



PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

SATURDAY 20TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Patrick & Ellen Marjorie Byrne
SUNDAY 21ST	8.30am 10am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kenneth & Edwina & Rebecca (Lines) Wells Richardson Bridie O'Shea Nicholas Cranmer
MONDAY 22ND FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Martha & Douglas & Family
TUESDAY 23RD FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Kathy Doherty & Family
WEDNESDAY 24TH ST FRANCIS DE SALES	10.00am	Holy Mass	Jim Cunningham
THURSDAY 25TH CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	10.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass <u>Requiem</u>	Neil Taylor Julia Gilligan
FRIDAY 26TH SS TIMOTHY & TITUS	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Adoration & Vespers Holy Mass	Intentions of Mona, Sarah & Chris Special Intention
SATURDAY 27TH OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Mary Glynn

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 27TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Ida & Angelo Lombardi
SUNDAY 28TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Sean Finnegan Edward Sullivan, Mary Morgan & James Butterley Patrick Reilly

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - Today marks an important day in the Church's liturgical Calendar as we give thanks to God for His life giving presence in the Sacred Scriptures - God's living Word. Every time we come to Mass we listen to the Word of God and also in our private prayer, reading the Scriptures draws us closer to the Lord.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - We are now in the midst of this important week of prayer for the unity of the whole Church. Let us beseech the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to inspire us to work for that visible unity for which Christ Jesus prayed. *"Father may they be one."* We pray in a special way for our sister churches in Acocks Green and we remember in a special way St Mary's who prepare to welcome their new Vicar Rev. Philip Bowden through his induction on Monday evening.

PLACE OF WELCOME GROUP - For those with special needs of any kind and none our group meets this Sunday 2.30-4pm in the Parish Meeting room. All are welcome!

FUTURE EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP - Meets again on Thursday 1st February after the 10am Mass. It provides a special opportunity to give praise and thanks to God and experience the knowledge of His love. Newcomers always welcome!

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH HELPERS - In recognition to the many people who help in the parish in so many ways, Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco will be hosting a social event on Friday 9th February after the evening Mass to express thanks to all our helpers. If you take part in the life of the parish helping in any way, we would be delighted to see you. For catering purposes it would be helpful to know if you are coming. There is a sign up sheet in the porch and by the side door table. Do pop your name on that list if you are able to join us on this special evening. We look forward to seeing you!

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - The Feast of Candlemas falls on Friday 2nd February. It marks the day when Mary & Joseph brought the child Jesus to the Temple and Jesus was declared by Simeon to be the light of the nations. Our evening Mass at 7pm will be celebrated in candlelight and our candles, and those used in the liturgy will be blessed. Do plan on joining in this special Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - Organised by one of our parishioners, Charles Keily, from **Sat 6th to Mon 8th of April 2024**. The cost is £299pp for en-suite and £261pp for budget accommodation, and includes coach travel. For more details and bookings please contact Charles Keily before Friday 19th January on 07710 189036 (see posters on noticeboards). Walsingham is our very own Marian Shrine where our Lady appeared in 1061. It is said that Pope Leo XIII prophesied that "when England returns to Walsingham, Mary will come back to England". If you haven't been to Walsingham yet, this is a great opportunity!

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

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 6240** or email **safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concern.

PARISH TOTE - The winning numbers are 4, 6, 15, 22. No Jackpot winner. 5 person had 3 numbers and receives £36 each – Mick Mulligan, Andrew Treacy, T Kelly, PJ6007, N Fitzgerald. Jackpot next week is £1,500 and will be drawn on Thursday 25th January, 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.

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

LEISURE CLUB - We will be meeting this coming Tuesday in the Parish Meeting Room from 12 noon. Everyone is invited.

SVP - On Wednesday the SVP hosted a special lunch for some of our senior parishioners and some who are housebound. It was a very special occasion and great to gather together many old friends. The SVP offers lots of support to families and those who are alone or housebound through assistance and visits. Would you like to share in this great work? Call Mike on 07983 16073 and find out more!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - Each May half Term, the Archdiocese of Birmingham organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes, in France, for a week of prayer and service at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. 2024 will be the 82nd Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. If you are interested in going to Lourdes on Pilgrimage, but need assistance with personal care, medication, or mobility then we encourage you to apply to the Pilgrimage as an Assisted Pilgrim. Should you be successful, you will be accepted into 'The Accueil' (meaning welcome) which is a purpose-built facility within the Domain itself and will have access to support from carers, nurses, doctors and physiotherapists whose purpose it is to help you for your Pilgrimage week. It is important to note that you will be expected to pay for yourself to attend, though there are funding streams you can apply to for assistance. If you are interested in this, please contact the pilgrimage office on Tel: 0121 230 6288.

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. 20th Jan with Billy Martin, 27th Jan with Declan Gaynor. Do come and enjoy good company and social atmosphere. Sarah will make you very welcome.

BOOKING THE CLUB - The Social Club is becoming a very popular local venue for many social events. **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@holysoulsocialclub.co.uk**.

AND FINALLY...

On this Sunday of the Word of God, we take the opportunity to thank all those who proclaim the Scriptures during our liturgy and all those who teach the Word of God as catechists and teachers. We pray that we may draw closer to the Lord through His life giving Word which is a true source of nourishment for us on our pilgrim journey of faith.

May God bless you and your families in the week ahead.
Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco

Recently Deceased: Fr Sandy Brown, Fr Christopher Greaney Ann Whiston, Julia Gilligan, Pauline Shenstone, Elizabeth (Lilly) Kilcommons, Moira Healy.

Anniversaries: James Kells, Eileen Dowling, Patrick Hussey, Joan Moutray, Thomas McEvoy, John Casey, Bernie Richards, (Pierce) James Turner, Frances Stringer, Catherine Dwyer, Patrick Murray, Patricia Whelan, William Murphy, Patricia Hickox, Jeremiah Loughlin, Nellie Coyne, Mark Green, Julia Furlong, Margaret Cross, Helen Hill, John Scott, Annette Naughton.

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, Julia Gilligan, Mary Pearmain, Kevin Creighton, Wendy Cain, Ron Powell, Moria Healy, 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.