



PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - HOLY WEEK BEGINS

SATURDAY 23RD	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Rita McMahon, Cecilia Barnett & Josephine Boston
SUNDAY 24TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Joe & Eileen Mannion Joan Todd Clare Baxter
MONDAY 25TH LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am 12 noon <u>6.00pm</u> 7.15pm	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass Requiem PASSION PLAY Holy Mass	Maureen Lambert Ellen McConville Jack Butler
TUESDAY 26TH LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am 10.30-11.30am 12 noon	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass Confessions Requiem	Annie Woodhouse Josie Enright
WEDNESDAY 27TH LENTEN FERIA	8.30am <u>9.00am</u> 11.30am	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass Chrism Mass	Albert McNamee Blessing of Holy Oils at St Chad's Cathedral
THURSDAY 28TH HOLY THURSDAY	10.00am 10.30-12 noon	Morning Prayer Confessions	<i>General church cleaning will also take place from 10.30 am onwards</i>

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THURSDAY 28TH HOLY THURSDAY	7.30pm 11.50pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Night Prayer	Philomena Kiely & Margaret Bond Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight
FRIDAY 29TH GOOD FRIDAY DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE	10.00am 11.15am 3.00pm 7.15pm	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Walk of Witness Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord Stations of the Cross	<i>From Acocks Green Methodist Church to St Mary's Church</i> <i>There is a collection today for the upkeep of the holy places in Jerusalem</i>
SATURDAY 30TH HOLY SATURDAY	10.00am 12 noon	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Blessing of Easter Food	Świeconka Wielkanocna. Poświęcenie wielkanocnych potraw odbędzie się w sobotę 30-ego marca o godz. 12:00 w kościele. Zapraszamy!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY 30TH HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm	Solemn Easter Vigil	People of the Parish & Alice Mullen
SUNDAY 31ST EASTER SUNDAY	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Cormac Hannigan Hughie Crowe Michael Mullins

PALM SUNDAY - *Hosanna to the Son of David!* Palms will be blessed before all of the Masses at the start of the procession as we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem. This Holy Week, may we welcome Jesus as our Messiah and Lord as did the crowds on the very first Palm Sunday. Hosanna to the Son of David!

CHILDREN'S PASSION PLAY - Do come and support the children on Monday evening who are taking part in the Passion Play at 6pm.

PASSION PLAY REHEARSAL - Today at 5.30pm in church. all children wanting to be involved are welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS: Thank you for your generosity today towards the retiring collection for the cost of the flowers that will adorn our church during Eastertide.

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSAL- Thursday at 10.30am. All altar servers are asked to attend to prepare for the liturgies of the Easter Triduum.

GENERAL CHURCH CLEANING - We would be grateful for helpers to come and assist with general church cleaning and to wax and polish the church benches on Thursday morning after Morning Prayer. There are quite a few jobs that need to be done.

DONATIONS OF YELLOW AND WHITE SPRING PLANTS - We are looking for little potted spring plants for the Easter Garden that will be established for Easter. Please drop them off later in the week to the presbytery or the church. Many thanks.

CLERGY EASTER OFFERINGS - The Easter Offerings next weekend are the traditional gift to the parish clergy. There are special Easter Offering envelopes available for you to take away. WE are grateful for the support you give us in this way.

FINAL CHOIR & MUSIC REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK - This Monday evening in church at 7.30pm. Please come along if you are planning to sing / play at the liturgies of the Triduum.

LEISURE CLUB - Is now on Easter break until April 9th April.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

OFFICE OF READINGS & MORNING PRAYER - On Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. A special moment at the beginning of each day of the Easter Triduum to gather in prayer and reflection.

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Holy Thursday evening at 7.30pm celebrating the gift of the Holy Eucharist a day for us all to come to Mass and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST- On Holy Thursday evening our ministers of the Holy Eucharist renew their commitment to serve in this way.

WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE - At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose. We watch there with Christ as he endured his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Every family should be represented at the watch. We need people to be there throughout the evening. A special devotion is to return for the final half hour at 11.30pm and for night prayer. Last year the numbers were disappointing. Such a large parish should see plenty of people at this sacred time.

GOOD FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE - A reminder that Good Friday is to be a meatless day for all aged 14 or over and that the laws of fasting for all adults under 60 include one full meal and two lighter snacks that together to do not equate to another full meal. Of course, those who exceed the age of fasting may continue to take part in the fast as long as health allows.

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION - On Good Friday afternoon we will gather at 3pm to commemorate the death of the Lord and to pray for the needs of the whole world. This is always a most moving liturgy in which we show our love for the Lord in the veneration of His cross.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES - A retiring collection will be taken on Good Friday after the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

and Stations of the Cross for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - We meet at Acocks Green Methodist Church at 11.15am and we will walk from the church with the cross to St Mary's Church with our fellow Christians of Acocks Green for a short time of prayer at the church. Please join in this walk if you can.

HOLY SATURDAY

Świeconka Wielkanocna. Poświęcenie wielkanocnych potraw odbędzie się w sobotę 30-ego marca o godz. 12:00 w kościele. Zapraszamy!

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD - This takes place with the Polish community on Holy Saturday at 12 Noon. All are welcome to take part in this special Easter prayer and custom. Please bring your basket of Easter food to be blessed.

THE EASTER VIGIL - On Holy Saturday night we will have a very special Vigil and first Mass of Easter as we gather in darkness around the Easter fire to welcome Christ the light of the world, raised from the dead. During the Vigil we renew our Baptismal Promises and meet the Risen Lord in the Eucharist. At the end of the Vigil *there will be fireworks to celebrate Easter in the Presbytery Garden and refreshments in the Parish Meeting Room.*

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES - Please collect your new set of envelopes from the porch for the new financial year.

PARISH TOTE - The winning numbers are **1, 3, 4, 13**. No Jackpot winner. 2 people had 3 numbers and receives £90 each, Rachel J & S. Lohan. **Jackpot next week is £1,950** and will be drawn on Thursday 28th April, 2024 in Holy Souls 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.

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

FAMILY IN NEED - SVP are currently supporting an extremely poor family. We are looking for bunk beds and for a sofa that is in good condition. Please call the SVP on 07983 160730 if you can help.

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.

LEISURE CLUB - We are now closed for the Easter break and will begin again on Tuesday 9th April.

HOLY SOULS SOCIAL CLUB

THURSDAY EVENING BINGO AND TOTE DRAW - Following the Holy Thursday Mass. It could be your lucky night!

BOOKING THE CLUB - Some very positive changes have taken place in developing the Social Club. 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.

AND FINALLY...

May this Holy Week be filled with many blessing for our parish and families. We look forward to celebrating this special week with you in the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. With our prayers for you all.

Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased; Ellen McConville (nee Quinlan), Josie Enright, Mary Litchfield, Maureen Gee, Michael Maher, Mary Doody, Mary (Mollie) Dillon

Anniversaries: John O'Mahoney (Sean), Maureen Fitzpatrick, Edith Gainey, Thomas Burke Patrick Nolan and Philomena Kelly, Lynda Smith, Philomena Kelly, Sharon James, Violet Olley, Kellie Wheeler. Thomas Fitzgerald, Michael McAleer, Mary Reaney, Mark Elliott, Bernadette Storer, Bruni O'Neill, Martin Hennigan, Martin Neylon, Delia Rochford, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Kenny and Baby Charlotte Healy, Patrick Kane, David Vickers, Thomas Doherty, Muriel Williams, Johanna Coen, Bridget McAdam, Bernadette Smith. **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 McMahan, Liam Lewis, Adam Bridgewater, May Fagan, Jacqueline Crawford, Fr Michael Ho, John Farrell, Tasha Tibbetts, Dmitri Sataev, David Cahill, Josie Teal, Fergus Hannon.