

MASSES AND SERVICES

5th Sunday of Lent – 6th April 2025

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

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

Weekday Masses

7.4 Mon	10.00am	Feria Tony McNicholas Int (T&J T)
8.4 Tue	10.00am	Feria For Intentions of Students taking exams (FL)
9.4 Wed	10.00am	Feria Joanne Phillips (MH)
10.4 Thu	10.00am	Feria Mary Wilson RIP 100 th birthday (MH)
11.4 Fri	10.00am	Feria Patrick Doyle RIP (JG)
12.4 Sat	10.00am	Feria Isabel Cusack RIP (MW)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 13th April 2025

This weekend there will be a collection for the Easter flowers.

Saturday	5.30pm	Gordon McGill Int (S&A M)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Barry Green RIP Anniv (LG)
	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

This week	V Wilson	P Hogan	
Next week	H Grosvenor	S Chester	
READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	M O'Dwyer	School	D Walmsley
Next week	E Linker	J Smith	D Bixby
TEA & COFFEE	M Lambert	G Seymour	D Morgan
Next week	H Grosvenor	S Chester	M Harris

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the sunshine. While the world crumbles around us at least we have something to feel good about with brighter weather.

I am pleased to say Jesus will be present for us again **this week** on Monday to Friday from 6pm to 7pm during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a good time to contemplate the sacred mysteries of our faith and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. The Sacrament of Confession is available too. There will be a Penitential Service, for the four churches of our cluster, on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm with face-to-face confession but you could come early to avoid the rush. During Lent there is a Holy Hour and Confessions on Sundays 4pm to 5pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm to 5.30pm.

This weekend I will be celebrating my 65th Birthday. My 60th Birthday was during Covid so there was not much of a chance to celebrate. This time and, God willing, I would like to invite the parishioners of St George & St Teresa to a Summer Party on Sunday 29th June which is the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. It can also be our Jubilee Party and the 90th Birthday Party for the Church. Let us have an occasion to remember! You bring your own beverages and I will provide the main course of a burger or veggie alternative followed by strawberries and cream.

This weekend there is a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard and to help us to respond to his request there is a card to send to our MP.

Our Holy Week Masses and Services will be at the usual times: The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm and watching at the altar of repose until 10pm

Good Friday Children's Stations at 11am, Passion of Our Lord at 3pm

Saturday Easter Vigil begins at 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 8.45am and 10.30am

The youth SVP will be collecting Easter eggs to give to the children of the parish on Easter Sunday morning. Donations may be made to the sacristy after Mass on Palm Sunday, next weekend.

Every Blessing, Fr John

Counters: Thank you to the three people who volunteered we could do with a few more, the list is in the narthex.

Maundy Thursday Mass 7pm. There is a list in the Narthex if you would like to sign up for the washing of the feet.

Offertory Envelopes: Final chance this weekend to pick up your Offertory Envelopes - boxes of offertory envelopes for the financial year commencing 6th April 2025 are available in the narthex. Yellow boxes containing just envelopes for the second collection are also available for parishioners whose offertory donation is by standing order. After this weekend's Masses they will be removed from the Narthex. Thank you to all those who have done this already.

£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.

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, please keep them coming.

Oscott College, the Diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield, are trying to spread the news about the work they do, by getting people to sign up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org. April's newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures' in Oscott's museum, and details of how to book a college tour. It takes less than a minute to sign up, and those who do will receive a monthly newsletter, as well as early access to the annual 'Oscotian Magazine' and events hosted at the college.

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:

I once dated a girl with a twin and people always asked how I could tell them apart... It was simple, Alison painted her nails red and Bob had a beard...

Just wearing one glove today, the weather forecast says it's going to be cold, but on the other hand it may be warm.

It's very annoying that people keep coming round while I'm working. It's meant an end of my career as an anaesthetist.

The fastest speedboat racer died the other day his funeral is on Monday...followed by the wake.

I met a man today who told me he worked as a limb stretcher. Turns out he was pulling my leg.

If you cross a rabbit with a shellfish do you get an oyster bunny?

I have a pet tree. It's a lot like having a pet dog but the bark is much quieter.

I found a suitcase with five squirrels in it. RSPCA asked me, "Are they moving?" I said, "I'm not sure, but that would explain the suitcase."

✝ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Dcn Stephen Saum, 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:

Pat Doyle RIP, his funeral will be on Tuesday 22nd April at 11.30am.
Rita Cummins.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Barry Green, Michael Feeney.
May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.

Offertory: 30.3.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £287, Loose Plate £140.
Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.
Mass Attendances last Sunday: 216.

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-steresa.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.