



PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY

SATURDAY 9TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Ida & Angelo Lombard
SUNDAY 10TH	8.30am 10am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Ann Whiston Muria Healy Nora Reilly & Doris Maguire
MONDAY 11TH LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Stations Holy Mass Reception	Patrick & Bridget Norris Chris Norris
TUESDAY 12TH LENTEN FERIA	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Mass <u>Requiem</u>	Margaret Fitzgerald Chris Norris
WEDNESDAY 13TH LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Stations Holy Mass <u>Requiem</u>	Members of Simons Family Bill Illes
THURSDAY 14TH LENTEN FERIA	10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Mass Stations	Rose Kiely Way of the Cross led by our Keralan Community
FRIDAY 15TH LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Stations Holy Mass Adoration & Vespers Holy Mass	Barbara & Susan Alexander Philomena Keily
SATURDAY 16TH LENTEN FERIA	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	May Veasey (1st anniversary)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 16TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Patrick & Ellen Marjorie Byrne
SUNDAY 17TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kenneth & Edwina & Rebecca (Lines) Wells Richardson Anne and John Kennelly Mary & Sean Newell

WELCOME to MASS

Today is called *Laetare Sunday* the title is taken from the Latin words of the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass: “*Rejoice Jerusalem all you who love her.*” The image of the Holy City is set before us as a Mother gathering her family together. In the City of Jerusalem, Jesus would suffer and die and “draw all things to himself” when he was lifted up on the cross. In this holy season, we are drawn ever closer to the Lord so that we may share fully in his life. The prayer of today’s Mass encourages us to prepare ever more faithfully for the events of Our Lord’s death and resurrection that we will commemorate in Holy Week and throughout Easter.

Did you manage to watch Fr Marco’s video presentation on *Pause for Prayer*? It is a beautiful reflection on praying the *Our Father*. You can find the video on the *news* page of our *parish website* or on the website of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

A special word to all the mothers of the parish as we celebrate Mothering Sunday. We thank God for the special place they have in our lives. We hold them all before the Lord and also remember those who have gone before us. We hope you have a very week: keep praying, fasting and sharing as we hasten towards Holy Week and Easter. We are praying for you; please pray for us as well!

Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco

THIS WEEK

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - This Wednesday after 10am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome.

PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group meets in the Parish Meeting Room after the 10am Mass on Thursday.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES - On Fridays during Lent at 12.30pm there will be a soup lunch in the Parish Meeting Room to support our Lenten charities through the Friday Group. The soup is delicious and this event is an easy way of supporting our Lenten charities.

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!

ACOCKS GREEN LIBRARY - Our local library is in danger of closing. Children from Holy Souls School are very concerned and are making an appeal this weekend asking you to sign an on-line petition.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH - This begins today (Feast 19th March). Praying for the Church and for families. Copies of the novena prayer can be found in the porch.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

STATIONS of the CROSS - These will be prayed before Mass on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings.

CHILDREN'S LENTEN PRAYER BAG - The bag is making its way around the parish. If you would like the opportunity of having it in your family home, please sign the list in the porch.

FRIDAY EVENING ADORATION - 6pm including Evening Prayer. Fr Marco will lead you through a time of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

FR MARCO'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS - Please read these on the back of the readings sheet in preparation for Mass and take them home for further prayerful reflection.

DAILY MASS - We are blessed with many opportunities for Mass. Whilst the attendance at weekday Mass is good, we should use the opportunity of Lent to attend an extra Mass. Friday evenings and Saturday mornings are provided for those who cannot come on weekday mornings.

ROSARY - Join in this great prayer after most weekday Masses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE - As a sign of our local parishes working together, our Cluster Parish Penitential Service will take place on Wednesday 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.

CHILDREN'S PASSION PLAY - We hope to have a short Passion Play for children on Monday of Holy Week in Church involving lots of children. If you would like your child to be involved please sign the sheet in the porch.

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.

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

EASTER FLOWERS - A meeting for all flower arrangers on Saturday 23rd March after 10am Mass to make arrangements for our Easter displays.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION - Sunday 24th March.

OTHER PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

CLUSTER GROUP MEETING - Thank you to the group of parishioners who attended the local parishes cluster group meeting at St Thomas More Sheldon last Thursday evening. It was a lively meeting and people from the various parishes listened to each other and reflected on new ways of working together. A small group of priests and people from each parish will now begin to map out a way forward.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 624 or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PARISH TOTE - The winning numbers are **10, 12, 17, 18**. No Jackpot winner. 1 person had 3 numbers and receives £180 – Ann Goodwin. **Jackpot next week is £1,850** and will be drawn on Thursday 14th 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 ASKS FOR HELP - We are helping a family who have great need at this time. In order to assist them we require financial donations to purchase household items that they require. Could you make a financial contribution? Please put your gift in an envelope marked "SVP" and hand it in to the sacristy or presbytery or hand it to one of the priests. Thank you very much.

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.

CAFOD WALK - We are going to rearrange the walk for later in the spring during Eastertide. New dates will follow shortly.

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!

SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT - The Club now opens at 7.30pm. Up and coming events... This Saturday, 9th March Gissane Duo, Next Friday, 15th March TR Dallas.

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION - 17th March Club opens 5pm
Bacon & Cabbage available - please book at the Club and plenty of music and entertainment with Little Jimmy performing from 8pm onwards.

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.

Recently Deceased: Michael Maher, Mary Litchfield, Maisie Breslin, Burnette Hobbs, Josephine Enright, Chris Norris, Bill Illes.

Anniversaries: Dermot Power, Anthony O'Rourke, John McLaughlin, Patrick Donovan, James Oliver, Edith Adams, Eileen Mannion, Margaret Fitzgerald, James Sheppard, Matilda Rooney, Dorothy Hogan, Anthony Colgan, Joan Ward, Margaret Fitzgerald, Alex McDonald, Elsie Alley, James Whelan, Patrick Walsh and Joseph Marshall, Nora Keegan, Catherine Fitzgerald, Archie Bull, Gillian Taylor, Antonio Tinnirello, Catherine Withers, Connie Bennett, Anthony Day, Clement Kidney, Phyllis Leo, David Freeman, Lisa Dawson, Karl Paisley.

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 Tibbets, Dmitri Sataev, David Cahill, Josie Teal, Fergus Hannon.