

# Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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Dear Friends,

**500 Club Draw** for May took place this week. List of winners on page two.

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the late Cardinal Maria Martini quotes a beautiful translation of St John's Gospel. It's the passage where Jesus says *The Spirit of Truth will lead you progressively to the complete truth.*

This shows us that our journey is just that: a journey. We all recognise this in our day-to-day lives; that we grow and change slowly, but sometimes we think that when we were Confirmed the Holy Spirit unloaded onto us a total package of the 'complete truth' and somehow we are supposed to spend the rest of our lives unravelling it. Rather like giving someone 20 volumes of an encyclopaedia all at once.

God leads us slowly, steadily and lovingly towards the complete truth as we are able to absorb and make it part of our lives.

In each century we see a different facet of the Holy Spirit. In the Middle Ages it was *devotion*, in the time of St Francis de Sales *The devout life*. Later the word *fervour* came to be used of the Holy Spirit, who leads us in many ways into the

complete truth of who God really is – the source of our deepest longing.

**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.*

**Please read page 2 for more information...**

<b>31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (A)</b> <b>All Masses are Livestreamed to the Parish Facebook page:</b> <b>Sacred Heart Catholic Church Coventry.</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Catholic-Church-Coventry-736420386480785/">https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-Catholic-Church-Coventry-736420386480785/</a> <b>Parish Website:</b> <a href="http://www.sacredheart-coventry.org">www.sacredheart-coventry.org</a> <b>We will continue to livestream the Rosary at 8.30am each morning.</b>	
<b>Sunday 9.00am</b>	Kevin Gibney, R.I.P. (Eileen Gibney)
<b>Monday 9.00am</b>	<b>The Easter Season ended on Pentecost Sunday. From Monday we return to the Church's Ordinary Time</b> <b>Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church</b> For all the people of the Parish.
<b>Tuesday 9.00am</b>	Special Intentions (Celine McCrea)
<b>Wednesday 9.00am</b>	<b>St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</b> Fr Tim Biurke, R.I.P. (Anne and Maurice)
<b>Thursday 9.00am</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.</b> Jan Rattray, R.I.P. (Mary Henry)
<b>Friday 9.00am</b>	<b>St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr.</b> K. U. Antony, R.I.P. (Joylin Joseph)
<b>Saturday 9.00am</b>	Sheila and James Kinsella, R.I.P. (Kinsella Family)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)</b>	
<b>Sunday 9.00am</b>	For all the people of the Parish.



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Provided in the disabled toilet.



Please switch off mobile phones when in Church. Thank you.

### **500 Club May Draw.**

Total income £240.00. Total prize money £120.00  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize £75.00 No. 260 Allan Crowley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30.00 No. 670 Diane Digby; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15.00 No. 242 Lawrence O'Brien.  
Congratulations to the winners, your cheques are in the post (honest!) and many thanks for your support.

### **7-Day Candles: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**Sacred Heart:** Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.  
**Our Lady:** Celine McCrea's Intentions.  
**By the small Crucifix:**

**Please remember in your** prayers Etta Montague and all who are sick and for the repose of the souls of Fr David Duggan, Thomas Arthur Hale and all who have died.

**Friends of the Holy Land (FHL)** have sent out the following message: *Coronavirus is changing the lives of all of us but for so many Christians, especially in the West Bank but also Gaza, Israel and Jordan, it is devastating. So many are dependent for their income on pilgrimages and tourism which disappeared overnight in early March. For many they have no government support nor even a health service which can handle this crisis.* If you can help, please go to [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge) where you will be directed to the FHL website where more information is available. You can also watch the news story on the diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/fhl-launch-pentecost-challenge>.

Fr Peter Conley, who is a leading light on the works of St John Henry Newman, has produced some very good 'Help to Pray' ideas which are on the St John Fisher website. Just click on the Help to Pray button: <https://sifcov.org/>

Some more online resources:

#### **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.

### **Young Catholic adults WhatsApp Group:**

<https://birminghamdiocesantrust.eu.rit.org.uk/news/whatsapp-group-for-young-catholic-adults>

### **Evangelisation Chat:**

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/evangelisation-chat-launched-on-youtube>

### **Bishop Robert Barron "Word on Fire"**

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

**We are being asked to take part in an Ecumenical Prayer Walk called "Open Heaven".** Christians are asked to pray for the street they live on, praying for the intentions of their neighbours. You can register to do this through the "Open Heaven" website: <https://www.openheavencoventry.org/>, or if you are not confident with the technology, then if you let me have the name of the road you are going to pray for, and I will let the organisers know that the particular street/road is being prayed for. If you are able to get out for exercise, you could quietly say a decade of the Rosary as you walk along that road, or if you are not able to get out, you could pray for your neighbours. The organisers hope that every street in Coventry will be prayed for.

My heartfelt thanks, especially in these very difficult times, for the astonishing kindness of those who have offered to make donations direct to the Parish and to those who have left offertory donations in the letter box in the house or in the car park gates. If you wish to set up a Standing Order, please email me. Or, if you wish to make an online donation just go to the Parish Website where you will find the "Donate" button.

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God bless you all and your families, and stay safe,

*Fr. Tony.*