



PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 27TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass for Sunday	Peter Fagan
SUNDAY 28TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Bill Illes Angela Martyn Maggie Brown
MONDAY 6TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Thomas Sherlock
TUESDAY 7TH EASTER FERIA	9.00am	Holy Mass	Teresa Whelan
WEDNESDAY 8TH EASTER FERIA	9.30am 10.45am	Holy Mass <u>Requiem</u>	Amanda Garvey Noreen Clarke
THURSDAY 9TH SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION	10.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Ellen Quinlan Tony Hanrahan Joseph Connolly
FRIDAY 10TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass	Cormac & Cassie Kenny Charles & Catherine Keily
SATURDAY 11TH EASTER FERIA	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Eileen Glynn

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 11TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Charles & Catherine Keily
SUNDAY 12TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kenneth & Edwynna Wells-Richardson and Rebecca Lines WR Pat & Kath McGann James & Mary Corbett

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

HOLY SOULS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mallard Close, B27 6BN
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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

*NEED A VISIT? Are you elderly or housebound? Do you know of someone who is need of a visit?
We can reach out to support people in need. FOOD BANK: Donations of non-perishable foods in the box in the porch.*

ENQUIRIES: 07983160730

THIS WEEK

CRISIS IN SUDAN - Today we have an emergency retiring collection to support Cafod and their partners respond to the crisis in Sudan. The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The situation is quickly getting worse, and people caught up in the middle of the conflict are now facing yet another crisis – hunger. People are running out of food, water and medicine and many families continue to risk their lives fleeing their homes to escape the fighting.

WELCOME MEETING WITH NEW PARISHIONERS - It is a joy to welcome new parishioners to Sacred Heart and Holy Souls. Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco invite all those who have come to the parish in the last year or so to a welcome meeting on Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. We would like to offer refreshments and chat with you about the parish and get to know you better. Please let us know if you can come.

THURSDAY - SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On this great day we celebrate the joy of our Risen Lord ascending into heaven where he intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father and promises to remain with us until the end of time. It is to heaven that we are called on our pilgrim journey. Such an important feast demands that we come to Mass and celebrate this beautiful reality together. Thursday is therefore a Holy Day of Obligation and we are bound to attend Holy Mass. **Our Masses are at 10am, 12.30pm & 7pm.**

PENTECOST NOVENA We begin the great Novena to the Holy Spirit calling on the Spirit to be renewed within us and in the whole Church. The Prayer begins on Thursday, Ascension of the Lord and lasts until the great Solemnity of Pentecost nine days later. If we could offer this prayer for the renewal of faith in our families and the growth of our parish at this time. The Novena prayer is below.

Come O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ Our Lord.

MAY DEVOTIONS - We have begun Mary's Month of May. Please do pray a decade of the rosary each day, seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for peace in the world.

MAY ALTAR - Create a special space in your home during May for an image of Our Lady, some flowers, candle etc as a place of prayer. Please email a photo of your May Altar and we will place it on our website / facebook.

LORD'S FLOCK PRAYER GROUP - This Sunday 4pm at SJH. All welcome.

LEISURE CLUB - We will be meeting on Tuesday from 12 noon. Come and join us for some light lunch and company.

PRAYER GROUP - Meets on Thursday morning after the Ascension Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome.

EASTER GARDEN - Thanks for the continued donations of plants. Please keep them coming!

PARISH TOTE - The winning numbers are 3, 15, 21, 24. No Jackpot winner- 3 people had 3 numbers and receives £45 each. F.C.R. Cecelia Lenihan. R Walsh, M Looney Jackpot next week is £1,050 and will be drawn on Thursday 9th May 2024 in the Social Club. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it. Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the box which is located on departure from the church or alternatively post through Presbytery letterbox no later than 12 noon on the day of the draw.

FUTURE EVENTS

A PLACE OF WELCOME - Our special group for those with special needs or none meets this in the Parish Meeting Room next Sunday at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome!

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS - Next weekend retiring collection for the work of the Church in media.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th May after the morning Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

ROME & ASSISI PILGRIMAGE MAY 2025 - Fr Marco would like to lead us in a pilgrimage next year. At this stage, he would like to see if there are any expressions of interest. Estimated cost of the pilgrimage is £1,400 for 6 nights. Please sign the list by the side door if you might be interested in going on the pilgrimage.

MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY - On Saturday 25th May, join the Archbishop in Victoria Square for the Rosary, praying for the city, the world.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION - Please keep sending in your suggestion on our celebrations for next year.

OTHER PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Aldora Johnson. They can be contacted at: sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 624 or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS - To Mgr Timothy Menezes, the Dean of St Chad's Cathedral and Canon Richard Walker our Vicar General whom Pope Francis has appointed as new auxiliary bishops in the Archdiocese of Birmingham to support the Archbishop in his care of the Archdiocese alongside Bishop David Evans. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for ordination as bishops and take up their new responsibilities.

CLUSTER GROUP OF PARISHES - Please pray for our local parishes as we find ways of working together into the future. A small working party is being established across the parishes and in the near future people will be asked to join small groups to look at different areas of life and mission across the parishes where we can work together.

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

SVP CONFERENCE - Do you know of anyone who is in need of a pastoral visit from the SVP or who may be in need? Please contact us through Mike on 07983 160730.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Begins next week. There will be envelopes to take away next weekend and return the following week.

HOLY SOULS SOCIAL CLUB

Thursday Evening Bingo and Tote draw from 8pm. It could be your lucky night!

SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT - This Saturday with Billy Martin.

BOOKING THE CLUB - We invite you to use the facility for your family celebration and also as a venue for meetings to take place. We have good catering services to support your function as well. Contact Sarah Aldhouse on 07940 473593 if you would like to make a booking. You can be assured of a warm welcome and concern for all your booking needs from her. Email: info@holysoulssocialclub.co.uk. Please spread the news of the availability of our venue.

AND FINALLY

In these days of Eastertide we remember the Risen Lord remains forever with us. As we celebrate His Ascension on Thursday we remember this promise in a special way. Enjoy the Mayday holiday weekend.

**Many blessing and our prayers.
Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Mary "Bernie" Flanagan, James Hennessy, Sheila Beckett, Greg Boyle, Michael Flynn, Sophie Masterson, Zelmena Vickers, Michael Mulligan, Noreen (Nora) Clarke, Brian Tighe

Anniversaries: Horace Hatton, Jeremiah O'Leary, Laura Martin, Kathleen Pane, Josephine Taylor, Hugh Greenen, Mary O'Donoghue, William Hewitt, John Watkins, Frederick McGuire, John Redding, George Friel, Dina Cooke, Mary O'Shea, Thomas Finan, John Clarke, Kate Lohan, Berta Kavanagh, Sylvia Moran, Ann Carolan

Sick & Housebound: David Cross, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox, Margaret Norris, William Moran, Patrick Collins, Sue Allen, Mary O'Driscoll, Jean Taylor, Mary Lloyd, Julia Donovan, Paddy Mitchell, Mary Pearmain, Kevin Creighton, Wendy Cain, Ron Powell, Elizabeth Connaughton, Francis Mooney, Kathleen & Tom Connaughton, Kathleen Sommers, Elizabeth McMahon, Liam Lewis, Adam Bridgewater, May Fagan, Jacqueline Crawford, Fr Michael Ho, John Farrell, Tasha Tibbetts, Dmitri Sataev, David Cahill, Josie Teal, Fergus Hannon, Michael Farmer.