

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2020

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## AS YOU COME BACK TO CHURCH.

Welcome back to public Mass after months of lockdown. Please note that few things are now done differently.

1. Wearing of face covering is mandatory (except for those under 11 years or have pre-existing health conditions and disabilities). For details on wearing face covering visit:

[www.gov.uk/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear](http://www.gov.uk/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear)

Sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church.

Avoid touching any surfaces. Always maintain the recommended 2-meter distance. Follow the instructions of the wardens on sitting arrangement.

2. Readers are required to use a single-use gloves or sanitize their hands before coming up to the lectern. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers, and no physical sign of peace.

Offertory and second collections are made in the baskets provided at the entrance as you enter or leave the church.

Consider using the gift aid envelopes (ask any of the wardens) or opening a Standing Order (through the parish office).

3. Holy Communion can only be received in hands. Remain seated until directed by a warden to proceed to receive Holy Communion while maintaining social distance following the markings on the floor. Hold out your hands fully stretched out to receive communion standing and in silence. Adjust your face covering to put communion in your mouth before returning back to your seat through the side aisle.

4. At the end of the Holy Mass all depart through the side aisles following the markings on the floor and as directed by the wardens.

## NHS TRACK AND TRACE

It is advised that all those who attend Mass or other liturgical services leave their contact phone numbers, to be kept for 21 days, after which it will be destroyed. This will be made available only to the NHS Track and Trace on request. The legal basis on which the parish will hold this information is your consent. You can still attend Mass if you do not wish to leave your contact. The Archdiocesan privacy policy can be viewed at:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 12th	4.30pm 5.00pm		Confessions Holy Mass	People of the Parish
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 9.30am		Confessions Holy Mass	John Welton RIP
Education Day		11.00am 11.30am	Confessions Holy Mass	Alan Waterhouse RIP
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feast of Exaltation of the Cross</i>				
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Success for ALIVE TO THE WORLD Programme
Wednesday 16th <i>Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr</i>	9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confessions Holy Mass	Michael Farrington
		7.00pm		An end to the COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Theresa Marks RIP (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am 10.00am – 11.00am		Holy Mass Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & confessions	Richard and Esther Lusher (39 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	4.30pm 5.00pm		Confession Holy Mass	People of the Parish
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 9.30am		Confessions Holy Mass	Blood and O Grady Families.
<i>Home Mission Day</i>		11.00am 11.30am	Confessions Holy Mass	People of the Parish

## 2020 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the following as we come closer to the celebration of the delayed Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion:

### Confirmation:

The remaining prospective candidates who have not indicated their interest in taking part in this ceremony must indicate not later than September 13<sup>th</sup>. Note also that the planned September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting is mandatory for all candidates. Bring along your Mass Cards.

### First Holy Communion:

First Holy Communion celebration is spread over three weekends in December 2020 (three Saturday evenings 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and one Sunday morning 20<sup>th</sup>). Not more than 10 candidates will be allowed at one Mass. Please make your bookings at the Parish Office with your Mass cards. It is strictly on first come basis.

Please note that all the candidates are expected to show enough interest in these Sacraments through regular attendance of Holy Mass. This is a way you show that you are ready to take your Catholic faith further.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of Sheila Porter, Mr John Reginald Welton and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls rest in perfect peace.

#### **BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact us at the parish office.

#### **FR STAN'S DROP IN**

If you need to speak with Fr Stan, you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm. No appointment needed.

#### **PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Please email or Facebook Carol to choose a day in September to pray for vocations during the month on behalf of the parish.

#### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPT.**

##### **Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

#### **OFFERTORY AND FUNDRAISING September 6th Sacred Heart**

Gift Aid £71, Non-Gift Aid £161, Total £232

##### **St Joseph's**

Gift Aid £87, Non-Gift Aid £87, Total £174

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

This Sunday's Second Collection is for the Catholic Education Service.

**Next Sunday** there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Evangelization.

#### **PARISH DAY OF PRAYER**

Prayer is the life wire of every parish. When a parish ceases to pray, she ceases to exist. On October 3, the first Saturday of the Month, we shall observe a day of Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at Sacred Heart Church 11.00am to 4.00pm. The focus of the day is Care for Creation and An End to the COVID-19 Pandemic with special prayers 4.00pm. Come as an individual or a family to observe a quiet time of encounter with the Eucharistic Jesus.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession is at the center of our redemption by Jesus Christ. We now have more opportunities to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament in our Parish. Apart from the half hour before weekend Masses, confessions also take place Wednesday 6pm -7pm (St Joe's) and Friday 10am-11am (Sacred Heart) during Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration.

#### **HOLY WATER**

Though the holy water stoups are empty during this period of the coronavirus pandemic you can still have water blessed for you - personally by Fr Stan, if you bring water in a container.

#### **GARDENING TEAM**

If you would like to try your hand at some gardening, helping to freshen up the look of the Church and Presbytery at Sacred Heart, please come along on Thursday 10.00am.

#### **FLOWER ARRANGERS**

We have had some interest shown in starting a flower arranging group at Sacred Heart Church. If you would be interested in learning a new skill, or showing off an existing flower arranging skill we will be having a meeting on Thursday 15th October 10.10am (After Mass).

#### **PARISH DIARY 2020**

##### **SEPTEMBER**

September 24 Mass with The Walsingham Association 7pm  
September 26 Meeting with Confirmation candidates, Sacred Heart 11am  
September 27 World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020

##### **OCTOBER**

October 3 October Devotion – Parish Day of Prayer  
October 3 Concluding rite of Baptism and FHC of Stacy - our RCIA 2020 Candidate, Sacred Heart, 5pm.  
October 4 Peter's Pence Collection  
October 9 Episcopal ordination of Bishops-elect David Evans and Stephen Wright at St. Chads Cathedral, 12 noon.  
October 10 Confessions for Confirmation candidates, Sacred Heart.  
October 17 Sacrament of Confirmation, Sacred Heart 5pm  
October 18 Sunday Mass with Bishop David McGough, Sacred Heart 9.30am.  
October 18 Sacrament of Confirmation, St Joseph's 11.30am

##### **NOVEMBER**

November 14 Meeting with First Holy Communion candidates  
November 28 Sacrament of Confession for First Holy Communion candidates

##### **DECEMBER**

December 5 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart  
December 12 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart  
December 19 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart  
December 20 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, St Joseph's

#### **Pope's Message for World Day of Prayer for the Season of Creation**

*- continues from last Sunday*

##### **3. A time to rest**

In his wisdom, God reserved the Sabbath day so that the earth and its inhabitants could rest and be refreshed. Today, however, our lifestyles push the planet beyond its limits. The continuous demand for growth and the incessant cycle of production and consumption are exhausting the environment. Forests dissolve, soil is eroded, fields disappear, deserts advance, seas turn sour and storms intensify: creation groans! During the Jubilee, the People of God were invited to rest from their usual work, to allow the earth to regenerate and the world to rearrange itself, thanks to the decline in habitual consumption. Today we need to find equitable and sustainable styles of life, which give the Earth the rest it deserves, sufficient livelihoods for all, without destroying the ecosystems that maintain us.

The current pandemic has somehow led us to rediscover simpler and more sustainable lifestyles. The crisis, in a sense, has given us the opportunity to develop new ways of living. It was possible to see how the Earth is able to recover if we allow it to rest: the air has become cleaner, the waters more transparent, animal species have returned to many places from which they had disappeared. The pandemic has brought us to a crossroads. We must take advantage of this decisive moment to put an end to superfluous and destructive activities and purposes, and to cultivate generative values, bonds and projects. We need to examine our habits of energy use, consumption, transport and nutrition. We need to remove non-essential and harmful aspects from our economies, and create fruitful ways of trading.

##### **4. A time to mend**

The Jubilee is a time to repair the original harmony of creation and to heal compromised human relationships. It invites us to re-establish equitable social relations, restoring each one's freedom and property, and forgiving the debts of others. We should therefore not forget the history of exploitation of the South of the planet, which has caused an enormous ecological debt, mainly due to the plundering of resources and the excessive use of the common environmental space for waste disposal. It is the time for restorative justice. In this regard, I renew my appeal to cancel the debt of the most fragile countries in light of the serious impacts of the health, social and economic crises they face following Covid-19. It also needs to be ensured that the incentives for recovery, being developed and implemented at global, regional and national levels, are effective.

It is also necessary to repair the earth. Restoring a climatic balance is of utmost importance, as we are in the midst of an emergency. We are running out of time, as our children and young people remind us. Everything possible must be done to limit the growth of the global average temperature below the threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius, as enshrined in the Paris Agreement on Climate: going further will prove catastrophic, especially for the poorest communities around the world. At this critical moment it is necessary to promote intra-generational and inter-generational solidarity. In preparation for the major Climate Summit in Glasgow, UK (COP 26), I urge each country to adopt more ambitious national targets to reduce emissions.