

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter

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19/20th September 2020 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading; Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Psalm Response: Ps 144

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Life to me is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

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.

Funeral Service at English Martyrs for John Naylor on Wednesday 23rd September at 2pm followed by burial at Watts Lane at 3pm. Congregation in Church is limited to 30. Graveside Family only. Contact family for further information on 562978. May he rest in peace.

Please also pray for David Richardson who has died recently. Funeral details are being arranged. We pray for both families in their loss.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE ANNUAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

On 26-27 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting 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 should be available next weekend.

You can also donate by using JustGiving or by TEXT. Text FATHERH to 70085. To text £% eg text FATHERH5

We pray for the work and mission of everyone involved in the diocesan social care agency, Father Hudson's Care. May they continue to show forth the works of Mercy bxy providing services for children, young people, adults and families who are isolated, vulnerable or in need... Lord, hear us.

PLEASE REMEMBER to observe the distancing rules when in Church and in moving around and also outside- 2 metres. It is one metre and wearing and wearing a mask in Church . At Holy Communion please keep your mask on to receive Holy Communion into your hands and then remove the mask to consume the host.

Sunday and Weekday Masses from Sacred Heart are normally available on YouTube. Sunday Mass at 9.15 am (This is a recording of the Saturday evening Mass). There will be recorded Weekday Masses but not on Wednesday from Sacred Heart available on YouTube usually by 12 noon each day.

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.

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION 1st September to October 4th, Feast of St Francis.Pope Francis calls us to keep the Season of Creation at this time of year. He asks us to focus on the message of '*Laudato Si*', his important letter published five years ago, reminding the whole human family to be aware of our responsibility to care for our common home.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY this year is on Friday October 9th. The Collection will follow on weekend 10/11th October. It will go to CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal. The virus is deeply affecting CAFOD's work globally and our help is vital. **Survive/Rebuild/Heal.**

PRAYER INSPIRED BY LAUDATO SI

Living God, have mercy on us, for the times we forget that we belong to each other.

You call us to be still, to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind, to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun, and to be nourished by our Mother Earth.

Renew us in your healing love. Inspire us to water the earth, and nurture one another, so all may flourish. Together, as one family, may we always sing your praise.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

NICE TO SEE YOU; It is good to see attendance at the Masses in both parishes being maintained and increasing slowly. And the response to the two additional public Masses at SH on Wednesday at 7pm and EM on Thursday 10am. We quite understand if people still do not feel confident in returning to Mass just yet.

Thank you for your generous response to the Collection and especially to those who have made donations to cover the 'backlog' caused when public Mass was not available and they were not able to donate as usual. Please consider signing a Standing Order so we can receive your donations regularly and Gift Aid if possible to maximise your offering.

