

Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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All Masses (with and without a congregation) are Livestreamed at the same time to both the parish Facebook Page and YouTube channel.

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Dear Parishioners,

The Temptation of Jesus throws up that age-old controversy between two mistaken ideas. On the one hand, that Jesus wasn't God at all, but just a good human being. But if that were true none of us would be redeemed. Do you remember in the gospel where Jesus tells the paralytic that his sins are forgiven and the Pharisees instantly object that no human being can forgive sins, that only God can forgive sin? And they were right. Only God can forgive sin.

And on the other hand, the idea that Jesus didn't actually exist – Oh, people saw him but it was really God Himself fooling people into thinking they were seeing a human being. And, apart from the truth that God doesn't do parlour tricks, what would be the point of that?

It is our true belief that Jesus is 100% authentically and truly human, in every way that we are but without sin, - because to be without sin is what it means to be truly human - and at the same time 100% truly divine. In his human nature Jesus really did

experience temptation but didn't fall for Satan's traps because he could see clearly through them. Sin clouds our vision of the truth. And, if we think about it, there has to be something good in a temptation, or we would never be tempted. St Augustine describes sin as 'looking for the right thing in the wrong place' or in the wrong way. Wanting some money to take your family on holiday is good, but stealing it is certainly the wrong way! Let's ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes and our heart to recognise the truth of God's kingdom. God Bless,

Fr. Tony.

21 st February, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Public Mass with Congregation. For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Public Mass with Congregation. Kevin Gibney, R.I.P. (Eileen Gibney)
Monday 9.00am	Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. John O'Loughlin, R.I.P. (Marie, John, Martina O'Loughlin)
Tuesday 9.00am	Special Intention
Wednesday 6.00pm 6.30pm	Public Mass with Congregation. Stations of the Cross May O'Loughlin, R.I.P. (Marie, John, Martina O'Loughlin)
Thursday 9.00am	Sue Franklin, R.I.P.
Friday 9.00am	Public Mass with Congregation. Joseph Padavathiyil, R.I.P. Anniversary. (Saly Kuncherih)
Saturday 9.00am	For all the people of the Parish
Confessions	Saturday 4.30pm -5.00pm
28 th February, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)	
Saturday 5.00pm	Public Mass with Congregation. For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Public Mass with Congregation. Thanksgiving – Birthday (Valentine Akujobi)



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Last week's Offertory: £784.85 Gift-Aid envelopes: £138.00 non Gift-Aid envelopes and cash: £266.85 Direct Giving (Standing Orders and donations) around £380.00 Thank you very much. Collection for Pro Life: £147.10

Next weekend collection for CAFOD Family Fast. **Please take home with you** a CAFOD envelope as you leave Mass.

Counters this week: Team D.

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Please say this prayer each day for the Alpha course:

Lord Jesus Christ may we hear your word spoken to us in the Gospel and bless us with an awareness of your presence in our lives. Help us to encourage one another to feel part of your Family on Earth. Through your Holy Spirit unite us with all our sisters and brothers on our journey of faith. Amen

7-Day Candles: February 20th – 27th

Sacred Heart: Theresia Varkey, R.I.P.; Special Intention.

Our Lady: Tincy - Special Intention; Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Special Intention.

By the small Crucifix: Alisha - Family Protection; Diana.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Steve Hampson, Eileen Jones (nee Moynihan), Eugene Higgins, Angelina Marchenko and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and the families of those who have died.

Christine Knox, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption, Tile Hill has written and published a memoir of her childhood from 1937-1949 and how the Catholic faith enabled people to endure such difficult times in war. It can be found on Amazon.co.uk under "Chrissie O' The story of a Catholic Irish Immigrant Child" by Christine Knox.

The Chapel of Unity is promoting a 7-session online course _Radical Presence_ via Zoom_ commencing on Monday 11th January 2021, 7.30-9.00pm The course is being run by Mark Bratton, Rector of St. John Baptist Berkswell and the Bishop of Coventry's Adviser on Medical Ethics. The course was created by the charity Green Christian as an initiative to help churches build a more just, sustainable, and compassionate world after the pandemic. The online initiative will foster ambition to tackle the crises of environmental breakdown, inequality and polarisation and help build support for a 'just recovery'

Session 5 - 12th April - _Contagion_
Session 6 - 19th April - _Tomb_
Session 7 - 26th April - _Emmaus_
Those wishing to join should contact Mark direct at this email address:
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An act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

LiveSimply Prayer

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God, you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen.