

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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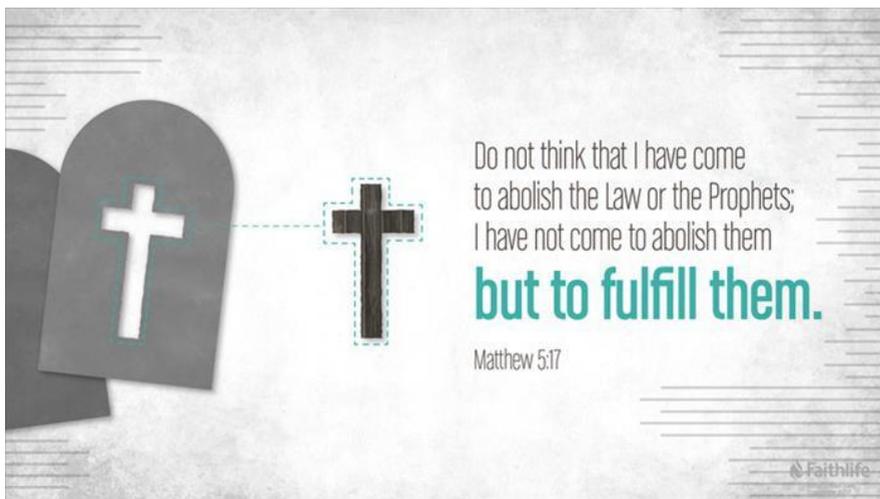
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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr A



16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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### Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,  
33-34 *resp v1*  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

### Children's Bibles

Dear Father Paul,  
Please find enclosed a donation towards the cost of the bibles  
we give the First Holy Communion Children.  
(£10 each)  
Names

## Mass Times

Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:30 am	Mass	Olivera Burns
		10:30 am	Mass	Michael Dempsey
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NO MASS		
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>9:15 am</b>	Morning Prayer	
		<b>9:30 am</b>	Mass	
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboam Families.
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	8:30 am	Mass	John & Kathleen Twine
		10:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish

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

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 28.00 (NGA) £

Loose £ 249.33 **Contactless £ 80.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 35.50 (NGA) £ 15.00 Loose £

Donation towards Children's Bibles: £ 60.00

*If you would like to take out a standing order, it is very straightforward.*

**Contactless Payments:** You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*

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

Agnes Boggis, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jane de Souza, Jean Marie D'Souza, Malcolm Dillingham, Margaret Evans, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury and Fr Antony Conlon.

*If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.*

*Those who have died:* **Ronald Stephenson, Fr Jim McGloin.**

*Anniversaries that occur at this time:*

Les Boggis, Myles Humphrey, Agnes Rotheray, James Walker, Paul Baran, Margaret de Meyer. *May they rest in peace*

✠ Please remember in your prayers **Ronald Stephenson** who has died.  
Ron died peacefully at home on Wednesday. We keep his family in our prayers.  
His funeral arrangements have yet to be finalised.  
*Lord, grant to our brother peace and joy in your kingdom. May he rest in peace. ✠*

### **Parish Financial Report 2019 – thank you for your generosity!**

We have published our financial accounts for 2019 - please take a copy from the back of the Church. The finance committee would strongly encourage anyone who is a tax-payer to sign a Gift Aid form to enable the parish to claim the tax you have already paid.

### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Preparation sessions for those not attending Sacred Heart Primary School will start shortly. Therefore, I would like to invite any candidates for Confirmation to apply. The forms are at the back of the Church.

### **Congratulations, Father Anthony**

On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Fr Anthony celebrates the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. He will celebrate the 6.00pm Mass and we will wish him every blessing. I shall be at Oscott for the training of Permanent Deacons.

**Baptism:** We welcome Zebediah Theodore Grange into the family of the parish.

### **Lent Course – The Gospel of Matthew**

This will begin shortly, and will be the focus of our Lenten reflections. It will be held on Thursday or Friday evenings during Lent. More details next week. There will be a poster in the Narthex with the details.

All episodes will be available on the website.

**Saturday evening Mass:** I shall not be with you on Saturday evening. I have been asked at short notice to represent the Archdiocese at the funeral of Fr Jim McGloin in Leitrim, Ireland on Saturday. Thank you to Fr Anthony for stepping up. I will be here on Sunday.

**New email address:** [sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk)

In accordance with GDPR best practice all the emails throughout the Archdiocese will be changing, and will finish with [@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:@rcaob.org.uk)

We will change our address shortly, and for a few weeks will monitor our current email address, but it will finish by the end of February. This is also an opportunity to ask if there is anyone who may wish to receive this newsletter by email – just let me know.

## Preparing for Lent.

Today, it's time to think about how we might make the best of Lent.

Lent is traditionally a time when we resolve to respond to God's care for us in a special way. This might consist of devoting more time in prayer, or time for acts of kindness towards others. We might resolve to give up something and help the poor with the proceeds. The Church has always encouraged us to make Lent a time when we give more time to God's ways and return to him.

In our parish we have focused upon the Church's tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent. Throughout the season of Lent, we will offer you extra opportunities for prayer and the sacraments – this will include our Saturday Holy Hour, and other helpful materials. Fasting is a long tradition, which echo's the Lord's fast in the desert. We give up something material to enable us to focus more intently upon the spiritual. By almsgiving we can use the money we have saved to directly help the poor and less fortunate than ourselves. We also have a second collection each Sunday of Lent, that will seek to support specific charities, both locally and internationally.

We will also focus on the Gospel of Matthew in this Year of the Word. If you are not sure where to begin, why not pick one of the Gospels and start there. It doesn't matter which, but during Lent this year, I shall be leading a course on Matthew's Gospel, which you will be able to follow, either with others on a Thursday evening, or by yourself at home. Details will follow, in the newsletter and the website.

I understand that sometimes, we just want to do our own thing. Over the last few years, I have also followed daily reflections during Lent. We will have our Walk with Me booklets, but I would also recommend the following, which I have enjoyed over the last two years.

The first is a daily reflection on Poetry, with a poem each day: *'The Heart's Time. A poem a day for Lent and Easter'* by Janet Morley: SPCK.

The second is a daily reflection on Art, with a painting each day: *'The Art of Lent. A painting a day from Ash Wednesday until Easter'* by Sr. Wendy Beckett.

What you choose to do, I wish you a blessed Lent. We still have ten days to go, so we have plenty of time to plan.

Fr Paul