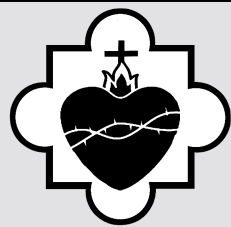


# PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>SATURDAY 16TH</b>	<b>4.00-4.30pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Patrick & Ellen Marjorie Byrne
<b>SUNDAY 17TH</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Kenneth & Edwina & Rebecca (Lines) Wells Richardson Anne and John Kennelly Mary & Sean Newell
<b>MONDAY 18TH</b> <b>LENTEN FERIA</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Stations</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Peggy Holland
<b>TUESDAY 19TH</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF</b> <b>ST JOSEPH</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Jerry Kelleher
<b>WEDNESDAY 20TH</b> <b>LENTEN FERIA</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>PENITENTIAL</b> <b>SERVICE</b>	Dennis John Simons <b>HELD AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH STECHFORD</b>
<b>THURSDAY 21ST</b> <b>LENTEN FERIA</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Stations</b>	Peter Cain Led by the Keralan Community
<b>FRIDAY 22ND</b> <b>LENTEN FERIA</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Adoration &amp; Vespers</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Maria Antonia Pizzano & Benigno de Cristo Faro Bridie McAdam (1st anniversary)
<b>SATURDAY 23RD</b> <b>LENTEN FERIA</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Adoration &amp;</b> <b>Confessions</b>	Patrick Kenny
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>			
<b>SATURDAY 23RD</b>	<b>4.00-4.30pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	Rita McMahan, Cecilia Barnett & Josephine Boston
<b>SUNDAY 24TH</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	Joe & Eileen Mannion Joan Todd Clare Baxter

### WELCOME to MASS

On this Fifth Sunday in Lent, we begin the time known as Passiontide. The cross and statues have been veiled in the church indicating the change in mood as we move through this week towards the days of Holy Week when we commemorate Our Lord's suffering and death.

Next weekend marks the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses next weekend. Hopefully we will come together in great numbers to mark the beginning of Holy Week and praise Jesus our Messiah and King as the crowds did when he was welcomed into Jerusalem. Please do note the times of the Masses and ceremonies for Holy Week so that you can plan to attend these great events.

Finally, may we wish you all a very Happy St Patrick's Day. His feast day is a little overshadowed on a Sunday in Lent, but his inspiration and intercession helps us to follow the Lord.

**Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco**

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## THIS WEEK

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE** - As a sign of our local parishes working together, our Cluster Parish Penitential Service will take place on Wednesday of this week, 20th March 7pm at Corpus Christi Church, Stechford. There will be plenty of priests available from all the parishes. This means that individual parishes won't be having their own penitential service leading up to Easter. However, there will be some confession times available.

**HOLY WEEK CHOIR** - The Holy Week Choir needs you! Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. This is the biggest week of our year and we want to make the ceremonies of Holy Week a special prayer to God. We would love to have your voice and musical instrument. Come and join us on Monday evening!

**REHEARSALS FOR CHILDREN'S PASSION PLAY** - This Tuesday evening in church at 6.30pm and then next Sunday at 5.30pm.

**LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES** - Our final Lenten soup lunch takes place this Friday at 12.30pm in the Parish Meeting. This is a very simple way of supporting our Lenten charities and enjoying some delicious soup and company. Please come and join us.

**CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE** - Annual retiring collection this weekend to support St Chad's Cathedral, the Mother Church of our Diocese.

**PLACE OF WELCOME** - The next meeting of our group for those with special needs or none is today in the Parish Meeting Room from 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

**LORD'S FLOCK PRAYER MEETING** - This afternoon at 4pm at SJH. All welcome. For further information call Anna on 07810436353.

**EASTER FLOWERS** - A meeting for all flower arrangers next Saturday 23rd March at 12noon to make arrangements for our Easter displays.

**ACOCKS GREEN LIBRARY** - Thank you for signing the petition to save our local library which is under threat. Next Saturday there is a READ IN at the library at 2pm to show solidarity and add presence to the protest to save our village library.

## CONTINUING THE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

In these last two weeks of Lent, do take up the opportunities for spiritual renewal.

**Stations of the Cross** Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings before Mass.

**Adoration and guided prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday evenings at 6pm followed by Evening Prayer.

**Daily Mass** including evening Mass on Fridays.

**Scripture Meditations** on the scripture reading sheets to take away.

**Rosary** after weekday Masses.

**Confessions** on Saturday mornings & afternoon and the cluster penance service this Wednesday in Stechford at 7pm.

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Please take a Holy Week leaflet with you, but here are the main ceremonies which we should take part in.

**HOLY THURSDAY** - 28th March Mass the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm with watching at the altar of repose until midnight.

**GOOD FRIDAY** - 29th March Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord 3pm.

Stations of the Cross 7.15pm

**HOLY SATURDAY** - 30th March The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 8pm.

**EASTER SUNDAY** - 31st March Masses at 8.30am, 10am, 12noon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**PRAYER GROUP** - The Prayer Group meets in the Parish Meeting Room after Morning Prayer (10.45) on Holy Thursday.

**CHILDREN'S PASSION PLAY** - Children from the parish will be performing their Passion play on Monday of Holy Week (25th March) at 6pm in church. Please come along and support them.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - Reminder that extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist will be recommissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Will all ministers please ensure they can attend.

**SVP CHARITY EVENT** - A special Charity Night to support our Parish SVP group is being held on Friday 12th April 8pm-late. We hope that lots of parishioners will support the event to raise important funds for the work of our SVP Conference.

**EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION** - Next Sunday 24th March. The cost of flowers has increased dramatically so we are grateful for your support for the flowers for our Easter celebrations.

## OTHER PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

**SAFEGUARDING:** The Parish of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Aldora Johnson. They can be contacted at: [sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 624 or email [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**PARISH TOTE** - The winning numbers are **8, 11, 16, 21.** No Jackpot winner. 5 people had 3 numbers and receives £36 each. Bridget Norris, Catherine Keily, Maggie Heeley, Kathleen Delaney, Rose (S). **Jackpot next week is £1,900** and will be drawn on Thursday 21st March, 2024 in the Social Club. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it. Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the box which is located on departure from the church or alternatively post through **Presbytery letterbox no later than 12 noon on the day of the draw.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** - Anita is running another pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year with *Marian Pilgrimages* from 18th June. If you are interested in coming, please call Anita Giblin on 07930 674351 for further details.

## REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

**SVP CONFERENCE** - Do you know of anyone who is in need of a pastoral visit from the SVP or who may be in need? Please contact us through Mike on 07983 160730.

**FOOD BANK** - Thanks for your continued support. Please leave your items in the box in the porch.

**LEISURE CLUB** - Tuesday from 12 noon. all welcome. A great pre St Patrick's Day celebration was held last week. Everyone enjoyed Fr Marco's rendition of "Wild Rover"!

**APF** - Please note that during the month of March, promoters will be calling to empty your Red Mission box. If you are bringing your box to the church to be emptied, please ensure your name, address and telephone number is on the box. Thank you for your continued support for the missions.

## HOLY SOULS SOCIAL CLUB

**THURSDAY EVENING BINGO AND TOTE DRAW** - From 8pm. It could be your lucky night! Lots of great fun and friendship - a really enjoy

**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT** - This Sunday the Social Club will be hosting Little Jimmy from 8pm. Come and enjoy the local celebrations for St Patrick's Day.

**BOOKING THE CLUB** - Some very positive changes have taken place in developing the Social Club. It is already a popular venue. We invite you to use the facility for your family celebration and also as a venue for meetings to take place. **Contact Sarah Aldhouse on 07940 473593** if you would like to make a booking. You can be assured of a warm welcome and concern for all your booking needs from her. Email: [info@holysoulssocialclub.co.uk](mailto:info@holysoulssocialclub.co.uk).

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Maher, Mary Doody, Mary (Mollie) Dillon, Maureen Gee, Ellen McConville (nee Quinlan), Mary Litchfield, Maisie Breslin, Josephine Enright

**Anniversaries:** Michael Daly, Gerald Madden, Mary Rainsford, Anthony Farmer, John Flynn, Thomas Furlong, Charles Aliu, Mary Doyle, Patrick Ward, Carol Redmond, Ann Wall, Diane Broadfield, Angela Levings, Peter Turner, Philomena Kelly, Patsy Collins, Nora Reilly, Muriel Tighe, Thomas Brady, Doris Connolly, Cornelius Sheehan, Thomas McCarthy, Catherine Tidmarsh, Edward Martin, Mauretta Armstrong and Kathleen Lawlor, Katherine McGann, Jerry Kelleher, Maureen Lambert, Paul Gaskin, Peggy Holland, John Bates, Dennis Simons, Brigid Mulcahy, May Veasey, Bridget McAdam. **Sick & Housebound:** David Cross, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox, Margaret Norris, William Moran, Patrick Collins, Sue Allen, Mary O'Driscoll, Jean Taylor, Mary Lloyd, Julia Donovan, Paddy Mitchell, Mary Pearmain, Kevin Creighton, Wendy Cain, Ron Powell, Elizabeth Connaughton, Francis Mooney, Greg Boyle, Kathleen & Tom Connaughton, Kathleen Sommers, Elizabeth McMahon, Liam Lewis, Adam Bridgewater, May Fagan, Jacqueline Crawford, Fr Michael Ho, John Farrell, Tasha Tibbetts, Dmitri Sataev, David Cahill, Josie Teal, Fergus Hannon.