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**Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells**

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**PENTECOST**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
<b>Saturday</b> Sunday vigil	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Nuala Doyle</i> <i>People of Parish</i>
<b>PENTECOST</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Jimmy Butler</i>
Monday <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>			<i>Tracey Robinson</i>
Tuesday			<i>Br. Liam OP</i>
Wednesday	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Sr. Joan Ryan</i>
Thursday <b>Feast of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>		<b>Confirmation Mass</b>
Friday		<b>Noon</b>	<i>Arne Grossa</i>
Saturday Sunday Vigil	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Bill Keating</i> <i>People of Parish</i>
<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Mervyn &amp; Nilu 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv</i>

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Pentecost. This Sunday brings the Easter season to its dramatic climax with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and disciples and the birth of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church that Jesus came to found. Henceforth his work will be continued through the ages by the Church empowered by the Holy Spirit. His disciples will now do even greater things. We are today the people called and consecrated to carry on that work of proclaiming the kingdom of God and calling people to believe in Jesus and be baptised.

Congratulations to all the children who were Confirmed on Monday at St. Joseph's. It was a lovely occasion and a big step forward for the children. May they be truly faithful with the strength of that Sacrament all the days of their lives.

This Pentecost Sunday we are having a special First Communion Mass at Sacred Heart at 12 Noon (so as to make it simple with regard to Covid restrictions). I am sorry that most of you won't be able to attend it, but don't forget to pray for the children and their families.

The rules over Covid changed last Monday allowing certain relaxations. We still cannot sing and need to wear masks and social distance, but the Church itself looks more normal and you can light candles freely. Baptisms and weddings can now take place with up to 30 people present and a few more are allowed at funerals. We can have three servers at Mass and the Prayer of the Faithful. I think we can start to have Communion at its proper place in the Mass, but listen to instructions and follow stewards instructions.

We are all anxiously praying that the Indian Covid variant doesn't cause us problems and that we shall be able to have the complete relaxation of restrictions on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

This week following Pentecost there are two relatively new feasts introduced by Pope Francis and rather lovely ones too. Monday is "Mary, Mother of the Church" and Thursday is "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest". They reinforce our understanding of Pentecost and the Church. Sacred Heart Confirmation will take place on this feast. Again please pray for the children being Confirmed and for their families.

The new edition of The Sower magazine is out for Pentecost and there are lovely copies for you to take home with you.

Happy Pentecost and may God bless you all and keep you safe for eternal life.  
Fr. Stephen Pimlott

### **Collections last Sunday**

Sacred Heart First collection £238.07

Second collection Catholic Communications £148.91

St. Joseph's First collection £118.50

Second collection Catholic Communications £67.10

**Easter tide ends** this Sunday evening.

**SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL** A number of people have asked me about this and it has always been something very difficult for us to handle. However, new things are beginning to happen and I would like to get together parents of children in this situation. Please will any of you in this situation, whatever the age of your children, get in touch with me even if you have spoken to me before. Email would be good, giving me your name and address, email and telephone numbers.

**YOUTH** Many things are beginning to happen now that we are coming out of lockdown, some still on-line but also events at Alton Castle and other places. Visit the website [KENELM YOUTH TRUST - Home](#)

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** You are invited to take part in the Corpus Christi Procession at the Oratory in Hagley Road on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 1 pm.

**FIRST COMMUNIONS AT St. JOSEPH'S** will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00 pm. Please note that there will not be a Mass at 6 pm. that Saturday.

**PARKING** Sometimes it is a bit congested round Sacred Heart Church, but we shall make sure that the Club Car park is open for you to attend the weekend Masses (except match days).

**THE CONFIRMATION** at Sacred Heart will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00 pm. Unfortunately, due to Covid regulations, only those directly involved are allowed to attend.

**THE FIRST COMMUNIONS** at Sacred Heart take place this Sunday at 12 Noon following the Parish Mass. First Communions at St. Joseph's will take place on Saturday 12 June at 4.00 pm.

**OUR ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY of St. Mark's Gospel** continues on Mondays at 7 pm. Please contact George on 07870 153066 or at [georgeswisoba@live.co.uk](mailto:georgeswisoba@live.co.uk) to register.

**Please Pray for the sick;** Mary Levell, William Parish, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure, Phil Robinson, Mona Recci, Mary Cartridge, Bill Marron.

**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.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

**Pentecost**

(Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23) *Differences add richness*  
Paul saw the Church as being a corporate body: various people, each with unique identities, talents, different skills and abilities, all contributing to bringing the Good News to others. Our differences became evident early in our marriage; these differences can be problematic or add richness to our relationship. The outcome depends on whether our choices are selfish or 'us' focused.

**ON-LINE RETREATS FROM BELMONT ABBEY** There are some interesting options here. God to <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/online-retreats/register> for more information and to register.

**CORONAVIRUS** For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship)

**USEFUL WEBSITES**

[Home - Sycamore](#) A new English (as opposed to American) site to help parents be more confident in the faith so us to be more able to teach their children. It can accessed in several different languages which some of you might find helpful.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv> For access to many streamlined Masses in UK & Ireland

<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/>

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