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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Betharram)



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th July to 2nd
August 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

I Kings 3:5, 7-12;

Ps 118;

Romans 8: 28-30;

Matthew 13:44-52

Dear Parishioners,

I am so delighted to see you all in church and celebrate the Holy Mass for you. Church is now open for the public Masses on **Wednesday at 11:30am, Saturday at 12:30pm and Sunday at 10:30am with limited numbers only.**

A big thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to the team of volunteer stewards who continue to help stewarding for the Masses in church. Without their help it would have been impossible to re-open the church for Mass. As you may now know that the church must be cleaned after each Mass or other liturgical service. To do this we need more help from you. If anyone can help please contact the Parish office or speak to Fr. Vincent or one of stewards.

New Guidelines for Mass and other Liturgical Services in Church

- **Maximum capacity of our church for the Mass is 68 people only.**
- **First come, first served.**
- **Be considerate, patient and understanding.**
- **Follow 2 metre social distancing all the time in Church and its premises**
- **Sanitise hands on entry & exit.**
- **Follow signs & listen to stewards .**
- **Wear a mask or face coverings all the time in church. If you have any serious breathing problem or health issues please inform one of the stewards. Children under 5 are exempted.**
- **Avoid touching walls, door handles, etc... as much as possible.**
- **To light a candle please ask one of the stewards. Do not touch the candles under any circumstances.**

**SACRED HEART
COMMUNITY**

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PARISH SCHOOLS

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- **Receive Holy Communion** in silence by hand only, not on your tongue.
- **Communion in one kind only.**
- **No Altar servers.**
- **No Offertory procession.**
- **No Eucharistic ministers.**
- **No Sign of Peace.**
- **No Mass cards or hymn books.**
- **No Singing.**
- **No Offertory Collection during Mass.**
- **No Congregating in church and its premises .**
- **Please stay at home if you may have a pre - existing condition or are immuno-compromised.**
- **Please stay at home if you are feeling ill.**
- **Please stay at home if you suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19.**
- **Please stay at home if you have a sick family member at home.**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, 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, 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 **Jane Waldron, Ossie Bishop, Brenda Murphy** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Philip Johnson, Mary King, Margaret Clines, John Edwards, Patrick Beirne, Hugh McCann, Kevin Sexton, Bill O'Brien, James Byrne, Michael Foley, Jessie O'Reilly and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Funeral Service for Jane Waldron will be here on Monday 27th July 2020 at 12:30pm with close family members only, followed by burial at Oscott Cemetery at 1:30pm.

Funeral Service for Brenda Murphy will be here on Friday 31st July at 11:30am with close family members only, followed by cremation at Perry Barr Crematorium 2 at 12:30pm.

This Week Saturday 25th July – Sunday 2nd August (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 25th July Feast of St James, Apostle	12:30pm Ints. of Steve & Denise Watson	
Sunday 26th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:30am James Grogan	
Monday 27th July Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am Jim Higgins - Private Mass	12:30pm Funeral Service for Jane Waldron
Tuesday 28th July Feast of Our Lady of Betharram	10:00am Denis Cleary - Private Mass	
Wednesday 29th July Memorial of St Martha	11:30am Hedwig Grigmuth	
Thursday 30th July Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am Sr Miriam McManus - Private Mass	
Friday 31st July Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	10:00am Seamus Smith RIP - Private Mass	11:30am Funeral Service for Brenda Murphy
Saturday 1st August Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri, Bishop	12:30pm Stanley Davis & Simi Gordhan	
Sunday 2nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:30am Ints. of Sr Breege	

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£ 91.20

Loose money:

£ 544.63

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 119

**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. These items can be brought to the Presbytery before Friday. Many thanks for your continued and timely support.

Next Sunday's

Mass Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-3;

Ps 144;

Romans 8: 35, 37-39;

Matthew 14:13-21

GIFT - AID ENVELOPE BOXES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

Your new Gift-Aid Envelop Boxes are now ready for collection. They are available from the Parish Office. **If you are a UK Tax payer, please consider Gift-Aiding your donations.** Considering the present situation I would like to encourage the parishioners to set up a standing order. To Gift-Aid 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 the instructions (importantly please select Birmingham: Great Barr). Many thanks for your understanding and continued support and co-operation in this unprecedented time.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD

Today's Gospel contains two parables which challenge our idea of riches. Each parable contains a simile of the kingdom of God. In the first the kingdom of God is compared to hidden treasure and in the second, it is compared to a merchant searching for fine pearls. When the man finds the treasure buried in the field, he buys the whole field in order to get hold of that treasure: And when the merchant finds the fine pearl, he sells everything he has in order to buy it. The meaning of these parables is the greatest treasure we can have in life is discovering the truth of the kingdom of heaven. Our life of faith invites us to store up true treasure in heaven where no thief can break in and steal and no rust can corrode and corrupt. Scripture reminds us that our heart will be where our treasure is, and that true and lasting treasure can only be found in the Lord. 'Lord, help me to seek first your kingdom. May I recognise the priceless value of your kingdom and put it before all worldly wealth and power Amen'

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