

MASSES AND SERVICES

4th Sunday of Lent – 30th March 2025

There is no second collection this weekend. Take a look at our lovely Easter cards.

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | Peter Wilkes Int (MW) |
| Sunday | 8.45am | People of the Parish |
| | 10.30am | Dolly Fitzpatrick RIP (MH) |
| | 4pm-5pm | Holy Hour followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm |

Weekday Masses

Exposition and Confessions Monday – Friday 6pm - 7pm

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| 31.3 Mon | 10.00am | Feria Irene Margaret Lally Int (CL) |
| 1.4 Tue | 10.00am | Feria Mary Yapp RIP (JH) |
| 2.4 Wed | 10.00am | Feria Michael Halliday RIP (MH) |
| 3.4 Thu | 10.00am | Feria Angela Ward RIP (HB) |
| 4.4 Fri | 10.00am | Feria Peace in Ukraine (MW) |
| 5.4 Sat | 10.00am | Feria Manon Heard Int (JL) |

5th Sunday of Lent – 6th April 2025

This weekend there will be a special collection for the Shrine at Walsingham.

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | Michael & Eveleen McDermott RIP (EL) |
| Sunday | 8.45am | People of the Parish |
| | 10.30am | Isabel Cusack RIP (D&I M) |
| | 4pm-5pm | Holy Hour followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm |

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am Sunday 4pm – 4.50pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9am-9.50am, Sunday 4pm – 5pm
Rosary – Monday to Friday 9.35am Saturday 10.30am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

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| This week | M Wilkes | P Wilkes |
| Next week | V Wilson | P Hogan |

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| READERS | 5.30pm | 8.45am | 10.30am |
| This week | N Damms | G Moroney Barnett | J McDonald |
| Next week | M O'Dwyer | School | D Walmsley |

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope The 4th Sunday of Lent - 30th March



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the clocks will have been put forward one hour for those of you who are reading this newsletter during the sermon on Sunday morning will know! We shall lose an hour but having said this the weather forecast for next week is set fair and Easter is now within our sights. Today is Laetare Sunday (rose vestments – not pink!) and Mother's Day, or as a priest once corrected, me Mothering Sunday! Last Tuesday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on 25th March and all being well this means a perfect nine months until Christmas Day 25th December.

During Lent one of the causes of anxiety for many of us is the thought of having to go to confession. (Guilty conscience?) We shall be hosting the Cluster Penitential Service and Confessions on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm in the church but why wait until then? The school is getting in early. Our First Holy Communion Class from were excellently prepared for their special Sacrament and twenty-seven children were blessed with God's Grace of forgiveness last Tuesday afternoon. Next week I shall be hearing the confessions of the children from Year Four to Year Six which is a minimum of seventy-five children. I would like to encourage you, dear reader, to make proper preparation for Holy Week and Easter by attending Confession. As the weather forecast for the next week looks so good, I propose to open the church from 6-7pm every day Monday to Friday, there will be Exposition (as part of our 24 hours for the Lord) and an opportunity to drop in and make your peace with the Lord. I hope you will avail yourselves of this opportunity. The other times are 9.15 to 9.45am on Saturday and 4-5pm Sunday with a Holy Hour and 5pm Stations of the Cross. I expect there will be a few of you who are not certain what to do, so I will put out instructions for an examination of conscience and all the words you have to say for a good confession.

Next weekend 5th/6th April there will be a special one-off collection for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. This has been agreed by the Bishops of England and Wales to support the administration and development of the Shrine. Having recently visited Walsingham on a clergy retreat I can see there is a lack of financial support for this wonderful Catholic place. If you are able to visit Walsingham, please do, and say a prayer to Our Lady for us all. Next Saturday I shall be sixty-five (all day).

Every Blessing, Fr John

Please pick up your Offertory Envelopes - boxes of offertory envelopes for the financial year commencing 6th April 2025 are now available in the narthex. Yellow boxes containing just envelopes for the second collection will also be available for parishioners whose offertory donation is by standing order. Thank you to all those who have done this already. Please consider a Standing Order and Gift Aid if not already doing so. Pick up a Financial Review if you were away last week.

£569.95 raised for charity by recycling your used Ink Cartridges: Thank you so much to all those who are supporting this scheme. In 2024, £172.45 was raised to support RESTORE (Birmingham Churches Together Refugee charity) from collections made in the narthex and at North Warwickshire Catenian meetings. This recycling represented a potential 8.2kg kept from landfill. Our total raised to date is £569.65. Please continue to recycle your used inkjet (not laser) printer cartridges by placing them in the Recycle4Charity green box in the narthex.

We Believe, 25th-28th July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

The Chosen Season 5 episode 1 will be on in Solihull cinemas from the 10th to the 13th of April this is a wonderful opportunity for local people to be able to see it on the big screen. It's also on at the NEC.

SVP Toiletries & Cleaning Products: Many thanks for your donations. There is plenty of need so please keep this going throughout Lent if possible. So far we are doing really well with shower gels, toothpastes and brushes, and disposable razors, and are very happy for that to continue. However, if you want to try a bit of variety, then perhaps consider deodorants and cleaning products. Could we also just add that for this appeal we are really looking at new unused items please



Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 10th May. Pilgrims are invited to arrive at the Shrine from 11am. There will be time for them to visit the Slipper Chapel and Chapel of Reconciliation, as well as the Shrine shop and café before Mass 1.30pm. At 3pm, we begin the procession to the Priory ruins in the village which will conclude with a time of prayer at the site of the Holy House. Most pilgrims aim to depart at 5pm.

MADE ME SMILE:

Picasso was interested in becoming a plastic surgeon, but when he submitted his work to the General Medical Council so that they could vote on granting him a license, the eyes were on the left and the nose was to the right.

If Britain is going to be invaded could it please be by the Romans as we desperately need our roads resurfacing!

I'm trying to teach my dog to dance, but it's pointless. She has two left feet.

A local farmer sometimes acts as a scarecrow. He's a man outstanding in his own field!

I just received a big parcel containing a load of dentures, I think they were sent from America as it was labelled Mass a chew sets.

My wife is a make-up artist. I never believe anything she says.

My farmer friend says he talks to his cows as it helps make them give more milk. It goes in one ear and out the udder.

Never trust an atom. They make up everything.

✝ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Jeremy Hawker, Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Fr. Michael White, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove and Jesse Cusack Morris, as well as parishioners in nursing homes and hospital.

Recently deceased: Kath Curry, Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ, Rita Cummins.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Doreen Caple, Warren Poole, Eveleen McDermott.

May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.

Offertory: 23.3.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £449, Loose Plate £229.

Church Maintenance Fund Gift Aid Envelopes £274, Loose Plate £82.

CAFOD £840 CAFOD Soup Lunch £160.

Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.

Mass Attendances last Sunday: 197.

Parish Centre News. Timetable for next week on the noticeboard. If you are having a family occasion, please consider booking our hall for your venue. **It is important that users of the Parish Centre arrange bookings (and payments for non-Parish Events) through Oksana Zurak 07967-846-963 or oksanazurak@gmail.com**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sandy Walmsley and Daphne Morgan. They can be contacted at: sg.stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.