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Dear Parishioners,

First of all I should like to say a big thank you to all of you who remembered my birthday last week and sent me cards and gifts or contributed money. Thank you very much. I was a great surprise. I have now reached the great age when priests normally step down from active ministry, but His Grace, the Archbishop, has agreed to me staying on for an extra year at least until my Silver Jubilee on 19th July 2021. By my conversion to the Catholic Church I have missed out on all jubilees so this will be my first and probably last significant Jubilee.

This Sunday we shall be having our first public Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Please let people know, especially those not on the internet. You will have received my email containing all the restrictions with which we have to abide. Note especially that you must arrive by 9.50 am and the doors will be shut soon after that and no one else allowed in. Note too that you must have face covering. A steward will show you where to sit – not your normal place!

There will be no singing, no servers, no socialising, social distancing, face coverings and only a short homily, but it is the Mass and it will be for you your first sacramental encounter with the Lord since lockdown. Thus it is a very special day for all of you who are able to come. I hope your heart is “yearning like a deer for flowing streams”.

This Sunday’s Gospel says “Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.” The first reading talks about peace, “he will proclaim peace to the nations.” God doesn’t set us great heroic tasks to perform to prove ourselves before we can come to him. It is not like a man in many stories who has to perform all sorts of feats to win his beautiful bride. Jesus just says “Come to me.” He is not setting barriers. We need to respond in the most simple way. At its most simple it means come, bring your body to church, to the Mass and Jesus will start to lead us to green pastures. For some that is not possible at present so just come to him in the most direct and straightforward and literal way that you can.

May God bless you all and preserve you from Coronavirus as lockdown is loosened.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

PS Masses are not starting yet at St. Joseph's, but I shall let you know when they are. At present it is just the 10 am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart.

The Kingdom Warriors have started a skype Bible Study Group which meets on line on Mondays at 5.30 p.m. If you would like to join it, please contact Shirleyne on 07562754382. All are welcome.

Please pray for the souls of George Counihan & Mary Morgan Russell recently departed and for their relatives and friends.

EWTN is broadcasting what it calls EWTN essentials which is a continuous devotional broadcast with the Mass every 2 hours. Get it on the free EWTN app.

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Andy Walsh, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure.

CORONAVIRUS For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

USEFUL WEBSITES <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

<https://magiscenter.com/>

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

DAILY EXPOSITION and the English Prayer Time are suspended during the Corona virus pandemic. To check on any further details phone Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Zech 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30) '*Yoked*' to Him we are not overburdened
A 'yoke' keeps oxen together when carrying a heavy load or ploughing a field. On the day you married you chose to be 'yoked' together 'till death us do part'. The burdens of life can lower your spirits and create a barrier to intimacy in your relationship. Jesus says: "Stay 'yoked' to me and I will help you, however heavy the load."