



**22nd May 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year C**

Sat 21st	SH	5.00pm LS	Pat Priest RIP
Sun 22nd	SH EM	9.30 am 11.00 am LS	<b>Confirmation Mass with Bishop David Evans</b> People of the Parishes
Mon 23rd	SH	10.00 am LS	No Mass Today
Tues 24th	SH	10.00 am. LS	Peace in Ukraine and for the Refugees
Wed 25th	SH	7.00 pm. LS	Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord Fr Graham Ordination Anniversary
Thurs 26th	EM SH	10 am 12.30 pm	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.</b> Mass with School. Holyday of Obligation. Shirley Petras RIP Funeral Mass for Patricia (Pat) Priest RIP
Fri 27th	SH	7.00pm LS	Sick and Infirm of the Parishes
Sat 28th	SH	5pm LS	Tom Collins RIP
Sun 29th	SH EM	9.30 am 11.00 am LS	People of the Parishes Maurine Mc Loughlin RIP

Welcome to Bishop David and our thanks for coming to celebrate Mass and Confirmation this Sunday at Sacred Heart. Bishop David is the Auxiliary Bishop responsible for the Birmingham and Worcestershire area of the Diocese.

Second collection for Catholic Communications this weekend.  
Today is a Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. Let us pray for peace in the world , especially in the Middle East. May Christians in those lands be strengthened in their faith so they may continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ.

**LIVESTREAM :** There have been some problems with the Saturday evening Livestream from SH. If this happens you can watch the Livestream from EM at 11 am on Sunday which seems more reliable. Sorry for any inconvenience.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sacred Heart</b></p> <p>Safeguarding Officer: Sue Leary www.sacredheartrugby.org.uk Tel. 01788 813263 YouTube: Sacred Heart, Bilton Email: sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish Office for both parishes open: Tuesday and Friday 9.30 am to 12.00.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>English Martyrs</b></p> <p>Safeguarding Officer: Marie Kane www.englishmartyrsrugby.org Tel. 01788 813263 YouTube -English Martyrs RC Parish Rugby Email: sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">English Martyrs Primary School Tel 01788 543432</p>
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Parish Team Canon Gerard Murray, Deacon Lionel Pelloquin. Fr Graham Venn IC in residence  
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## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AT SH**

### **First Holy Communion (1st Group)**

The next session for **Children and Parents** will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm in the Hall.

First Communion for this group is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am Mass.

### **First Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> Group)**

Next meeting for children will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in the Hall. Please remember to bring your folder and pencil case. First Communion for this group will be on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.

**English Martyrs First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

## **RETURNING TO MASS FROM PENTECOST—MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE**

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures.

We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. It is intended that this Sunday Obligation should return from Pentecost Sunday celebrated on 5th June.

## **UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN RUGBY AREA**

Hosts in the Rugby area have been welcoming refugee families into their homes. Sacred Heart hosted the first of our coffee mornings last Wednesday. We welcomed nine Ukrainian families and it went well. Thank you to the team who helped prepare refreshments. Our Parish has agreed to run a Coffee Morning and other refreshments on Wednesday mornings each week at 10am to 12 noon. We are able to offer a safe and welcoming place where people can gather to support one another at this difficult time and support and help can be offered or arranged as needed. Offers of help welcome to make drinks and provide small cakes or traybakes. If you would like to help please contact Diane on 07951177910.

Fr Hudson's Care on behalf of the diocese are working hard to coordinate and help to support efforts being made in various parts of the diocese. They have much expertise in working with refugees and asylum seekers over many years. They are receiving many requests of support through St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham. They need vital funds to expand and develop the support which is vitally needed. Thank you for your Support. Any cheques to Fr Hudsons.

**CAR PARKING AT ENGLISH MARTYRS WEEKEND MASS TIMES :** We have been asked us to move from our usual parking place in the Playground which will be marked for games use. We have been offered the use of the School Car Park. There are a similar number of places but we will need to park sensitively and carefully with regard to other users so the capacity can be used. This will begin from next weekend. We thank the School for the use of this facility.