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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

SATURDAY 22ND	4.00 - 4.30pm 5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i> Sunday Vigil Mass	Margaret & Brian Kelly
SUNDAY 23RD	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Tom & Teresa Cullen Michael Drennan & Joe Ann Sullivan
MONDAY 24TH FERIA	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass <u>Requiem Mass</u>	Bridie & Michael O'Neill <u>Peter Walsh</u>
TUESDAY 25TH FERIA	9.00am	Holy Mass	Eileen & Pat Kelly
ASH WEDNESDAY 26TH DAY OF FASTING AND ASTINANCE	10.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	James & Mary Corbett Catherine Peyton Donal O'Keefe
THURSDAY 27TH AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Deceased O'Connell & Byrne Family
FRIDAY 28TH AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass <u>Requiem Mass</u>	Charles & Eileen Keily <u>Cameron Dunne</u>
SATURDAY 29TH AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am 10.30 - 11.30am	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i>	Joe McLoughlan

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 29TH	4.00 - 4.30pm 5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i> Sunday Vigil Mass	Alice Devaney
SUNDAY 1ST	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Kenneth Wells Richardson & Rebecca Lines Wells Richardson Beattie Flynn Nora Reilly & Doris Maguire



Confessions
Saturday
10.30-11.30am
4.00 - 4.30pm

Collection	Gift Aid	£283	Total £1191
	Non-Gift Aid	£908	
2nd Collection:	PRO-LIFE	£390	



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday
10.30am - 11.30am

PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Legion of Mary: Monday @9.30am (Meeting Room)
Meditation and Quiet Prayer: Monday @1.30pm and
 Wednesday @ 7.30pm (Convent - 40 Victoria Rd)
Prayer Group: Monday @8pm (Meeting Room)
Union of Catholic Mothers: Tuesday @2pm (Meeting Room)
Bereavement Meetings March: Tuesday 10th @7-8pm and
 Wednesday 11th @10 - 11am (Meeting Room)
Novena to Our Lady: Wednesday after the 9.00am Mass
Junior Legion of Mary: Wednesday @3.30pm (Meeting Room)

Al-Anon Group: Wednesday@8pm (Meeting Room)
Leisure Club: Thursday @12.30pm (Meeting Room)
Journey in Faith: Thursday @7.45pm (Meeting Room)
Instruction for Children not attending Catholic schools on
 Saturdays @10am (Meeting Room)
Lord's Flock: Sunday 23rd Feb @ 4pm (St Joseph's House)
Faith of Our Fathers: Sunday 1st Mar @ 5.30pm (St Joseph's
 House)
Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday @8pm (Meeting Room)

FATHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends, it's hard to believe, but this Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY, the start of the Holy Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at the 10am, 12.30pm and 7pm Masses. The season that is ahead of us is one of joy, when we prepare to celebrate the mysteries of Easter with hearts and minds renewed by recalling the great events that gave us new life in Christ. We are invited by the Lord to be open to the gift of his grace and the prompting of the Holy Spirit, calling us to foster a deeper relationship with him and become more like him in the manner of our lives. Receiving the ashes on Wednesday is our desire to turn our backs on sin and to draw closer to Christ. **Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.** As Catholics we abstain from eating meat and fast by eating no more than one single meal and two light snacks. While these rules do not apply to children and adults 60+ or those who cannot do so for medical reasons we are still encouraged to make the fast. Below you will find some ways in which we might consider living the Season of Lent. Have a blessed Sunday and a good week ahead. Fr Jonathan.

PARISH NOTICES

A Recipe for a successful Lent: Here are some of the activities we can consider to help us make a good and holy Lent.

1. Daily prayer: Recommit ourselves to praying each day. Consider using the 'Walk with Me' booklets to help.
2. Fasting: Consider fasting which involves more than food and drink - perhaps an activity or a pleasure to leave behind this Lent.
3. Almsgiving: Acts of charity call us to think of the needs of others. This includes supporting charities, but also giving some of our time to people in need. A visit to the sick or an elderly person for example.
4. Listening to the Word of God: In this year devoted to Scripture: Perhaps Lent is the perfect time to start reading one of the Gospels.
5. Attend Mass and other Spiritual Devotions: We are blessed with opportunities for daily Mass in the parish and for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays and now in Lent on Tuesday evenings @6.30pm.
6. Stations of the Cross: Monday, Wednesday and Friday before the 9am Mass and on Thursday evening at 7pm.
7. Assist the work of the parish: Could you give of your time this Lent to help the parish? Become a singer in the choir or a musician, help with church cleaning, offer to help with the parish mission, or become a reader or general helper in the parish?

So many of these activities can help us enter into the spirit of Lent. Please consider what you might be able to do in making this Lent a special time of spiritual renewal in your life.

Collection for LIFE: Thank you for your generous response to the retiring collection last weekend for the LIFE Charity and for the offerings at the Crib this past Christmas. This will help LIFE continue its great work of protecting un born lives and vulnerable mothers during and after pregnancy.

Parish Census: Thank you for taking away the forms for our Parish Census and returning them today. If you did not get a form last weekend, please take one today and fill in the details and return as soon as possible. There is a box in the porch and by the sacristy door to return the forms. Alternatively, they can be left at the presbytery. It is very important for the parish to have this information in order to keep in contact with all of our people. We ask for your help and support with this. Please complete the form if you are resident in Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Parish or this parish is the regular place where you come to church. We would also be grateful if you could take copies of the Parish Census Form to give to people who do not come to Mass regularly, but who would want to be considered members of the parish. With our thanks for your help, Fr Jonathan and Fr Tomas.

Collection for the Maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral: This retiring collection will be held next weekend to support the upkeep of St Chad's the Mother Church of our Diocese.

40 Days for Life: The annual vigil outside Marie Stopes, Arthur Road, Edgbaston begins on 26th Feb and continues daily 8am-8pm until 5th April. All that's needed is an hour of you time and a heart ready to pray.

Dance in Aid of Cancer Relief: This coming Friday at Holy Souls Club. Please come along and support this event if you can.

Bacon and Cabbage Dinner: Sunday 15th March @ 2pm in Holy Souls Social Club. Tickets are available from the club. All proceeds will go towards repairing the roof of the club.

Parish Mission: Today there are sign up sheets in the porch requesting offers of help and support during the Parish Mission. Please pray for the success of the Mission each day. Dates: Saturday 25th April - Sunday 3rd May.

Singers and Musicians: Thank you to choir members who support our 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. They would gratefully appreciate the help of singers and musicians to join them.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Jim Murphy

Anniversaries of Death: Edward Meehan, Kevin McGovern, Agnes Sullivan, Michael Lynch, Joseph McLoughlin, Mary Hanrahan, Thomas Conway, Norman Wilson, Teresa Rourke, Michael Dalton, Mary Fitzsimons, Mary O'Connor, Anne Byrne, Teresa Finn, George Todd, Margaret Wade, Annie Daly, Elizabeth Mohan, Esther Curtis, Michael O'Neill, Eileen Keily and Paul Hill.

Sick: Myra Hill, Mary Mitchell, Maureen Lambert, Christopher Zajac, John Stenson, Josephine Jones, Alan Ball, Dorothy & David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Monica Kearns, Kathleen Watson, Ann Farrell, Tom Foley, Pat Raftery, Maisie Meehan.

Coming up at Holy Souls Social Club www.holysoulssocialclub.co.uk/events

Irish Set Dancing on Tuesdays at 8.30pm

Thursdays Bingo at 8.30pm with £250 in prize money and **Play Your Cards Right with JACKPOT followed by weekly TOTE Draw.** (Tote Results are available in the porch)

Date	Band
22nd Feb	Sean Wilson
28th Feb	Charity Dance - In aid of Cancer Kevin McGrath (<i>and his band On the Sesh</i>)
29th Feb	Billy Martin
15th Mar	Bacon & Cabbage Dinner

Parish Rotas: (Week commencing 24th February)

Cleaning: 1

Flowers: Lent

Cashiers: J & C O'Neill