



# CATHOLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER

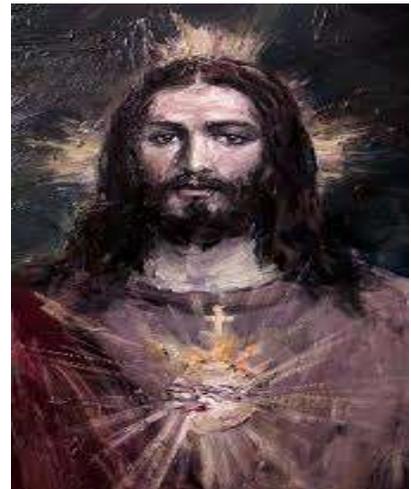


## St. Edmund Campion Pray for Us

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now in 'ordinary time' within the liturgical year of the Church. However, we are encouraged to focus on particular aspects of our faith and devotions during this time. This Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This has long been a devotion within the Church based on the very thing that gives us life.

Pope Benedict XVI speaking of the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 2005 said: "In biblical language, "heart" indicates the centre of the person where their sentiments and intentions dwell. In the Heart of the Redeemer we adore God's love for humanity, his will for universal salvation, his infinite mercy."



### Thorough preparation underway for the safe re-opening of churches

How churches open up again to the public, at least in the first instance for private prayer, is something that is occupying the thoughts of all parishes across the country. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Head of the Catholic Church in England and Wales shares some of thoughts in the link below:

[https://youtu.be/nvQlr\\_sEk5g](https://youtu.be/nvQlr_sEk5g)



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Mr. Oxley, Assistant Head and Head of the RE department, reminded us of all that on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1962, Pope John XXIII made Martin de Porres the first black American saint. Martin was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 1579, in Lima, Peru, the illegitimate son of Don Juan de Porres of Burgos a Spanish nobleman, and Ana Velasquez, a young freed slave girl.



From early childhood Martin showed great piety, a deep love for all God's creatures and a passionate devotion to Our Lady. He became a Dominican brother where he became known for his tender care of the sick and establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital for the poor children of the slums. Today throughout South America, Central America and the islands of the Caribbean, people tell of the miraculous powers of St. Martin de Porres.

This prompted Ms. Egan to produce the prayer asking for his intercession in his native language of Spanish and tells us that he is not only the patron saint of interracial harmony, but also of public health and education, barbers and hairdressers. This is attached to this email.

Recognising that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone, special Masses continue to be celebrated for the sick, their families, care workers and NHS staff every Thursday at 7pm from a different Cathedral each week. This Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate Mass from our own St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham and can be found on the link below:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-chads-cathedral-birmingham>

As a reminder mass each day and every Sunday can be found at:

[www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

Redemptorist Publications have also made Sunday mass available online after 12 midday every Saturday. Mass is celebrated by Fr. Denis McBride C.Ss.R from the Redemptorist community in Chawton, Hampshire.

[www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online)



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For information on what's going on in our local parish community in Erdington here is a link to the Erdington Abbey newsletter:

<http://www.erdingtonabbey.co.uk/eacontent/uploads/2020/06/Bulletin-Solemnity-of-the-Most-Holy-Body-and-Blood-of-Christ-14-June-2020.pdf>

## Gospel Reflection – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 10:26-33



There are many times in life when we wonder why certain things happen that take us down a path that we had not planned. We may not even realise at the time that they have been defining moments of our life. It's not until we look back that we can understand the impact an event or a person had on us and how that shaped where we are today.

As Jesus tells his apostles when what is hidden - or what we do not understand - becomes clear there is no need to be afraid. It is our faith in God's overwhelming care for us that is the key to unlocking our fears.



*Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I pray for your healing touch upon my body, mind and spirit.  
I beg You to remove any fear or anxiety.  
Fill me with the peace that You alone can give.  
I place myself completely in Your hands, O my Lord Jesus,  
trusting in Your care and love for me,  
I lift up all my afflictions in Your hands, for  
You are the Divine Healer with Divine Mercy.  
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Amen*