday 10.30am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week R Price S Simpson Heath

Next week E Linker E Parker

8.45am 10.30am

This weekT/J TaylorSchoolC LoughranNext weekJ MusgraveG MoroneyR Slater

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 15th June



Dear Parishioners,

Today is Trinity Sunday. God is three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. One explanation of this was when I was a student training for the priesthood. We had a subject called homiletics which as you might imagine is about learning the art of preaching. Patrick Kashishi, who sadly did not complete the course and left the college in the second year, gave a visual example by lighting 3 long stick matches together saying "three matches, one flame". It is not something I would advocate but it gave a certain frisson to the occasion. The Church teaching is three persons, consubstantial (of the same substance), co-equal, eternal. The clergy will attempt to speak about this divine mystery at Mass. One other anecdote from a parishioners book on sermons, if you haven't struck oil after five minutes, stop boring.

Today is also a Day of Prayer for the gift of Human Life. This is God's gift to us who are made in the image and likeness of God. In these days of so many ways of destroying this gift we pray for the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to our natural end of life. The gift of life is fragile and beautiful. The older I get the more I appreciate life, for human life and all forms of life, of colour, of sound, of the complexities of it.

Next Saturday morning the children from Year three of our school will be making their First Holy Communion. It has been a joy to share in their journey of faith and I look forward to their special day. Next Sunday morning the children will give thanks at the 8.45am Mass. At the 10.30am Mass the children from our Catechism Class will be receiving their Sacrament of Holy Communion. There are five children in this group. Next Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Last week the microphone system was overhauled and the loop system now works properly. The sound engineer said your parishioners with hearing aids may like to switch them to the loop setting to hear more clearly. There is still some minor

adjustments to be made as the pick up from the lapel microphone is a little over sensitive at the moment. One parishioner said they could hear my heart beating! Which is good news I think!

We are getting ever closer to our Parish Party to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of our Church. If you haven't signed up to come on Sunday 29th June from 12.45pm to start at 1.30pm. please do. Lunch is provided by Eric Lyons outdoor caterers. Last week I requested some gifts to be wrapped for Pass the Parcel. We will have a number of parcels going around at the same time. Could you wrap your parcel.

Every Blessing, Fr John

Afternoon Tea: Please note that there will be no afternoon tea next Wednesday 17th June, and hopefully we will see most, if not all, of you, at the barbecue on 29th July instead. Our next afternoon tea will be on Wednesday 16th July at 2.15 when we will be welcoming back Who Let the Ukes out, to entertain us.

90th **Anniversary Parish Barbecue 29**th **June 12.45 for 1.30pm:** About 100 have signed up for the barbecue so far but last year we had nearer 150 so if you haven't signed up yet the signup sheet is still in the Narthex. So please do that and select your food option, as per last year. Either when you sign up or next weekend we would like to collect £10 per adult and £5 for children. This year we have DJ Danny providing background music to suit all ages and as per last year the Youth SVP will be organising activities for the children, so a great opportunity for all of us to get together for another very enjoyable social event. Please remember to bring your own drinks and chairs etc if possible although some will be available as in previous years.

We would also like to hold a raffle to cover additional costs and the purchase of some new gazebos and if you are able to donate a prize then there will be a box in the narthex this and next weekend.

Solihull Chandos Choir is holding a concert at Shirley Methodist Church on Saturday, 28th June 2025 at 3.00 pm. It is entitled Entente Cordiale and features music by English and French composers. Tickets are £17 (includes programme and interval refreshments). Under 18s free.

Tickets are available online from solihullchandoschoir.org or by phone 01564 779962.

Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Maryvale Chapel and Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus [B44 9AG]. Thursday 19 June - Friday 27 June Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass each evening at 7pm.

Please pray for

The housebound & the sick: Deacon Stephen Saum, Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Fr. Michael White, Fr Tony Rohan, Fr Paul Johnson, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove and Jesse Cusack Morris, as well as parishioners in nursing homes and hospital.

Recently deceased: Tony McNicholas and Dr John Martin.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Rosemary Dawson and Geraldine Grace. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory:

8.6.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £334 Loose plate £330

Many thanks for your donations.

Av standing order and online per week £750.

Mass Attendances: Last weekend: 220

Made me smile:

I have been advised to visit a chiropractor but I don't fancy going to Egypt.

I don't worry about Friday 13th. It's bad luck to be superstitious.

If ever I am sent to prison I know my wife will get me out because she never lets me finish a sentence.

Two fleas on Robinson Crusoe. One says, "I'm off now, I'll see you on Friday."

Just bought a new cooker from Germany which does perfect fish and chips. It's a Herr Fryer.

Running is a great way to meet new people. Today I met 2 paramedics, 3 nurses and a cardiologist.

Recent notices:

Parish Centre News. Timetable for next week on the noticeboard. If you are having a family occasion, please consider booking our hall for your venue. It is important that users of the Parish Centre arrange bookings (and payments for non-Parish Events) through Oksana Zurak 07967-846-963 or oksanazurak@gmail.com

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sandy Walmsley and Daphne Morgan. They can be contacted at: sq.tgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.