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Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu
BETHARRAM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

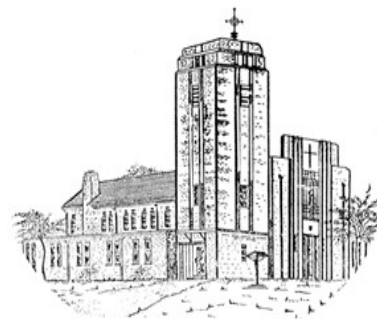
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER
YEAR B**

**8th May to 16th May
2021**

**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 10: 25-26,34-35,
44-48; Ps 97; 1 John
4:7-10; John 15:9-17

GOD'S LOVE NEVER FAILS

In the Gospel today Jesus says to his disciples that a man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends which he himself did in giving his life on the cross. Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship and not on servitude. He assures them that he wants to call them and us his friends. His relationship with them and with us is not that of master - servant. A servant is someone who does what his master commands as an obligation or because he is paid to do so. So, Jesus is emphasizing that his relationship with us is to be that of true friendship. In this way Jesus shows God's love for us all.

The love that Jesus speaks to us is beyond mere emotion or sentiments. It is a sacrificial love. Strong emotion and sentiments may accompany it but they are not in themselves love. They are simply channels to express the love. It is the commandment of God that helps us to endure or persevere in sacrificial love which is steadfast and unconditional. This is the mark of good and true Christian love.

Sacrificial love is sympathetic, considerate, gentle and kind. This love is not jealous. It works for the good of the other. This love is not arrogant, even when we think we are right and others are wrong. Sacrificial love is not selfish rather it is an act of the will which seek to serve and not be served.

We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, Colin Steward and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Elisabeth (Betty) Ibbotson** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Bernard Small, Bridget Dix, Anne Giles, Madeline Owen, Rev. Alan Fortune SJ, Michael Hart, William Richards, Mary Ward, Patricia O'Brien, Ellen Harris, Joe Attridge, Brian Ensor, Irene Povey, Joseph Greaves, Mary, Boyle, Hugh Marshall, Charles Lloyd, Thomas Nugent, Arthur Griffiths, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Requiem Mass for Elisabeth (Betty) Ibbotson will be on Tuesday 18th May 2021 here in Church at 2:30pm followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 4:00pm.

**PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC &
HOLY ROSARY TOGETHER WITH THE SHRINES AROUND
THE WORLD**

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.

During each day in May we pray the Rosary, guided by a calendar with specific intentions, in union with a particular shrine named each day around the world. The list of the Marian Shrines will be published weekly in our parish Newsletter.

To conclude this prayer initiative of Pope Francis and the month of May, as a parish community, we will have a prayer service and Holy Rosary on Monday 31st May at 11:00am followed by Holy Mass. Please do join us and put this date in your diary.

Fr. Vincent SCJ

<p>This Week Saturday 8th May – Sunday 16th May (Psalter Week 2)</p>	<p>Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p>Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 8th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Canon Giles Goward RIP</p>	<p>3:30pm Year 4 First Holy Communion Mass - Holy Name School</p>
<p>Sunday 9th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>8:30am Ints of Denise Watson 10:30am Antonio Jesus Pinto De Cairu RIP</p>	
<p>Monday 10th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>8:30am Hede Gringmuth RIP - Private Mass</p>	<p>9:00am First Reconciliation Service for St Mark’s School Children</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>No Mass</p>	
<p>Wednesday 12th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>No Mass</p>	
<p>Thursday 13th May SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holyday of Obligation)</p>	<p>11:30am Joe Greave RIP</p>	
<p>Friday 14th May Solemnity of St Michael Garicoits (Founder of the Sacred Heart Fathers & Brothers)</p>	<p>No Mass</p>	
<p>Saturday 15th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Joe McNamara RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 16th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Retiring Collection for Catholic Communication</p>	<p>8:30am Helena Maloney 10:30am Margaret Dunne RIP</p>	

SHRINE LIST & DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS

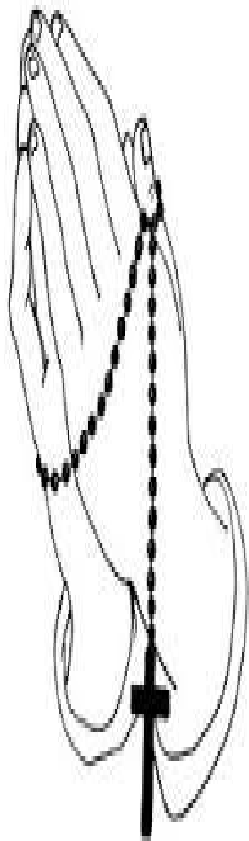
**Last week's
Offertory
Collection: £280.23**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£ 222.20**

**Standing order for
February: £1388.17**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 199**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



Date	Sanctuary	Daily Prayer Intention
Saturday 8th May	Our Lady of Luján (Argentina)	For all communication workers
Sunday 9th May	Holy House of Loreto (Italy)	For all Older People
Monday 10th May	Our Lady of Knock (Ireland)	For all people with disabilities
Tuesday 11th May	Virgin of the Poor (Belgium)	For all the poor, the homeless, and the economically distressed
Wednesday 12th May	Our Lady of Africa (Algeria)	For all people who live alone and those who have lost hope
Thursday 13th May	Blessed Virgen del Rosario (Portugal)	For all prisoners
Friday 14th May	Our Lady of Good Health (India)	For all scientists and medical research institutions
Saturday 15th May	Our Lady Queen of Peace (Bosnia)	For all migrants

**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**
Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26;
Ps 102;
1John 4: 11-16;
John 17:11-19