

## **PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

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Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis church or by arrangement



## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### ***June - the Month of the Sacred Heart***

*June is the month of the Sacred Heart. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on Friday 27th June - which we will celebrate with a Mass at 9.00am at St Francis. All welcome. Great benefits are promised to those who practice this devotion. Also, during this month, we can seek to deepen our devotion to the love of God revealed in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - a devotion encouraged by St Margaret Mary, whose relic rests in the altar at Blessed Robert Grissold church. We might even consider consecrating ourselves to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ. To this end I have printed, below, a Prayer of Consecration, written by St Margaret Mary, which we could pray during the month of June.*

***Consecration to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ*** I give and consecrate to the Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, my whole life, all my actions, my trials, my sufferings, devoting every portion of my being to loving, honouring, and glorifying him, to working for his love alone, renouncing with all my heart whatever may be displeasing to him. I take you, then, O Sacred Heart, for the one object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my inconstancy, the redeemer of all my faults, and my sure refuge in the hour of death. O Heart of all goodness, be my justification before God the Father, and shield me from the effects of his just anger. O Heart, overflowing with love, I place all my confidence in you, for I dread my own weakness, while I hope everything from your goodness. Destroy in me whatever displeases you or goes against your will. May pure love of you be so deeply imprinted in my heart that I may never forget you nor be separated from you. I implore you by all your love that my name be graven upon you. May it be my happiness to live and die as your slave. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Second collection** this Sunday for Catholic Communications.

**Line dancing evening** Thank you to Pat and Sandra for organising such a wonderful fundraising event last Saturday! We really appreciate everyone's support and hope that all who attended had a great time. £700 was raised for the Church which is amazing.

**Day for Life, 15 June 2025** This year's Day for Life will take place on 15 June. In preparation for this, we are inviting the faithful to pray the Novena for Life from **23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May**. Information will be available on the Bishops' Conference website as well as at: <https://prayforlife.ie/> The Bishops' Conference Secretariat has also prepared a wide range of resources to mark Day for Life, which will be soon be uploaded to the website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>.

**Job vacancies** The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions, which will all be closing for applications shortly: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs). If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

**Vacancy** The Trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust are looking to recruit a skilled, Catholic volunteer with professional experience of safeguarding to join the Board of Trustees and chair the Safeguarding Sub-Committee. We'd welcome discussion with anyone interested in this important role - Further details available here [Safeguarding | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#) or copy and paste this link [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding)

**Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope** To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year)

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Iain Butlin-Moran. They can be contacted at: [butlinmoran@icloud.com](mailto:butlinmoran@icloud.com) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

**First Fridays** - I will endeavour to celebrate a Votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of each Month.

**Masses at St Francis this week**

Sat 31	6.00pm <b>Mass – Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
Sun 1 Jun	11.00am <b>Mass – Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Peter McCarthy (RIP)
Wed 4	9.00am <b>Mass</b> <i>(followed by Holy Rosary)</i>
Thur 5	9.00am <b>Mass – Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</b> <i>(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i>
Fri 6	9.00am <b>Mass Votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart</b>
Sat 7	6.00pm <b>Mass – Solemnity of Pentecost</b>
Sun 8	11.00am <b>Mass – Solemnity of Pentecost</b>