

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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7th Sunday of Easter Yr. C



2nd June 2019

Mass Book: 273 Psalter Week 3

Readings:

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 96:1-2, 6-7, 9 *resp vv 1, 9*
Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17,20
John 17:20-26

Summer Hanging Baskets

Dear Father Paul,
I would like to Sponsor the Summer Hanging Baskets

Name:



Mass Times

Saturday	1 st June	2:00 pm	Wedding: Smith-Unwin
Saturday	1 st June	6:00 pm	Mass June Holt
Sunday	2 nd June	8:30 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboom Family
		10:30 am	Mass People of the Parish
Monday	3 rd June	NO MASS	
Tuesday	4 th June	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9:30 am	Eucharistic Service & Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday	5 th June	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
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Thursday	6 th June	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9:30 am	Mass
Friday	7 th June	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		9:30 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboom Family

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday	8 th June	6:00 pm	Mass June Holt
Sunday	9 th June	8:30 am	Mass
		10:30 am	Mass People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 17.00 (NGA) £ 5.00

Loose £ 287.22 **Contactless £20.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 47.07 (NGA) £ 15.00 Loose £ 135.58

Second Collection: Clergy Training Fund (NGA) £2.00

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D'Souza, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis. *If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.*

Those who have died: **June Holt**

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Eithne Johnson, Edward Lowe, Ian Shuttleworth, Mario D'Urso.

May they rest in peace

Mission Appeal 2019

Today we welcome Fr Tom Ryan SSC, from the Missionary Society of St Columban – *Columban Missionaries*, who will be making their annual appeal at all Masses. In particular he will encourage subscriptions to their magazine, *The Far East*. I am very grateful to Fr Tom for supplying while I am away on my annual retreat.

Hearts on Fire

Hearts on Fire is a new **seven-week course** (beginning June 6 2019 at St Joseph's Parish in Thame – see poster in the Narthex).

It is open to anyone who is interested in faith formation for themselves and for passing on faith to others, and there will be a number of experienced speakers.

Relics of St Edmund Campion – 15th – 16th June

The St. Edmund Campion pilgrimage reaches Sacred Heart Henley over the weekend of 15/16 June. The relic of St Edmund will be placed on the Altar. We remember in prayer all who suffer persecution for their faith.

Confirmation 2019 *Meeting for Parents & Mass of Election*

There is a meeting for Parents of those candidates for Confirmation on Thursday 13 June at 7.45pm. The Mass of Election will be Saturday 15 June at 6.00pm. The Confirmation Practice will be on Thursday 20 June at 6.00pm

Maryvale Certificate of Catechesis

The Maryvale Institute is offering a “Distance Learning” course in Catechesis. One of our parishioners has applied to begin in September, and I am hoping that maybe one or two others may join or accompany her. I would encourage you, because it would be wonderful if every parish in the Diocese had certified Catechists. For details, please contact Fr Paul or <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/>

Diocesan e-newsletter.

The Diocesan Communications Team would invite you to receive the Diocesan Newsletter. Go to our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Scroll down the home page and there is a yellow box which can be clicked on to say: I would like to receive the Diocesan Newsletter.

Retreat – I'm keeping you in my prayers.

This year has been designated by Archbishop Bernard as a year of special intention and prayer, for the Priests of the Archdiocese = the ‘Year for Priests’. To mark this, there is a special retreat in Palazzola, in Rome, led by Bishop John Wilson. I shall be joining 35 Priests of the Diocese on this retreat. Please be assured that I shall be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers as I prayerfully reflect on the last year, and the year to come, as I seek to discern where the Holy Spirit is guiding us. I also discern Deacon Mike's last year, which will fill him with alarm!!

Christian Unity

Our readings this Sunday remind us of the importance of Christian Unity.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is so firmly established in the calendar of the year that sometimes we can almost forget just how far we have come in such a short time. The Second Vatican Council renewed the Church's understanding of itself and its place in the world. The Decree on Ecumenism brought about a new age in the long relationship between the Churches. Many of our older parishioners may well remember the days when one was not allowed to enter a non-Catholic church, a situation which would amaze many today.

Christian Unity is a priority for us all, which comes from the command of Christ that all who follow him should be one. Where a lack of unity between Christians is revealed, there is a scandal for ourselves and our World. Today our united witness speaks of the action of the Holy Spirit in our World. England has a special role in the greater global search for unity, for England is considered to be special ecumenical territory. We have an important role to play in building up the one body of Christ. It is especially at the local level that this is seen most comprehensively and flourishes.

In recent years it has been interesting to notice that this week of prayer for Christian Unity is precisely that: a week focused on greater prayer. Christian Unity is something that happens so much throughout the calendar of the year that this week does not primarily need to be associated with major events, but rather a week of prayer which renews our efforts for Christian Unity which continue throughout the year.

In short, to be ecumenical is not being charitable; a particular 'hobby-horse', or a luxury; but part of the Catholic enterprise. The Catholic Church has the ecumenical endeavour enshrined in our doctrine (Decree on Ecumenism-Vat II). To be ecumenical is being Catholic; just as to be Catholic means one is ecumenical as part of our faith - to be less than this - is to be less than Catholic.

Here in Henley, there is an excellent relationship between the ministers. We meet every month. One month we gather to pray together, the following to enjoy a meal. In January, we have been away on a day of recollection and we will have a day out in July.