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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 31ST JAN	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Gian Franco Morellato
SUNDAY 1ST FEB	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Bill Illes (anniversary) John Joseph Gorman & Cecilia Thorpe John Kelly
MON 2ND FEB FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	<u>6.30pm</u>	Blessing of Candles, Procession and Holy Mass	Jeremiah O'Driscoll & Teresa Boak
TUES 3RD FEB ST. BLAISE	10.00am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving (21st birthday) <i>Blessing of throats at the end of Mass</i>
WED 4TH FEB FERIA	9.15am	Holy Mass	James & Mary Corbett
THUR 5TH FEB ST AGATHA	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass	Grace Gallagher
FRI 6TH FEB ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	9.30am	Holy Mass	Intentions of Catherine Keeley
SAT 7TH FEB OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	10.00am 10.30-11.00am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Theresa Holton

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 7TH FEB	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Jim O'Toole
SUNDAY 8TH FEB	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Joan Todd Kathy Kerrins Kate Ford

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH

HOLY SOULS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mallard Close, B27 6BN
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SVP OUTREACH

The SVP is active in our parish to visit those who are housebound or lonely and to support people in need. Do you know someone who would appreciate a visit? Please call 07917 346765.

THE WEEK AHEAD

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: "Whoever loves God, must love his brother." (1John 4:21) This is the theme for Racial Justice Sunday which is observed today. In our prayer, we thank God for the cultural diversity of our Church and world. We pray for a fresh outpouring of reverence and understanding of one another as a human family and also of people of faith.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: We celebrate the beautiful Feast of Candlemas on Monday, commemorating how Mary & Joseph, 40 days after the birth of the Lord Jesus presented him in the temple in Jerusalem, where he was acknowledged as the light of the nations. On Monday evening, candles will be blessed before Mass and we will enter church with lit candles coming to meet the Lord. Our Mass is at 6.30pm to enable many more people to attend.

BLESSING OF THROATS: Tuesday, is the Feast of St Blaise, bishop and martyr of the early Church. He is the patron of all those who suffer from illness of the throat and other related illnesses. At the end of Mass on Tuesday, the blessing of throats will be given.

FAREWELL TO THE CRIB: Today is the final day that the crib will be seen in church until Christmas later this year. Thank you to all who have left donations at the crib which will be shared with the charity, *Friends of the Holy Land* who support the beleaguered Christian community in the Holy Land.

THE LEISURE CLUB: We will meet this Tuesday from 12 noon onwards in the Parish Meeting Room. Opportunities for conversation, light lunch and entertainment.

ADORATION: Please remember our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday and Saturday mornings.

PLACE OF WELCOME: The next meeting of our group for those with special needs or none is today at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Everyone welcome.

SVP GROUP: Meets on Tuesday evening in the Parish Meeting Room at 6.30pm.

FUTURE EVENTS

FROM SHRINE TO SHORE: Although the deadline for taking part in this pilgrimage has now passed, we do have a handful of places still available for parishioners. There are four en-suite rooms and four seats on the coach still available. Please do consider this weekend away with Fr Toby this coming 5th - 7th June to invest in spiritual renewal - it is part Pilgrimage to Walsingham, part retreat, and part a trip to the Seaside, including lots of opportunities for rest & relaxation. This trip will be somewhat different in style to some of the other pilgrimages that have taken place in the past. and parishioners who have never been to Walsingham might really enjoy this special weekend away.

PRAYER GROUP: The next meeting is on Thursday 12th February after morning Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. Come and join us for a time of prayer, praise, and intercession to the Lord. All welcome.

HOLY SOULS YOUTH: On Saturday evening 24 young people came on the trip to Laser Quest followed by pancakes. Thanks to all who are volunteering to support our youth events. Plans for the next events will be shared soon.

PRE LOVED SALE: We are hoping to hold another pre loved sale on the weekends of 21st & 28th February after all the Masses in the Parish Meeting Room. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents or other gifts that you would like to donate. Please drop them in to the presbytery. This was a great success last year and many people enjoyed the opportunity of coming and giving to the sale.

FORMATION

BELOVED DISCIPLES: Our next session is Tuesday 10th Feb gathering in the Parish Meeting Room at 6.30pm onwards.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: There has been a new flurry of interest from several adults and families in these weeks following Christmas so please do keep all those considering joining the church in your prayers at this time. Our journey of discovery for those wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith continues on Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OF CHILDREN: During the next few weeks dates will be finalised for meetings and events with families with children receiving the Sacraments this year.

BAPTISMS: If you have a baby / child needing Baptism, please get in touch with the clergy to arrange this as soon as possible. It is important the little ones are baptised soon after their birth rather than leaving this before applications are made for places in school.

OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

FOOD BANK: Many thanks for the donations of non-perishable foods that can be used to create a meal for those who have little. We would be delighted to receive donations from anyone who comes along to our weekend Masses. As is often the case, this month following Christmas is proving to be a time when many families are really struggling for the basics.

SVP BASIC NEEDS: We are in need of donations of toilet rolls, shower gel and toiletries for personal hygiene. Please bring these to the box in the porch. Many thanks!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - NEED A VISIT? Are you elderly or housebound or alone? Do you know of someone who might appreciate a visit from us? We can also reach out to support people in need. For more information call 07917 346765.

SOUP RUN: This continues on Saturday evenings from 6.15pm-7.15pm - supporting the homeless and those who are hungry on the streets around us.

IN OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

LIVE-STREAMING: This church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in church for more detail.

SAFEGUARDING: This parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Aldora Johnson and Tracey Mulcahy sg.holysouls.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240, or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

CAN YOU HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH: As mentioned last weekend, our band of cleaners could do with some additional help. The idea would be to join one of the four teams and be able to offer an hour or so once a month to help with the cleaning. If you can help, please email the parish or speak with one of the priests. Many thanks!

PARISH TOTE: The winning numbers are **4, 8, 10, 13**. No Jackpot winner- 6 people had 3 numbers and receives £30 each – Maura & Frank, M Farrell, Pauline & Niamh, S Lohan, L Simons, C Fitzpatrick. Jackpot next week is £1,200 and will be drawn on Thursday 4th February 2026 in the Presbytery. Please ensure you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it.

EASTER TOTE DRAW: A special Easter Tote draw begins this weekend and will be drawn on Easter Monday. There will be a pot of £600 in prize money.

AND FINALLY

Thank you for accepting the booklet we have prepared, *Investing in Our Parish*. We are incredibly grateful for your help and support and the witness we give together to our faith. May the Lord continue to guide our parish family into the future.

Every blessing for Sunday and the week ahead
Fr. Jonathan & Fr. Toby

Recently Deceased: Julia Brann, Fr. Simon Bishop SJ, Fr. Brian Wall, Anthony Murphy, Charlotte Harris.

Anniversaries: Daniel Murphy, Jean Hogan, Gertrude Mellows, Kathleen Ferrie, Joan Cullen and Joseph Smith, John Miller, Primrose Bonner, Teresa McBride, Marjorie Baxter, Martin Murray, Michael Kerr, William Deane, Archie Hughes, John Nash, Ivy Butler, Philip Winters, Vincent Collinge.

Sick & Housebound: 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, Kathleen & Tom Connaughton, Kathleen Sommers, Elizabeth McMahon, Liam Lewis, Adam Bridgewater, John Farrell, Tasha Tibbetts, Dmitri Sataev, Josie Teall, Michael Farmer, Maggie Duggan, Keith Allen, Deirdre Griffith, Fr Michael White, Bonnie Kileen, Mary Philpott, Eamon Mullins.