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MASSES and INTENTIONS - June 2017

Sat	17th	10.30am	Votive Memorial of Our Lady	Albert Gregg RIP
Sat	17th	6.00pm	Confirmation Mass (CORPUS CHRISTI VIGIL)	N.K.Emmanuel
Sun	18th	8.00am	CORPUS CHRISTI	The Parish
Sun	18th	10.00am	CORPUS CHRISTI With Corpus Christi Procession	Celia Cleary RIP
Sun	18th	3.00pm	BAPTISM	Connie James
Mon	19th	9.15am	St. Romuald, Abbot	Pam Portman
Tue	20th	No Public Mass		
Wed	21st	9.00am	SFX School - KS1	
Wed	21st	1.00pm	St. Aloysius Gonzaga	Holy Souls
Wed	21st	4.00pm	Patricia Clarke RIP - Reception	
Thu	22nd	9.15am	St John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs (Fr. Roman)	Holy Souls
Thu	22nd	11.00am	Funeral Mass - Patricia Clarke RIP	
Fri	23rd	1.00pm	THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Kensington Dead RIP
Fri	23rd	6.30pm	(Trad. Rite)	Private Int. (m)
Sat	24th	10.30am	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (NO Confessions or Adoration.)	Albert Gregg RIP
Sat	24th	11.00am	Fr. Aidan's Silver Jubilee Mass at Belmont 11am	
Sat	24th	6.00pm	12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (VIGIL)	Philip Dolan RIP
Sun	25th	8.00am	12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Thanksgiving (K)
Sun	25th	10.00am	12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	The Parish
Sun	25th	11.30am	BAPTISM	Eva Ferreira

Please Pray For The Sick:	Brenda Strouken	Petal O'Hea
Joan Sheeran	Philip Cook	Pat Morris
Sister Phillipa Clare	Velina Milson	Vince Hanna
Fr. Antony	Keith Davies	Jenny Hughes
Kevin Harrison	Cynthia Barnett	Pat England
Winnie Doran	Flo Brown	Sonia Jones
Kimberly Seaborne	Alison Alder	Sheila Fawcett
Eileen Walker	Peggy Hall	Mike Kennedy
Joan Colley	Ann Currie	Lynne Howells
Rory Schofield		

Lately Dead:	Pat Clarke	Albert Gregg
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During Summer we are asked to pray for these intentions: A deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution oppression and denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers

Readings for this week		
Sunday	Year A	Psalter week 3
	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Ministers of the Word
6.00pm	Danny West	Barbara O'Sullivan Stuart Fox
8.00am	Angela Holmes	Hugh Davis
10.00am	Vera McHale Thomas Kottappullil Danny West	Audrey Fussell

Mass Welcomers Rota W/end 17th/18th June
6.00 pm Joan + Pauline
8.00 am Maria Wright + Darren Debattista
10.00 am Margaret Bubb + Peter Bowen
W/end 24th/25th June
6.00 pm Margaret Daron + Pat Maclean
8.00 am Anne Doverman
10.00 am Catherine Vaughan + Mary Roberts

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday 11.00 am-12.00 noon (N.B. Not 24th June)

Remembrance: Kathleen Rosa Dermot Kelleher Wheeler
 William Hankinson

Offertory for 10th June - Thank you		
1st	Running of the Parish	£626.58
2nd	Renovation	£328.69
	Standing Orders	£270

We welcome into God's Family Connie James who will be Baptised this Sunday 18th June at 3.00pm.

Confirmation Mass We welcome His Grace Archbishop George, who will celebrate the Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 6.00 Mass on Saturday.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates Jerry Joseph, Niamh Lloyd, Augusto Pereira. Twinkle Tomy, Madeleine West and David Matuszak.

Corpus Christi Procession, Sunday, June 18th 2017 This year's Corpus Christi Procession will be held after 10 o'clock Mass this Sunday, June 18th. We invite this year's First Holy Communicants to lead the procession and see as many as possible in their Communion dresses/ties to make this sacred event even more special; but all children are welcome to join the procession and scatter the petals before the Blessed Sacrament.

Summer Fete Saturday 8th July You will have seen the hand-out. **Now, 5 Ways You Can Help**

1. Please sign up for a stall
2. Please sign to pledge a cake(s)
3. Bring a bottle next weekend
4. Donate an unused prize for the Summer Draw
5. Support those who are working for the Parish by coming along on Saturday 8th July at 2.00pm. Thank you Paul and Brenda

This weekend Jun 17th/18th there will be a retiring collection for Day for Life.

The March for Life, (LIFEEST17), May 20th 2017 Although amongst the oldest amongst the thousand or so who had gathered for LIFEEST17 in Victoria square in Birmingham I am not old enough to remember either WW1 or WW2 and so I have never had to face an implacable enemy who hated us for our Catholic culture and our resistance to their cause but I felt the presence of such emotions at LIFEEST17. The pro – abortion lobby had arranged themselves on the high ground, (the plinths of the statues which edged our area) and were organised and angry. They chanted incessantly but were drowned out by an effective speaker system and waved clearly printed placards which I would not have wanted our many children to see. At first it felt quite intimidating as if we were early Christians entering a Roman Arena but that feeling changed because there were more than a few priests and religious in their habits amongst the crowd. Here were our shepherds. The allotted space became not so much an arena but a sheepfold.

There were pro - life educational stalls along one end of the Square and the ones for SPU C and Life and Pregnancy Matters were only two amongst many. We had not allowed ourselves enough time to look at them properly and the rain was making it difficult to do anything but shelter under our umbrellas and listen to the speeches. The speakers were excellent, risking persecution to come, they represented the four countries of the United Kingdom and Eire. It was good to hear about the Republic of Ireland a country which had enshrined the rights of the unborn in their constitution as the 8th amendment which protects the rights of the unborn as well as the life of the mother. Each of the speakers prayed for those who opposed us, the needs of all those who had been involved in abortion, gently and without rancour.

The time for the March for Life had arrived but we were held in the arena for half an hour. The opposition had disappeared from the steps in a cloud of smoke which had to be investigated and delayed the March. Leaving us standing in the rain for half an hour. The Church is always made stronger by persecution, my research into the life of Blessed Roger Cadwallador in those post – Reformation days when the faithful were in desperate need and when he gave his life for the authority and teaching of the Pope and the magisterium. The hatred and discomfort we were experiencing was very small in comparison with the persecution of Christians in the Middle East, the birthplace of Christianity, today but thinking of them made us stronger. Without exception the hundreds of marchers were cheerful and calm throughout the March. We were as determined as our opposition because we represented the unborn – the 6 million aborted since 1967 Abortion Act – and the rights of those unborn babies is still under threat today in fact even more so than in the past.

It was good to see fellow parishioners Peter and Benedict marching as well as friends from Monmouth. I chanted occasionally and this was led by someone in the crowd, I wanted a boy of about ten, the father of a family, a nun and a young priest, the chant was not complicated it was a repetition of “Pro” and “Life”. We sang in a disorganised and ironic way – “We are Marching in the Light of Christ” even when we were marking time, “Our God Reigns/Rains” as the heavy shower turned into a deluge and “Shine Jesus Shine” while our exit from the Anglican Cathedral precincts was blocked for another half an hour by the opposition as the rain came down in torrents until the sunshine emerged from behind the clouds as the police cleared the way for us. You could say that the pro – abortionists succeeded in their aims disrupting the LIFEEST 17 very efficiently and delaying the proceedings so that we did not hear the final speakers and lost the live link up with March for Life Rome but even dripping wet as we sat with our takeaway cups of tea on New Street station we reflected on what we had heard and agreed that we were very glad that we had marched and that if there was a next time we would join the day earlier in time for Mass and stay for longer. Lynne and Josephine.

Garden Party Tickets for the Garden Party for the evening of Saturday 8th July are now available. £5 per adult includes food and glass of Presecco! See Posters for details.

Parish Safeguarding After many years in the role, Brenda Williams has decided to step down as Parish Safeguarding/Child Protection Officer. We would like to thank Brenda for her devoted service and hard work for the Parish and are grateful to Brenda for ensuring the Parish has always complied with the directives of the Archdiocese on these matters. We would also like to welcome Val Vaughan Williams, who will take on this work.

Lunch Club - 19th June Fish with a Pudding. 26th June Lunch provided by Burghill Golf Club.

Letters Would the following please collect their letter(s) from the Sacristy - Ella Cwiertnia (x2), Helen Richards and Samartinean Family.

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD DAY OF REFLECTION – Pope Francis' vision for a renewed Church. All welcome. Wednesday 21 June, 10:30-15:00, at Belmont Abbey. Please see the poster at the back of Church. For further details call 02920 344882.

Emmaus Youth Due to there being two celebrations of First Holy Communion at Our Lady's Church on Saturday 24th June we have decided to change the date of the next Emmaus Youth meeting. It will now be held on Saturday 1st July from 2.30-5.30 pm. This will replace the meeting scheduled for 15th July. We will be sending out future dates later in the summer.

Fatima Pilgrimage – Meeting for all pilgrims booked on the September pilgrimage. Tuesday 27th June 6.30pm in side chapel of Our Lady's Church on Belmont Road, to brief on travel to the airport, itinerary, hotel and final payment.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK		
Sun 18th June	Corpus Christi Procession after 10.00am Mass	
Mon 19th June	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Mon 19th June	12 noon	Lunch Club. Parish Hall
Mon 19th June	2.00pm	St. Anne's Guild. Parish Hall
Thu 22nd June	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall

WHAT'S COMING UP		
Mon 26th June	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Mon 26th June	12 noon	Lunch Club. Parish Hall
Mon 26th June	2.00pm	St. Anne's Guild. Parish Hall
Thu 29th June	10.00am	Tea and coffee. Parish Hall
Sat 8th July	2.00pm	Garden Fete
Sat 8th July	7.15pm	Garden Party