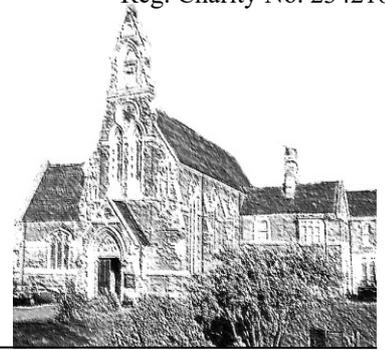




St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Sunday 9th June 2019

Pentecost Sunday – Year C

Today we pray for...

Saturday 8 th	12.30pm	Joe Thewlis – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
<i>(Special Vigil Mass)</i>	6.00pm	People of the Parish – Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Annie Kennedy – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Monday 10 th	9.30am	Sarah & Mark Jones Wedding – Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Tuesday 11 th		<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 12 th	9.30am	Mary Seery – Mass at St. Joseph's School
Thursday 13 th	9.10am	Jane & Frederick Stratton – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart School</i>
Friday 14 th	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	10.00am	Sister Chikaomasiri – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	11.45am	Eucharistic Service - at St. Joseph's Church
Saturday 15 th	12.30pm	Sister Gloria – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	6.00pm	Sylvia Kathleen Horton – Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Sunday 16 th	10.00am	First Communion candidates/ PoP – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
		First Holy Communions

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in our Parish, especially...



Bethany Kerr, Rose McLoughlin,
Shirley Davis, Diane Donaghue, Violet,
Frank Lowry and James McLaughlin.

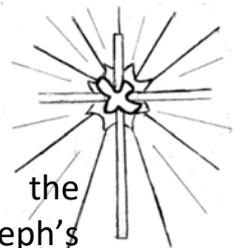
Parish Groups

Wed 12pm AA Group
Fri 12.15 'Come as you are' Prayer Group
7pm Church Cleaning (*Last Friday of month*)

Daily Exposition at Sacred Heart

In these days of political and economic uncertainty, it is important that all Catholics are praying for our country. Come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament any time between 10am – 5pm usually in the undercroft, or between 8pm – midnight in the Presbytery, 85 Prestbury Road. To check phone Nimmy on 07482 307222.

Come as You Are
Praise and Worship
Prayer Meeting 12.15pm



Meets every Friday in the Community Room at St. Joseph's church, followed by soup and bread.

The meeting is preceded by a Eucharistic Service in the community room at 11.45am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Weekly Collection

The collections for last weekend were:

First - £59.96
Gift Aid - £4.00
TOTAL - £63.96

Next weekend we shall have a Day for Life second collection

Feast of Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is this Sunday 9th June. We will be celebrating a special Vigil Mass this evening at St. Joseph's for Pentecost.

PENTECOST @ OSCOTT Come and join us to celebrate Pentecost. Prayer & Praise followed by refreshments. This Sunday at 8pm.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS for Sacred Heart Church will be on Trinity Sunday 16th June at 10am. St. Joseph's First Communion Mass will be on Saturday 29th June at 3.00pm (not 6pm.)

MEETING JOHN HENRY NEWMAN Bl. John Henry will be canonised later this year. Come and meet him in a series of talks at Oscott College on the 19th, 20th & 21st June 6.30pm – 9pm. To book, phone 0121 321 5026 or email margaret.wilson@oscott.org Tickets £5 per evening including light buffet. There are leaflets at the back of the Church.

THE MARYVALE SACRED HEART NOVENA starts on Thursday 20th June with Mass, Sermon & Novena each evening. See notice.

50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford on Sunday 7th July Noon Procession, 2.15-3.45pm Confessions, 3pm Public Rosary and Marian hymns, 4pm Mass & Sacrament of the sick. There will be a Youth Vigil the night before at 7pm.

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE A Weekend of Discovery, A Lifetime of Love. 29th – 30th June at St. Mary's on the Hill in Wednesbury. For further information go to www.wwme.org.uk or phone Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 244 7762.

NEW DAWN IN THE CHURCH A Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. Monday 5th August – Friday 9th August. For further details go to www.newdawn.org.uk

THE ASTON/NECHELLS FOODBANK is in urgent need of more items especially tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned puddings, powdered potato, coffee, toilet rolls, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shower gel and shampoos (out of date food cannot be used).

NEW ROUTES FOSTERING Fr. Hudson's Care run a fostering service. If you would like to foster a child, please see notice on board and phone 01675 434025.

PARISH CENSUS Following the new Data Protection Act we need to renew our parish data. If you had a form last week, I hope you have remembered to bring it back. If you didn't get one, please make sure you take one. This is important. Thanks.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Nimmy on 07482 307222.

DAILY EXPOSITION There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10am – 5pm and 8pm – midnight. To check phone Nimmy on 07482 307222.

THE KINGDOM WARRIORS meet on Tuesdays at 6.30pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This is a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

CLICK TO PRAY is the Pope's new app. Go and download it, it may help you to pray. Also get Catholic Mega App It is a gateway to lots of Catholic resources on the internet. Have you signed up to Churchpop.com yet? Short easily accessible articles about Catholic things, some more of a fun nature, some very serious.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – Genesis 11:1-9

Throughout the earth men spoke the same language, with the same vocabulary. Now as they moved eastwards they found a plain in the land of Shinar where they settled. They said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them in the fire.' (For stone they used bricks, and for mortar they used bitumen). 'Come,' they said 'let us build ourselves a town and a tower with its top reaching heaven. Let us make a name for ourselves, so that we may not be scattered about the whole earth.'

Now the Lord came down to see the town and the tower that the sons of man had built. 'So they are all a single people with a single language!' said the Lord. 'This is but the start of their undertakings! There will be nothing too hard for them to do. Come, let us go down and confuse their language on the spot so that they can no longer understand one another.' The Lord scattered them thence over the whole face of the earth, and they stopped building the town. It was named Babel therefore, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth. It was from there that the Lord scattered them over the whole face of the earth.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Response - **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Second Reading - Exodus 19:3-8,16-20

Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel:

"You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation." 'Those are the words you are to speak to the sons of Israel.'

So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, putting before them all that the Lord had bidden him. Then all the people answered as one, 'All that the Lord has said, we will do.'

Now at daybreak on the third day there were peals of thunder on the mountain and lightning flashes, a dense cloud, and a loud trumpet blast, and inside the camp all the people trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the bottom of the mountain. The mountain of Sinai was entirely wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. Like smoke from a furnace the smoke went up, and the whole mountain shook violently. Louder and louder grew the sound of the trumpet. Moses spoke, and God answered him with peals of thunder. The Lord came down on the mountain of Sinai, on the mountain top, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Response - **Glory and praise for ever!**

Third Reading - Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.' He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."' I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophesy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.'"

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Response - Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Third Reading - Joel 3:1-5

Thus says the Lord: 'I will pour out my spirit on all mankind.

Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men see visions.

Even on the slaves, men and women, will I pour out my spirit in those days.

I will display portents in heaven and on earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.'

The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,

before the day of the Lord dawns, that great and terrible day.

All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved,

for on Mount Zion there will be some who have escaped,

as the Lord has said, and in Jerusalem some survivors whom the Lord will call.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Response - Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

New Testament Reading - Romans 8:22-27

From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. For we must be content to hope that we shall be saved – our salvation is not in sight, we should not have to be hoping for it if it were – but, as I say, we must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet – it is something we must wait for with patience.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation - Jn13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 7:37-39

On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood there and cried out:

'If any man is thirsty, let him come to me! Let the man come and drink who believes in me!'

As scripture says: From his breast shall flow fountains of living water. He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ