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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

23rd May to 31st May
2020

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

Today's Mass Readings

Acts 1: 12-14,

Ps 26;

1 Peter 4:13-15;

John 17:1-11

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you all are staying safe and well as we continue lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic. In this week's newsletter I would like to highlight two important events that are taking place from the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales for your attention for those who are able to access our parish website.

As you may know well that in normal situation our Archdiocese would have been making a pilgrimage to Lourdes this week but this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic this spiritual pilgrimage has been cancelled. But Archdiocese is organising a Virtual Pilgrimage from 24th May to 29th May. You are invited to this Virtual Pilgrimage starting with the opening Mass on Sunday 24 May at 3pm from St Chad's Cathedral. The Mass is available to everyone, but more importantly for those who would have been making the pilgrimage this year. To take part in this Virtual Pilgrimage and to know its programme please follow this link:
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

The another important event that has been taking place for sometime now, during the Coronavirus Pandemic, is that the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales is celebrating Masses for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care. This is to show our spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved. This Mass is celebrated by different Bishops in England and Wales from their own Cathedrals. This Mass is live-streamed on every Thursday for people to join. To follow this Masses and their time table please follow this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/masses-for-the-sick-and-their-families-nhs-front-line-workers-and-those-working-in-social-care/>

Finally, I assure you all of my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly. Stay safe and take care.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Margaret Jacob, Kevin O'Neill, Kala Kanji, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Margaret Dunne, Ireneusz (Eric) Majorczyk, Lenard Turner, Leah Hobson**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember John Irvine, Les Dyer, John Connelly, Mary Banks, Barry Westwood, Father Kearns, Patrick Browne, John Maguire, Mark Coppock, Peter Richards, Tino Debono, Mary Henderson, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SUNDAY OFFERTOERY COLLECTIONS

I would like to place on record a sincere thanks to all those who have had concern about our parish finance and putting their Gift Aid Envelopes and Offertory Donations through the Presbytery door in the last few weeks. Thank you so much for your continued support to your parish. There are many parishioners who had enquired about how to give offertory donations. The simple and easy way is to set up a standing order, if you can. To set up a standing order please collect an application form from the Parish Office. Or now you can also donate to our parish online. If you wish to use the online facility please go to the website of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. On the right corner of the website click Donate button and follow instructions (importantly please select our parish name). Those parishioners who are in the Gift - Aid Scheme, the Gift - Aid Envelope Boxes for the current year are available now from the Parish Office. I hope that many of you are going for a walk (daily exercise), if so please pop in to the Parish Office or the Presbytery and collect your Gift - Aid Envelop Box. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation in this unprecedented time. **Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ**

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 23rd May – 31st May (Psalter Week 3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 23rd May Easter Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Ints. of Br. Andrew</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 24th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>10:30am Tino Debono RIP, Teague and Doris Roarty</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 25th May Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>10:00am Deceased members of Marist Sisters</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 26th May Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest</p>	<p>9:30am Funeral Service for Ireneusz (Eric) Majorczyk at Sandwell Crematorium</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 27th May Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</p>	<p>9:00am Funeral Service for Leah Hobson at Sandwell Crematorium</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 28th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Christine Baynes</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 29th May THE SOLEMNITY OF DEDICATION</p>	<p>10:00am Jennifer Boggs and Steven Dolan</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 30th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Tommy Walsh</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 31st May SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</p>	<p>10:30am Mary White, Tom Briscoe RIP</p>	

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£427.00
Loose money:
£70.00
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

**GREAT BARR FOOD
BANK**

We are low on all stock; milk (UHT or powdered), Fruit juice, cereals, pasta sauces, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, soup, tinned rice pudding, tea bags/instant coffee, tinned potatoes, mash potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, jam and biscuit/snack bars. Any donations can be brought to the Presbytery. Many thanks.

**Next Sunday's Mass
Readings:**

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103;
1 Corinthians 12:3-7;
12-13
John 20: 19-23

Bidding Prayers
7th Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: God our Father, as we experience this time of uncertainty in our lives, may we follow the example of the apostles who, after the Ascension, joined together in constant prayer as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for your Holy Church throughout the world. May she be a beacon of hope and joy in our troubled world, sure of the message of God's love that she brings to all people.

Lord in your mercy

On this World Communications Sunday, we pray for the spread of the Gospel message of faith in the risen Lord. May we share this message of hope in whatever way we can.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for ourselves. May we experience a deepening of our faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, risen from the dead and ascended to the Father in glory.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all those displaced from their homes by disease, natural disaster or war. May they find the help and support they need to live in safety.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all the sick and those who care for them. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill them with strength and peace.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all those who have died recently.

We also remember our family and friends who have gone before us. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Lord in your mercy

Let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to pray with us as we say
Hail Mary....

Let us pray for a moment for our own needs.

Celebrant: God our Father, as we await in faith and hope the gift of your Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers, in the name of Christ our Lord.