

MASSES AND SERVICES

12th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications.

Saturday	5.30pm	Hazel McAguare (PM)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Leon Rafnson RIP (MH)
	4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Quiet Hour.

Weekday Services

13.5 Mon	10.00am	Our Lady of Fatima Mass or Communion Service Joseph Bollard RIP (ME)
14.5 Tue	10.00am	St Matthias Mass or Communion Service For students taking exams (JL)
15.5 Wed	10.00am	Easter Feria Mass or Communion Service
16.5 Thu	10.00am	Easter Feria Mass or Communion Service
17.5 Fri	10.00am	Easter Feria Mass or Communion Service
18.5 Sat	10.00am	Easter Feria Mass or Communion Service

19th May – Solemnity of Pentecost

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Sarah Coyle (EMB)
	10.30am	Marie Chatten RIP (MH)
	4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Quiet Hour.

Exposition Sunday 4pm – 5pm

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Fitzpatrick	A Robinson
Next week	R Price	S Simpson-Heath

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	J Musgrave	G O'Gara	D Walmsley
Next week	N Damms	E Moroney Barnett	D Bixby

TEA & COFFEE	T & J	M & S Worrell	O Zurak
This week	Taylor		P Hogan

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we have our tea and coffee after Mass and I hope you will be able to pop in after Mass to meet your friends. On Sunday morning the Youth SVP will be having their first meeting and I ask you to pray for the success of this initiative. I joined the SVP one weekend after Mass at Our Lady and All Saints in Stourbridge in 1986 where I was attending Mass at the time and found it to be a good way of expressing my faith. It is a world-wide community who in their little groups find lots of ways of serving the community. Even if you are heading off to University this year or in the middle of exams I would encourage all of our Gen Z to come and see.

I thought I had better just check to see what GenZ actually means and it is those born 1997-2012 current ages 12 – 27. By way of further information I discovered Millenials are born 1981-1996 and aged between 28-43, Gen X 1965–1980 ages 44–59, Boomers Two 1955–64 (aka Generation 'Jones'). (This was taken from Beresford Research.) Boomers One must be 1945 – 1954 and before then must be WW2 I suppose. I am pleased to say I am in Generation Jones! Whichever generation classification you belong to it is never too late to join the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Monday 13th May is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The story of the appearing of Our Lady to a group of schoolchildren is intriguing. At first their story was not believed and they were treated badly by their parents and the municipal dignitaries. It is an interesting example of how truth wins out and how Our Lady reveals her message. We have a number of free DVD's called, "The Thirteenth Day" which tells the story. The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal is well worth a visit.

I was pleased to see the children from our school for three different services last week. On Tuesday morning the children of Key Stage One (Nursery, Reception, Yrs 1 & 2) had a little service of their own for the Feast of the Ascension. On Wednesday we had the Crowning of the statue of Our Lady at School and then on Thursday KS2 (Years 3-6) joined us for Mass at 10am as we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension. After the Mass the children in the top class Yr 6 had their RE lesson in church and asked me about my vocation and life as a priest. Their questions made me think about how much I enjoy my life as a priest.

Every Blessing
Fr John

Invitation to all young people 11-18: The SVP would like you to join us at the Parish Coffee morning after 8.45 Mass this Sunday 12th May. We are going ahead with the formation of a Youth SVP in the parish and we would like your help and involvement to do that. This is an exciting initiative which is already up and running in many parishes across the UK and empowers younger parishioners to be involved in helping those less fortunate in the parish and wider communities. Whilst there will be support and guidance from our existing SVP the Youth group members will be responsible for running their own meetings and getting involved in initiatives of their choosing. So please come along after 8.45 Mass on 12th May to find out more and see how this can lead to a great way to be involved with your friends and help others at the same time.

SVP Afternoon Tea Wednesday 15th May 2.30pm: For this month's afternoon tea we are very pleased to confirm that well known local musician Wlod Holweger will be entertaining us on his accordion. With coffee/tea and the usual large selection of cakes it is once again going to be an event not to be missed so please join us. Everyone welcome.

Congratulations to our 200 Club Winners:

February winners: £15 each to Dr J Martin, Dr P Angold and the Oates grandchildren.

March winners: £50 to H Cummins and £15 each to O Zurak and G Wilson.

April winners: £15 each to M Worrell, L Goldsworthy and K Moroney.

Rosary in the City Join Archbishop Bernard in Mary's month of May to pray the Rosary. Sat 25th May at 12noon in Victoria Square, Birmingham. Prayer Intentions: To pray for our city and nation and for men to embrace their God given vocation as protector and defender.

Ex Urbe Chamber Choir presents *Brahms German Requiem* on Sunday 12 May at 4 pm at Dorridge Methodist Church. An intimate rendition, accompanied by a piano duet, will be given. Tickets are £12, available on line from www.exurbe.org or on the door.

On Saturday 18th May, Hampton Singers invite you to their performance of *John Rutter's Requiem* and *Antonio Vivaldi's Magnificat* at 7 pm at Hampton Church. Tickets at £15 are available on line at www.hamptonsingers.co.uk or on the door.

ARE YOU New to the parish or have you changed any of your contact details?
Please complete a form for our parish records.

Made me smile!.....

Did you know the daughter of Michael Fish is called Courtenay.

Last night I dreamt I had invented a new colour.
Sadly it was a pigment of my imagination.

A B-flat, an E-flat and a G-flat walked into a bar.
The barman said sorry we don't serve minors.

Teacher: What is the difference between ignorance and apathy?

Child: I don't know and I don't care!

I'm selling my collection of tennis racquets.
First come, first served.

I had to return my brand new golf shoes.
There was a hole in one.

Owls can turn their heads up to 360°.
That's hotter than my oven.

Offertory: 5.5.24:

Gift Aid Envelopes £456, Loose Plate £219. Av standing order and online p.w. - £680.
Many thanks for your generosity.

✠ *Please pray for*

The housebound or sick: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynam, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove, as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Recently Deceased: Sheila Randall, William Linehan: May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Grace O'Neill, Sidney Dawson, Gladys Pemberton, Margaret Miles. *May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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: sg.stgeorge-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.