



# PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 13TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Christie & Bridie O'Donovan
SUNDAY 14TH	8.30am 10am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jim Cunningham Michelle Madden Sheila Walsh
MONDAY 15TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Mgr. Seamus Conway
TUESDAY 16TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Gladys Murphy
WEDNESDAY 17TH ST ANTHONY, ABBOT	10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Mass Reception <u>Requiem</u>	Rose & Joe Moran Joseph Patrick Lynch Maira Healy
THURSDAY 18TH FERIA	10.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass <u>Requiem</u>	John & Jack Butler Joseph Patrick Lynch
FRIDAY 19TH FEAST OF ST WULSTAN	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Adoration & Vespers Holy Mass	Linda Harkin Christine & Peter Conway & family
SATURDAY 20TH OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Eileen Collier

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 20TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Patrick & Ellen Marjorie Byrne
SUNDAY 21ST	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kenneth & Edwina & Rebecca (Lines) Wells Richardson Bridie O'Shea Nicholas Cranmer

## WELCOME

To all those who are participating in the celebration of Mass this weekend. In a special way we wish to greet new parishioners, those who are visiting, and of course, our wonderful parishioners who are the backbone of this great parish community of faith.

## THIS WEEK

**PEACE SUNDAY** - Today is a World Day of Prayer for Peace. It is a moment for us to intercede for peace in our world, especially in the raging conflicts of the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We also pray for an end to warfare in many other places where the conflict doesn't always make the major news headlines. On this day of Prayer for Peace, Pope Francis asks that we pray that the gifts of artificial intelligence be used in the service of humanity and the protection of our common home, and not to further injustice and inequality, or to fuel division and violent conflict.

**OFFERINGS AT THE CRIB** - Our Crib will remain in church until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February. This year, the offerings we give at the Crib will be given to the charity, *Friends of the Holy Land*. The charity works to support the very small Christian community that is left in the Holy Land. Whatever you give at the Crib will be donated to the work of this charity. As you kneel before the Crib, continue to pray for peace in the land of Christ's birth.

**MEDITATION GROUP** - The next meeting of the group is on Monday at 1pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Come and experience God's love for you through this special form of prayer.

**PRAYER GROUP** - Meets again on Thursday after the 10am Mass. It provides a special opportunity to give praise and thanks to God and experience the knowledge of His love. Newcomers always welcome!

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** - This begins on Thursday. Please pray for the unity of the Church throughout the world. We also pray for our sister churches here in Acocks Green. In a special way, we remember St Mary's who prepare to welcome their new Vicar Rev. Philip Bowden later this month.

**PRAY 24 BRUM** - During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there will be 24 hours of prayer for the Christian communities in Birmingham at St Philip's Cathedral 19th Jan from 8.30am - 6.30pm and 20th Jan 8.30am - 7pm. Archbishop Bernard will be leading an hour of prayer on Saturday 20th 1pm-2pm. Do join in if you are in the City at this time.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**PLACE OF WELCOME GROUP** - For those with special needs of any kind and none meets next Sunday 2.30-4pm in the Parish Meeting room. All are welcome!

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** - Organised by one of our parishioners, Charles Keily, from **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> to Mon 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2024**. The cost is £299pp for en-suite and £261pp for budget accommodation, and includes coach travel. For more details and bookings please contact Charles Keily before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January on 07710 189036 (see posters on noticeboards). Walsingham is our very own Marian Shrine where our Lady appeared in 1061. It is said that Pope Leo XIII prophesied that "when England returns to Walsingham, Mary will come back to England". If you haven't been to Walsingham yet, this is a great opportunity!

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** - Anita is running another pilgrimage to Medjugorje again this year with Marian Pilgrimages

on 18 June. If you are interested in coming, please call Anita Giblin on 07930 674351 for further details.

## OTHER PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

**SAFEGUARDING:** The Parish of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Aldora Johnson. They can be contacted at: **sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk** or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240** or email **safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concern.

**PARISH TOTE** - The winning numbers are 1, 3, 17, 18. No Jackpot winner. 1 person had 3 numbers and receives £180 – Kathy Goan. Jackpot next week is £1,450 and will be drawn on Thursday 18th January, 2024 in the Social Club. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it. Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the box which is located on departure from the church or alternatively post through Presbytery letterbox no later than 12 noon on the day of the draw.

## REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

**LEISURE CLUB** - We will be meeting this coming Tuesday in the Parish Meeting Room from 12 noon. Everyone is invited.

**SVP** - This Wednesday the SVP will be hosting a special lunch for some of our parishioners providing them with an opportunity to get together after Christmas. Over the Christmas period, the SVP were able to distribute parcels and hampers to many families and people in need and also provide a gift for some of our housebound and isolated parishioners.

Our parish SVP Group continue to visit many people to offer friendship and support. Would you be prepared to share in this great work? If you would like to support this work please contact Mike on 07983 160730.

## HOLY SOULS SOCIAL CLUB

**THURSDAY EVENING BINGO AND TOTE DRAW** - From 8pm. It could be your lucky night!

**SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT** - The Club now opens at 7.30pm. 13th Jan with John Murphy, 20th Jan with Billy Martin, 27th Jan with Declan Gaynor. Do come and enjoy good company and social atmosphere. Sarah will make you very welcome.

**BOOKING THE CLUB** - The Social Club is becoming a very popular local venue for many social events. **Contact Sarah Aldhouse on 07940 473593** if you would like to make a booking. You can be assured of a warm welcome and concern for all your booking needs from her. Email: [info@holysoulsocialclub.co.uk](mailto:info@holysoulsocialclub.co.uk).

## AND FINALLY...

I was pleased to take a break last week and return to Assisi and visit the shrines of St Francis & St Clare and also that of Blessed Carlo Acutis. I remembered you all in prayer and asked that through the intercession of these holy saints the Lord would bless our parish, families, schools and community. Assisi is known as the City of Peace inspired by the vision of peace of St Francis. It was here that St John Paul II gathered leaders of world faiths to pray for peace. Today on this Peace Sunday we pray that our own community and world grow into being a haven of peace. Thanks to Fr Marco for all he has done in looking after the parish.

May God bless you and your families in the week ahead.

**Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Sandy Brown, Fr Christopher Greaney, Fr Paul Lomas, Moira Healy, Peter Cain, Brendan McNerney, Rita Hyatt, Joseph Patrick Lynch, Julia Gilligan, Sean Brennan.

**Anniversaries:** Ivy, Elizabeth O'Reilly, Cecelia Perry, Grace O'Driscoll, Margaret Bonner, Mary Brennan, Angela Darcy, Margaret Morrall, Thomas Naughton, Patrick Murphy, John O'Driscoll, Doreen Painting, Cyril Hughes, James Hayes, Honora Barrett, Patrick Costello, George Murphy, Evelyn Cooke, Nancy Casey, James Carr, Michael Sullivan, Josephine Smith, Dennis Hitchcock, John-Paul Dempsey, Patrick Doyle, John Enright, Patrick McAuliffe, Jane Milligan, Bryan Mellows and John Butler, Kelli Gorman, Peter Walson, James Murphy, Leo Priestnall, Eugene Tighe, Patricia Moore.

**Sick & Housebound:** David Cross, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox, Margaret Norris, William Moran, Patrick Collins, Sue Allen, Mary O'Driscoll, Jean Taylor, Mary Lloyd, Julia Donovan, Paddy Mitchell, Julia Gilligan, Mary Pearmain, Kevin Creighton, Wendy Cain, Ron Powell, Moira Healy, Elizabeth Connaughton, Francis Mooney, Greg Boyle, Kathleen & Tom Connaughton, Kathleen Sommers, Elizabeth McMahon, Liam Lewis, Adam Bridgewater, May Fagan, Jacqueline Crawford, Fr Michael Ho, John Farrell, Tasha Tibbetts, Dmitri Sataev, Ann Whiston, David Cahill.