

MASSES AND SERVICES

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd March 2025

This weekend there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Sharon Longobardi (GS)
	10.30am	Mary Gilbey RIP (AC)

Weekday Masses & Intentions

3.3 Mon	10.00am	Feria Bernard McGeever RIP (PM)
4.3 Tue	10.00am	Feria Isobel Eustace RIP Anniv (FE)
5.3 Wed	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Eddie Dorniak RIP (A&C K)
	7.30pm	Tony Taylor Int (E&G MB)
6.3 Thu	10.00am	Feria Eileen Connolly RIP (PM)
7.3 Fri	10.00am	Feria Stella Ryan
8.3 Sat	10.00am	Feria Teresa Finnegan (M&P W)

1st Sunday of Lent – 9th March 2025

Saturday	5.30pm	George and Margaret Wright RIP (T&J T)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Isabel Cusack RIP (MH)

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

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Fitzpatrick	A Robinson
Next week	R Price	S Simpson Heath

READERS

This week	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
Next week	E Linker	F Long	D Bixby
	B May	V Chapman	M Heap

TEA & COFFEE

Next week	A & C Kadow	A Robinson	R Slater
		D Williams	C Loughran

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd March



Dear Parishioners,

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence which means no meat. On this day we are reminded of our mortality by the imposition of the ashes. It is a sobering thought that one day we shall be judged not by our peers but by our maker. "For there is a time of judgement for everything," (Sirach). During Lent we can take that rain check on ourselves and our own spiritual lives. Room for improvement will be our conclusion, and Lent is a good time to make the effort which seems so difficult during the rest of the year. Lent is a time to turn back to the Lord, "fasting, weeping and mourning" our sins. It is a time to take stock and prepare for the joy of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. Talking to the children at school they are very excited by the whole prospect of making their resolutions and Year 3 gave me some excellent ideas as each child shared their resolutions, to give up my phone, give up tv, help out at home, give up chocolate. Fr Paul reminded me; our mortifications should not mortify others or have a detrimental effect on our health. We learn the meaning of sacrifice by either giving something up or by taking something on which will help others. Well, it is something for all of us to think about as we reflect on how Our Lord Jesus won salvation by his obedience to God's will. Let us prepare for our confession before Easter.

Our Parish Lent Activities: On Sunday afternoons during Lent the church will be open for a time of silence before the Blessed Sacrament between 4pm and 5pm with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession. Stations of the Cross will be every Sunday afternoon at 5pm. The **Walk with Me** booklets £1 help us to reflect and pray. There are prayer calendars for the children (the children at our Primary school receive a free copy).

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to become members of the Parish Council. I need 7 more people to help out. With a term of 2 years, plus an opportunity to double it but serving no longer than 4 years in total. It would be good to have a representative group. Reps from our prayer groups, various groups and orgs, SVP, children's liturgy etc would be much appreciated. and a few more men. My plan would be for 30-45 minute meetings. This is about the future of our parish so if you want to be heard now is your chance.

Last Wednesday we received Peter Wilkes into full communion with the Catholic Church. Congratulations and welcome to the Catholic family.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

SVP Newsletter and Lent Appeal

Our latest Newsletter will be handed out after Masses this weekend. In addition, after each Mass, we will be making an appeal for toiletries to be donated during Lent and these will be sent to St Vincents school in Nechells for distribution to many of their needy families, in addition to the food that is delivered to them weekly on our Costco Run. Toiletries, and cleaning products, are a much needed commodity for many of the families and we thought that perhaps everyone could donate one or more items each week during Lent. A collection box will be placed in the narthex, separate to our ongoing food basket. Thank you to all of you who continue to support us in this way.

Interested? Self-employed Cleaner: Columban Missionaries Britain are seeking a self-employed cleaner for Saint Columban's office in Solihull. You will be expected to do a weekly clean. Detailed tasks and responsibilities as well as days and hours will be discussed. For more details about this arrangement, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562657382 or Hr@columbans.co.uk

Father Hudsons does amazing work around the Diocese with people who are homeless, running a care home, work with people with disabilities, refugees and much more. In March they are running a ball to raise funds for their work. It includes a 3-course meal and great band. Would you help support this great work by coming along?

Date: 15 March 2025 at St John's Hotel 651 Warwick Road Solihull B91 1AT.

Start time: 19:00 - Tickets are £55 each. Table of 8 - £440. Please contact Kevin Hateley on kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk or 01675 434000

200 Club: Thanks to all that have paid their subs for 2025 there are still one or two outstanding. We have lost some members for various reasons, so new members would be very welcome to join. Forms are available in the narthex.

2025 World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 7th March at The United Reform Church, Station Road, Knowle, 7.30pm. The service has been inspired by Christian women from the Cook Islands in the South Pacific region with the theme of "I made you wonderful". A rehearsal will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 28th February at the URC. Everyone is most welcome with refreshments available following the service. As at present, we are without a representative for World Day of Prayer, if this is something you would like to consider or preferably for two people to take on this role, please contact Daphne Morgan 07909835665.

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope "An Invitation to Begin Again" (Pope Francis 11 January)
Ethnic Chaplaincies and Eastern Churches Intercultural Mass To mark the Solemnity of Pentecost Saturday 7 June 2025 12 noon Praying for Priestly Vocations Celebrant: Bishop David Evans Our Lady and St Brigid's Church, Northfield. Confirmation of Attendance and further information: Mgr Daniel McHugh 07812 110 640.

First Holy Communion Catechism Class. Will begin on Saturday 1st March at 12noon in the conference room of the Parish Centre. Please contact roskelca@gmail.com

✠ *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: Rita Cummins, Isabel Cusack.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Des Cushenan, Richard Bourke, Isobel Eustace, Ella Swann. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 23.2.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £465, Loose Plate £182.

Church Maintenance Fund: Gift Aid Envelopes £397, Loose Plate £161.

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

Mass Attendances last Sunday: 204.

Made me smile:

I finally got round to reading that Brief History book by Stephen Hawking. It's about time.

I'm not competitive...I think you'll find I'm always first to admit that.

When I was growing up we were so poor we had to eat coal. When I think about those times it still brings a lump to my throat.

Just spent a fortune on a new limousine then I discovered it doesn't include the driver. I spent all that money and have nothing to chauffeur it.

For my age I have a lot going for me; my eyes are going, my hearing is going, my knees are going and my hips are going.

I entered the World Kleptomania Championships. I took Gold, Silver and Bronze.

I swapped the diesel engine in my car for the electric motor from a tumble dryer, it wouldn't start at first, then I realised I hadn't shut the door properly! I then took it for a spin.

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.