

MASSES AND SERVICES

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)
	4pm-5pm	Holy Hour followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm

Weekday Masses & Intentions

10.3 Mon	10.00am	Feria Joe Edwards RIP (PD)
11.3 Tue	10.00am	Feria Anthony Dean RIP (PD)
12.3 Wed	10.00am	Feria Collette Lynch Int (JL)
13.3 Thu	10.00am	Feria Edward & Gweneth McAuley (MM)
14.3 Fri	10.00am	Feria Isabel Cusack RIP (T&J T)
15.3 Sat	10.00am	Feria Catherine McGeever RIP (PM)

2nd Sunday of Lent – 16th March 2025

This weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

Saturday	5.30pm	Angela Robinson Intentions (EL)
Sunday	8.45am	Rita Cummins RIP (CC)
	10.30am	Peter Niblett RIP (DN)
	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	R Price	S Simpson Heath
Next week	E Linker	E Parker

READERS

This week	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
Next week	B May	V Chapman	M Heap
	T/J Taylor	C Saum	C Loughran

TEA & COFFEE

This 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 1st Sunday of Lent Time 9th March



Dear Parishioners,

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are tools we are encouraged to rediscover and bring out of mothballs during the season of Lent. I would like to reflect on each over the next three weekends. This week I am going to focus on Prayer. In the Gospel we know the disciples struggled and asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. He gave them the prayer we call the "Our Father." It is a prayer which says everything we need to say, a prayer we need to reflect on carefully because Jesus has given us the words not just to say but also to live.

I find the Holy Hour is a good opportunity to practise prayer. Leaving behind the many distractions of life we come to the quiet of the church. How to begin? Everyone has their own way. The double genuflection or meaningful bow of reverence as we come to our place, our awareness of others who are quietly present, the silence and the sound of the outside world impinging upon it. The sign of the cross. Kneeling for a while and thinking about how good it is to have made the effort to be here. One essential item is to have a focus. The Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance is the Real Presence of Jesus here for you. Here he offers an opportunity for a quiet conversation in our minds. There are many things we want to share. Sometimes we might begin with our biggest worry but sometimes we work up to it by sharing the joys and sorrows of daily life. In our prayers we always think not only of ourselves and our own needs but for those who are suffering and ill and not forgetting their carers. Please pray for Pope Francis and all who are suffering illness at this time. Pray too for all who mourn the loss of a loved one. Pray for the souls of those who have died. We have plenty to share as we pray for ourselves and those who are dear to us.

Everyone will be distracted. In a way distractions are part of prayer, not necessarily the right part of the process but an integral part of it. Sometimes the distractions are what we need to pray about. Remember Jesus is your friend. He is listening. But prayer is also a two-way process. Like any conversation, having said our thoughts we need to listen to what Jesus is saying to us and pray for the grace to accept God's will, whatever it may be and however it is revealed.

You will find Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday morning from 9am to 9.50am and on Sundays during Lent from 4pm to 5pm. Don't forget Stations of the Cross at 5pm. Having listened to us as, we walk with Jesus on the road to Calvary. It is a harrowing journey of our friend for us.

Every Blessing, Fr John

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.

CAFOD Lent appeal – Family Fast Day Collection 15th / 16th March

Please donate to our Family Fast Day Parish Collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee year. You will be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Supporters may go straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope where they make their donation. Thank you. Every contribution really helps to make a difference.

Family Fast Day Lunch: Next Friday we will be having simple Family Fast Day soup and a bread roll lunch here in the parish to support CAFOD's fundraising. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the list in the narthex so that we have an idea of the numbers to cater for. Most importantly do come along for a delicious and sociable lunch on Friday 14th March between 12pm – 2pm.

Solihull Chandos Choir and Hampton Singers invite you to join them at their concert entitled GREATER LOVE, celebrating three centuries of choral music. It is being performed on Saturday 29 March 2025 at 3 pm at Shirley Methodist Church B90 3AL. Tickets priced at £17 (under 18s free) are available from solihullchandoschoir.org or hamptonsingers.co.uk or on the door.

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT: It is a new weekly "Seated or Standing" exercise class at the Parish Centre. It aims to help with balance and confidence, mobility and flexibility, strength and independence. It runs every Thursday from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm. You are invited to come and try your first class FREE. Just call Liz 07962035733 to book

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 Classes Saturdays 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: Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ, Rita Cummins, Isabel Cusack.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Fr Christopher Thornton, Nicola Johnson, Margaretha Yates, Anthony Whitty, Mary Keegan, Pauline Day, Joe Edwards, Cathie Kennedy. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: 2.3.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £295, Loose Plate £281.
Cathedral Maintenance Fund: Gift Aid Envelopes £166, Loose Plate £100.
Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.
Mass Attendances last Sunday: 217

Made me smile:

Sr Clare has a high IQ. She is known as Nun the Wiser.

How do you get down from an elephant? You don't, you get down from a goose.

I had to call HMRC yesterday. The message said, "If you'd like to speak in Welsh press 1." I pressed 1 but I still can't speak Welsh.

Many women say their husbands never listen to them. I am proud to say they have never heard my wife say that!

I asked Mary Berry how to make a Viennese Whirl? She said take him for a quick waltz.

Just got a message to say my hot beverage was safe to drink. It was a safe tea message.

Topical. For Lent I am only having 8 cups of tea a day - 4 cups during daylight hours and 4 cups after dark. Or to put it another way, 4 tea days and 4 tea nights.

Today for lunch I had asteroid tacos. They are like regular tacos, but meteor.

I love the way the earth rotates. It makes my day.

There's a field on the cold side of the valley. I like to sit there and listen to 'Tubular Bells'. It's my cold field.

I like to watch chickens, hens and chickens run past me. Its poultry in motion.

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.