

A **Young Children's Club** after Mass in the Hall - see Isabel Drugan.

**Children's clothing for Africa...** See Solomon or please leave it in the labelled box in the porch.

\*\*\*\* Please collect any lost property from the table in the porch\*\*\*\*

The World Meeting of Families takes place in Dublin in August. The Archdiocese is supporting the congress by sending a family from each deanery to take part in this special event. A card based on the official WMOF2018 'Icon of the Holy Family' is available from the piety stall for a minimum donation of £1.00. All donations will go towards the costs of sending a family from our deanery to the meeting.


**Parish Summer Fair - Saturday 9th June 12 -2 pm.** Please put the date in your diary and remember to join us. We need your donations of bottles, raffle prizes, good quality bric-a-brac. Cash donations are also welcome. Please see George Gallagher if you want to volunteer to help. We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends on the day.



2018		Forthcoming Parish events	
June			
9	Sat	12-2pm	Parish Summer Fair
10	Sun	10.00	First Holy Communion Preparation Mass– Gift of Joy/The Greatest Gift
17	Sun	10.00	Second Collection – Day for Life
24	Sun	10.00	First Holy Communion Mass
			Second Collection – Peter's Pence
July			
8	Sun		Second Collection – Apostleship of the Sea

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	<b>June 2018</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	Readings: Sun B weekdays 2
Mass Times	Sat 2	10.00 Feria	
	<b>Sun 3</b>	<b>10.00 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	Winston Cole
	Mon 4	9.30 Feria	Vocations
	Tue 5	9.30 St Boniface in St Martins	Hugh McDermot
	Wed 6	9.30 Feria	Jooan Gingell
	Thu 7	9.30 Feria in St John and Monica	Betty Wild
	Fri 8	9.30 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Marie Lewis
	Sat 9	10.00 Immaculate Heart of Mary	Parish
	<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>10.00 Tenth Sunday</b>	Joan Ganly
	<b>Confessions</b>		Saturdays 10.30 – 10.45 and by request

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Majella McAtavey, Harry Walkley, Paul Keene, Sr. Stella, Mary Cox, Bridget Kemp, Soraya Wilson, David Mishra, Alan and Tess Shepherd, June Beard, Maureen Messent, George Gallagher, and Margaret McAtavey.

**Recently died:** Please remember Lynn Callaghan and James Cafferkey in your prayers. The Reception in Church of James Casserly is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm and the funeral on Wednesday 13 June at 10.00am. May they rest in peace.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Nagle, Mary Waterson, Thomas ( Alex) Fleming, Ellen O'Donnell, John Collins, John Power, Michael Roche, Winifred Seeney, Kathleen Ryan, Elizabeth & Edward Doran, Sr. Agnes Hartung SHCJ, Patricia Langan, Catherine ( Kay) Simons, Mark Jenkins.

*You are invited to refreshments in the Hall after the Sunday Mass*

### Pilgrimages

**Lourdes, Thur 26 July–Fri 3 Aug.** 9 day/8 nights luxury pilgrimage with no overnight coach travel. Cost: £575 per person sharing or £765 Single Room (includes £190 Single Room Supplement). Deposit £100. In Lourdes at the same time as Salford Diocese. Pick-up from St Chad's, Birmingham.

**Poland. In the Footsteps of St Pope John Paul II & visiting the Divine Mercy Chapel, Auschwitz Birkenau and many other places. Fri 14–Fri 21 Sep.** Spiritual Director Fr Krzysztof Kita. Pick-up from St Michael's, Moor Street, B'ham. Flying from B'ham. Coach transfers included. 8 days/7 nights in 4 Star hotel. Dinner, bed & breakfast incl. Local Guide. All entrance fees included. Cost: £775 per person Sharing or £950 Single Room (includes £175 Single Room Supplement). Deposit £175. Closing date for booking and paying deposit is Sat 30 Jun.

**Fatima (Long weekend). Feast of Immaculate Conception. Thur 6- Sun 10 Dec.** £375 per person sharing. £450 single. £100 deposit. Contact the Pilgrimage Operator - Adrian Duffy, Northern Star Travel 0161 773 2115. info@northernstartravel.com or Andrew Oldnall (see below). Booking is now open. We are planning to take a group from Birmingham again this year.

Instalment plans available. For further information, please contact Andrew Oldnall Tel: 0121 440 8623. Mobile: 07733 226063. Email: andrewsoldnall@gmail.com .

**Vigil of Reparation** in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament, takes place on **Fri 8 June at St Francis Church, Handsworth, B19 1EB** commencing with **Mass of the Sacred Heart at 9pm. Mass of the Immaculate Heart is at 11.45 pm.** Vigil ends with **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3am.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & other prayers.

**Annual Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sun 10 June Maryvale Institute.** Proceeded by novena to the Sacred Heart from 31 May - 8 June. See the poster in the porch for details.

ACTA summer day retreat ***Finding God in the Mess (yes "mess")***. **Sun 24 Jun, 10.30 for 11 – 4pm, St Pauls Conference Centre, Selly Park B29 7LL.** Ignatian spirituality with Margaret Holland University Chaplain. Mass at 3.15. Bring packed lunch, tea & coffee provided. Free (donations welcome). Open to all – bring a friend.

***A Future for All ... Implementing the Christian imperative to care for our world***, **Sat 14 Jul 10-4** Priory Rooms, Bull Street, Central Bham B4 6AF. An ecumenical day of worship, speakers, workshops and conversations. Suggested donation £10. [eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-future-for-all-tickets-43746567160](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-future-for-all-tickets-43746567160)

*Please see the noticeboard in the porch for more announcements*

### Today's feast

The Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century to commemorate the Institution of the Eucharist. While we remember this on Holy Thursday, we also remember Christ's coming passion and death as well as the institution of the priesthood. For the sublime gift of the Holy Eucharist, we need another just set aside just to praise God for His unlimited humility and love. Imagine that bread and wine become the God of Heaven and Earth!

All Catholic Churches, unlike other Christian Churches, have a tabernacle for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. The word Tabernacle comes from the Old Testament from the story when the Chosen People fled from the slavery of Egypt and where making their way to the Promised Land. They took with them precious relics which were in the Ark of the Covenant including the Moses rod and the Ten Commandments carved in stone. They erected a huge tent where the Ark was kept and where the priests prayed - that tent was called the Tabernacle and it stood the Holy of Holies. This tabernacle was, in King Solomon's time, inside the temple. Jesus was taught as a child in the Temple and preached there. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Romans in 70AD, destroyed the Temple. But we Christians call the holiest place in our Churches the Tabernacle; the holy of holies and the most Sacred place in our Church; reminding us of the history of our faith and its connection with the Jews.

Today's feast has 3 purposes:

- 1) To honour Our Lord, who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- 2) To instruct others in the faith, mystery, and devotion concerning the Holy Eucharist
- 3) To show our appreciation for Jesus presence among us through the Holy Eucharist.

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