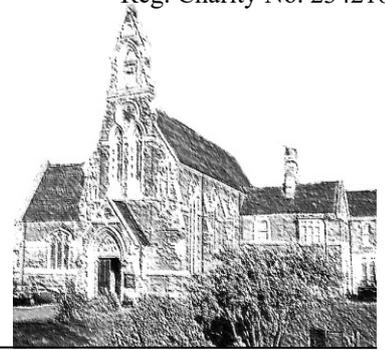




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Sunday 14th July 2019

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Today we pray for...

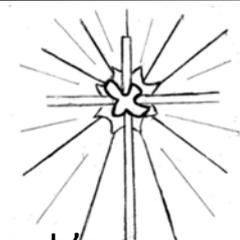
Saturday 13 th	12.30pm	People of the Parish – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	6.00pm	Joe Douglas – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i>
Sunday 14 th	10.00am	Sr. Augustine – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Monday 15 th		<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 16 th	9.30am	Annie O'Shaugnessy – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	6.30pm	Priests – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Wednesday 17 th	9.30am	St. Joseph's School Leavers – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i>
Thursday 18 th	9.10am	Sacred Heart School Leavers – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart School</i>
Friday 19 th	12.30pm	Funeral Mass for Kathleen O'Neill – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	6.30pm	Priests – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Saturday 20 th	12.30pm	People of the Parish – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	6.00pm	James McLaughlin – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i>
Sunday 21 st	10.00am	John & Maura Lawrence – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>

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.

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.

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

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

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 Sr. Meena on 07957 342742

Weekly Collection
The collections for last weekend were:
First - £45.74
Gift Aid - £9.00
TOTAL - £54.74

There will be a second collection today for The Apostleship of the Sea

THE DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE are celebrating the Golden Anniversary of their foundation next weekend. To celebrate this the sisters in our parish are inviting you to stay for coffee and refreshments after the Mass next Sunday.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, then Fr. Stephen is getting you all together so that we can start delving into this in the autumn. Please contact Fr. Stephen in person, by email or by phone. Perhaps we can get together for an initial meeting on Tuesday 16th July at 7pm in Sacred Heart Presbytery.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS The need to pray for priests has never been so great. We are starting this week, in association with "Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries" time for prayer for priests on Tuesdays and Fridays 5.00pm – 7.00pm with Mass at 6.30pm. This will be in English. It will be in the Undercroft at Sacred Heart Church.

THE NEXT FIRST FRIDAY OF FAITH is Friday 2nd August at 7.00pm. On the last First Friday we watched a video about Sr. Clare Crockett which was very inspiring, but quite long and took up all the time. This first Friday we shall watch a short clip about her for those who didn't see the full video, and devote the time to thinking about "vocation" and time for prayer.

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

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP With daily Mass and adoration as well as a day trip to Alton Towers and outdoor activities, this is a great adventure of a week for all young people aged 12-18 in your parish. It would be particularly suitable for altar servers.

"Summer Camp offers our teenagers a faith filled week of fun in which their relationship with Jesus is enlivened through engaging talks, praise and worship, the celebration of the sacraments and the nurturing of Christian friendship. This would be an ideal week of formation in faith for our Altar Servers" *Fr. Michael Dolman*

Week one of Summer Camp is now SOLD OUT but there are still plenty of places for week 2 which runs from 11th - 15th August 2019. The total cost for the week is £275 but we ask for a minimum donation of £195. We have a small number of bursaries available.

BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN TRUST (the Archdiocese of Birmingham) has launched a new Whistleblowing Policy. This policy aims to help individuals to raise with confidence and without having to worry about being victimised, discriminated against or disadvantaged in any way as a result any serious concerns (including safeguarding issues) they may have about post-holders, colleagues, their employer, or with how the Trust operates. Find the policy at: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/policies> . The Diocese is also a member of Protect, formerly Public Concern at Work - who are leading experts in whistleblowing. They provide confidential advice to individuals regarding whistleblowing, visit: <https://protect-advice.org.uk/>

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME, COLESHILL offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting, with Mass said daily by resident priests. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in the Undercroft on Monday nights 8-10pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957 342742.

DAILY EXPOSITION There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10am – 5pm and 8pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 07957 342742.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – Deuteronomy 30:10-14

The Law is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

Response: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God’s name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah
and men shall dwell there in possession.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

Second Reading – Colossians 1:15-20

All things were created through Christ and for Christ

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation,

for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth,

when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation - Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 10:25-37

The Good Samaritan

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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