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



Today's Mass

Readings

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18;

Ps 33;

Ephesians 5:21-32;

John 6:60-69

**TWENTY– FIRST
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

TIME YEAR B

21st August to 29th

August 2021

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

Talk to God before Mass

Listen to God during Mass

Talk to others after Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are invited to dwell the words of Peter: “Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life”. Jesus has come, not only to save us but also to give us fullness of life: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly”. This is what we have seen in the Gospel Readings during the last few Sundays in a row. In these Readings we have heard that Jesus fed hungry people by multiplying the five loaves of bread and two fish. He taught: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Believe in me and you will never hunger and thirst anymore.” More importantly he said, “The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world”.

In his teachings, Jesus did not just give us material food; he gave us food from heaven. Jesus did not just give us bread; he has become bread for us so that we can be one with him and have life in its fullness. Peter and the rest of the Apostles realized this, though they did not fully comprehend the words of Jesus like the rest of his listeners. However, they were convinced that Jesus is telling the truth: “We have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God.” After all, the truth remains the truth, whether we understand it or not.

In today's Gospel Reading, our Lord Jesus Christ ends his teaching on the Eucharist by challenging his listeners to choose to accept his teachings that lead to life or leave him for an uncertain fate. Like Joshua in the First Reading, he takes time to explain to them why they need to make a choice and where it would lead them. As a matter of choice, many people could not accept his teaching and left him.

The same invitation to make a choice is given to us today. We hear people say, it is a free world, which is true. However, we are also invited to make responsible choices in the so-called free world as our choices determine our chances and the changes we experience in life. When Jesus Christ challenged the apostles to choose as the people were leaving him and going back to their former way of life, Peter replying on behalf of others said, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”.

What choice will you be making today in your personal life, in your family, in your relationship with others, and ultimately in your Christian life journey with God?

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, 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, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **John Peach** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Alice Goddard, Rita Craney, Richard Egan, Eileen Mooney, Patrick Flaherty, Joseph Saunders, Patricia Flanagan, Joe Harrison, Ken Lawrence, Madge Allen, William Sweeney, Joseph Poyner, Mary Hughes, Matthew Hobson, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

READERS & MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

I would like to reinstate Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Readers & Ministers who would like to restart their ministry please let Payal know so that we can make a Rota. Ministers are now welcome to take Holy Communion to the Housebound and Sick. If you wish to do this please speak to Fr. Vincent SCJ for further guidance.

NATIONAL MASS FOR THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

This year Archdiocese of Birmingham has been asked to host this event. The Mass will take place on Saturday 25th September 2021 at 12noon, at the Parish of St Mary and St John Wolverhampton. To book your place please go to the diocese website or follow this link: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/national-mass-for-the-guild-of-saint-Stephen-September-2021>.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 21st August – 29th August Sunday (Psalter Week 1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 21st August Memorial of St Pius X, Pope</p>	<p>12:30pm Patricia Flanagan RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday 22nd August RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES</p>	<p>8:30am Gary Piddock RIP 10:30am John, Margaret Beirne and Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reception into the Church</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 23rd August Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr</p>	<p>10:00am Joseph Bracken - Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 24th August Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle</p>	<p>10:00am The Brogan Family -Private Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7:30pm Baptism Preparation</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 25th August Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:00am Holy Rosary 11:30am The Skally Family</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 26th August Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest, Religious</p>	<p>10:00am The Raymond family - Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 27th August Memorial of St Monica</p>	<p>11:30am The Jones Family</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 28th August Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>12:30pm Joseph Poyner RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday 29th August</p>	<p>8:30am The Clare Family 10:30am Philip Whitfield and Family</p>	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:
£249.20**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£177.90**

**Building Fund:
£1010.94**

**Standing Order for
the Month of July
£1783.17**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:220
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**
Deuteronomy
4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 14;
James 1:17-18,
21-22, 27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

CURRENT COVID -19 ARRANGEMENTS AT HOLY NAME

What has not changed:

1. Names and contact numbers will be noted for Track and Trace
2. Sanitising of hands on entry and exit
3. Face Covering - we strongly advise that people continue to wear face coverings in church
4. Social distancing for those who wish will be available in the side aisles
5. Communion will be brought to those seated on the side aisles
6. For those socially distancing, exit from the church will be via the Blessed Sacrament chapel and then through the side door at the back.

What has changed:

1. Social distancing has been removed from the two centre aisles. You may sit where you wish
2. At the Offertory, the collection bags will be brought to you by the stewards.
3. To receive Holy Communion in the centre aisles you are invited to approach the Altar. Please follow the instructions from the Stewards
4. Exit at the end of the Mass is via the main door. Please be patient to allow people to exit calmly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th and 26th September—Annual collection in support of Fr Hudson's Society.

2nd October - Day for Altar Service called Proximity to be held at St Mary's College Oscott.

9th October Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 12 noon at St. Chads Cathedral.

Further details to follow soon.