

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter

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3rd/4th October 2020 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading; Isaiah 5 ;1-7.

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel.

Psalm Response: Ps79 The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9.

The God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

WEEKEND MASSES : Sacred Heart, Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9.30am

English Martyrs, Sunday 11am. No Saturday Mass at Present.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday 7pm. Mass in the Main Church at Sacred Heart.

Thursday 10am Mass at English Martyrs. Both Masses fulfil the Sunday obligation.

Recorded Sunday and Weekday Masses from Sacred Heart are normally available on YouTube. Sunday Mass at 9.15 am. There will be recorded Weekday Masses but not on Wednesday from Sacred Heart available on YouTube usually by 12 noon each day.

Recently Deceased English Martyrs: Please remember in prayer David Richardson who has died recently. Funeral details are being arranged. Michael Wren at Sacred Heart. We pray for their families in their loss. Funeral details are being arranged. May they rest in peace.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection at Masses next weekend.

Next Friday is Harvest Fast Day.

10/11 October our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected.

You can donate : **online** at cafod.org.uk/give, using one of the **envelopes** or **Text CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085

QR Codes. Following Government instructions, we are displaying QR codes on the poster as you enter the Church. You are encouraged to download the NHS Coronavirus App on your Smart Phone and use it to check in when you come.

If you do not have Smart phone, please sign or be signed in in the usual way for the Track and Trace. Thank you for your cooperation with this important measure in combatting Covid. It will help to keep all of us safe.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT FATHER HUDSON'S CARE ANNUAL COLLECTION

Father Hudson's Care to support vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need help, advice, and support at times of adversity. Please give generously to this worthy cause. Gift Aid envelopes are available, please use them.

The baskets are available for donations after Masses this weekend. You can Gift Aid by filling details on special Fr Hudson's envelopes. Thanks to all who have given already.

BAPTISMS : It is possible to celebrate infant baptisms again. Please contact us to arrange or rearrange the celebration of Baptism at English Martyrs or Sacred Heart. Please note the recent change which says that only **SIX** people can be present at the ceremony.

CONFESSIONS : If you wish to make your Confession ,Sacrament of Reconciliation , it is best to contact the Clergy to arrange a time and a suitable location.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. We might think of adding a Decade of the Rosary to your daily prayers. Remembering all who are suffering from the Pandemic, those caring for the sick and all those whose lives have been affected by the Covid crisis.

NEXT FRIDAY our two new Auxiliary Bishops Canons David Evans and Stephen Wright will be ordained as bishops at St Chad's at 12 noon. We will be able to take part in the ceremony via the St Chad's website. Bishop Evans will take responsibility for the Birmingham and Worcester area and Bishop Wright for the north of the diocese. Please pray for them as they take on these new responsibilities at this particularly challenging time.

PRAYER FOR CREATION ON THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

"Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,

all praise is yours, all glory, honour and blessings.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong." (St Francis of Assisi)

"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet

never take away the joy of our hope." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

Creator God we praise your world and look with awe on all that is.

May we commit to heal the earth and share your gifts in faith and trust.

Brother Francis, in purity of heart you gazed upon the world with love.

We ask you joyfully to intercede for us, as guardians of our common home.

St Francis, pray for us.

