

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

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



## **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

*Today the Church of God throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost. It is God's Spirit who inspires us to obey God's commandments. All who love God experience the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. He counsels us and reminds us of what Jesus has said. The Holy Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. As we thank God today for the gift of his Holy Spirit let us pray that our Christian discipleship manifests these fruits of God's Spirit.*

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

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

**Day for Life, 15 June 2025** Every year, the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year, it will be celebrated on Trinity Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. The faithful are invited to join in prayer and promotion of the Day. Useful resources, including a message from the three bishops, and prayers, can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of June we will also hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund. Every year, the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants, to organisations that which promote the Christian respect for life from conception to natural death, in various ways. This has made a significant impact in local communities of England and Wales, by for example, providing mothers and children with necessary means. This is possible if it was not for your generous support to the fund, we therefore invite you to give as much as you can and encourage others to do so. You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the Day for Life 2025 poster in our church, or online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website, where you will find out more on the Fund.

**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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding) 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)

**Wedding** of Mateusz and Kerenza on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at St Francis. Please pray for Mateusz and Kerenza, their family and friends as they celebrate this special occasion.

*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.*

### **Masses at St Francis this week**

Sat 7 June	6.00pm <b>Mass – Solemnity of Pentecost</b>
Sun 8	11.00am <b>Mass – Solemnity of Pentecost</b>
Wed 11	9.00am <b>Mass – Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle</b> <i>(followed by Holy Rosary)</i>
Thur 12	9.00am <b>Mass – Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</b> <i>(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i>
Fri 13	9.00am <b>Mass – Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church</b>
Sat 14	12.30pm – <b>Wedding</b> - Mateusz Kostuch and Kerenza Knowles  6.00pm <b>Mass – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>
Sun 15	11.00am <b>Mass – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>