

Diocesan Vision and A New Beginning

Although there is a possibility that not all lockdown restrictions will be lifted next Monday, 21st June, nevertheless many already have, and it does look like we are gradually being able to return to more normal patterns of life.

This is being reflected in Masses where over recent weeks, following central advice, we have been gradually relaxing procedures. It seemed important to do it this way, so as to accommodate both those who are desperate for such restrictions to be lifted, and those who would have felt uncomfortable if they had all been lifted at once. It is now permissible to receive Holy Communion on the tongue - you are simply asked to go up to receive at the end. We also don't have to be so rigid in congregation capacity - the legal guidance is 1m plus mask, so we have gone beyond that throughout, and can now be more flexible as more people return.

It is a good time to join in with our bishops and invite people who haven't been coming to Mass, to re-start. For some, a few psychological barriers will need to be overcome, but we are in a situation now where the actual risk of Covid is perhaps no greater than any other risk we take in leaving our homes.

The Archbishop is also inviting us to see this time as a new beginning for our diocese - rather than simply a return to old patterns. With this in mind we have a Pastoral Letter this weekend, focused on the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. The Archbishop will introduce the vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years. At its heart is a desire for clergy and the lay faithful to work closely to create vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

The Letter will be accompanied by a prayer card for us all. Please take and use one, and feel free to share copies with those who are unable to come to Mass. You can find the Pastoral Letter in text, audio and video format on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision



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11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

13TH JUNE 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Loving God, you show us that the littlest actions can have huge results, and that the smallest of people can do great things. Inspire us to play our part in making the world a fairer place for everyone. Amen.
(CAFOD)



Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 12th/13th 11th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Bernadette Beardsmore People of the Parish Mary Edwards
Monday 14th		
Tuesday 15th	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Bernadette Martin Adoration
Wednesday 16th	10am Mass BH 10.30am - 11am BH	Maria Hue Adoration
Thursday 17th	7pm Confirmation BH	Confirmation candidates
Friday 18th	9am Mass (School) 10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF	School intention Adoration Geoff Smart
Saturday 19th		
Sunday 19th/20th 12th Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Viv Clark People of the Parish Joseph Huang Tran

Please pray for all those whose have died, those on our June deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections: KF 23/5 GA £55.00 Loose £132.50, Sisters £85.32 30/5 GA £55.00 Loose £101.12 6/6 GA £54.20 Loose £132.83

Please pray for all those who are sick including Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people

SECOND COLLECTIONS Next week (20th) there is a second collection for Life and Sunday 27th second collection for Peter's Pence.

Sacramental Preparation - If there are any children who are due to make their First Confession and/or First Holy Communion who do not attend a Catholic school, please let Fr Shanju know as soon as possible. Preparation can then be organised if there is a need.

Singing at Mass - Liz at Old Hill has been singing on her own since we have been able to have a small choir. She would love some company! If any one would like to sing at Mass please let her know on 07730 560806. A few extra voices would be welcome at all three Churches. All that's needed is a willing heart - everyone can sing!

Mass changes - As we are now able to receive Communion at the normal time instead of the end Mass we have another change to get used to! Please feel free to leave Mass after the final blessing when you wish just making sure you allow space between each other. You do not need to wait to be dismissed formally.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service – 2021 Kingswinford

Owing to lockdown etc, the service this year in Kingswinford has been rescheduled to take place at **St Mary's Church, the Village, Kingswinford on Friday 25th June at 2pm.**

The Service has been prepared by the Christian women of Vanuatu .

Please do come and join us for this annual ecumenical service – men and women are invited.

Please pray for our Children who are being Confirmed on Thursday by Bishop Stephen Wright . Pray the Holy Spirit will guide them and fill them with zeal for their faith.

Pope's prayer intention for June:

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, generosity, faithfulness and patience. Amen.