



PARISH OF SACRED HEART AND HOLY SOULS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 2ND	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Rose & Frank Gallagher
SUNDAY 3RD	8.30am 10am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Moir a Healy Ann Naughton Jenny Foley
MONDAY 4TH LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am	Stations Holy Mass	Patrick & Mary Conway
TUESDAY 5TH LENTEN FERIA	9.00am	Holy Mass	Janet & John
WEDNESDAY 6TH LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am	Stations Holy Mass	Joseph Naughton
THURSDAY 7TH LENTEN FERIA	10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Mass Stations	Helen Stenson Way of the Cross led by our Keralan Community
FRIDAY 8TH LENTEN FERIA	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Stations Holy Mass Requiem Adoration & Vespers Holy Mass	John Flynn (anniversary) Mary Quinn Intns of Maureen
SATURDAY 9TH LENTEN FERIA	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Marika Fraser

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

SATURDAY 10TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Sunday Vigil Mass	Ida & Angelo Lombardi
SUNDAY 11TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Ann Whiston Muria Healy Nora Reilly & Doris Maguire

WELCOME to MASS

As we enter week three of Lent, the Gospel reading of Jesus driving the traders from the Temple in Jerusalem reminds us that Christ is the true and living Temple. His love for us is so great that He can truly transform our lives. Through His cross and resurrection He brings us to new life. Lent is our time to grow into that life.

Fr Marco has been working with Fr Toby on a video presentation of the meaning of the *Our Father*. This can be found on the [News Page of our Parish website](#) or on the [Diocesan website](#). Fr Marco shares great reflections on the *Our Father* and I highly recommend that you watch this video when you can! I know Fr Marco won't promote this himself, but I am!

We remember the three great acts of Lent: *pray, fast, share*. May they be renewed in our Lenten journey during this coming week as we ask the Lord to transform our lives.

Fr Jonathan & Fr Marco

THIS WEEK

RETIRING COLLECTION - This weekend for Aid to the Church in Need.

CLUSTER GROUP MEETING FOR PARISHIONERS - On **Thursday evening**, parishioners from our local parishes will be gathering at **St Thomas More in Sheldon 7pm** to explore our common pastoral mission and ways in which we can work together and support one another as a group of parishes. This cluster group includes our parish, St Thomas More Sheldon, Holy Family Small Heath, Corpus Christi Stechford with St Wilfrid's, The Friary Olton, St Ambrose Barlow Hall Green and The Rosary Saltley. It is very important that we have a good attendance of parishioners from our parish at this meeting. Fr Jonathan asks for a good cross-section of people from different age and cultural groups that make up our parish today. Please make every effort to come along.

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

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS - The Triduum Choir needs you! We have begun our rehearsals to prepare the music for the great days of Holy Week to make the Easter Triduum special. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, we would love to welcome you to our group, which brings together people from all of the different weekend Masses. We are a friendly bunch and no experience is necessary. Rehearsals are on Mondays in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30pm. We hope to make the music at this year's Triduum the best ever - we'd love for you to join us!

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

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

CHILDREN'S LENTEN PRAYER 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS - Prepared by Fr Marco are to be found on the reverse of the scripture reading sheet. Please read these 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, please use the opportunity of Lent for coming to an extra Mass. Friday evening and Saturday mornings are provided for those who cannot come on weekday mornings.

ROSARY - Join in this prayer after most weekday Masses.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES - 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 is an easy way of supporting our Lenten charities through a simple Friday lunch.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE - Wednesday 20th March 7pm at Corpus Christi Church, Stechford. There will be priests available from all the parishes. Save the date!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group meets in the Parish Meeting Room after the 10am Mass on Thursday 14th March. It provides a wonderful opportunity to give praise and thanks to God and pray for the needs of others. You will find a wonderful welcome.

FIRST SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTIONS - On 13 July 1917 Our Lady requested "The Communion of reparation [by the Church] on the First Saturdays". Please join Deacon Subhi in the parish hall at St George And St Theresa Church Dorridge on Saturday 9th March after the 10am Mass for tea and coffee, then at 11am to learn more

about this beautiful devotion and how it will help bring about peace in world.

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.

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 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 2, 11, 14, 15. No Jackpot winner. 1 person had 3 numbers and receives £180. Pat McMahon. Jackpot next week is £1,800 and will be drawn on Thursday 7th 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 - We continue to welcome new members to our parish conference supporting families, housebound or lonely people in our community. Would you like to make a difference to others? Contact Mike to find out more about our local SVP 07983 160730.

FOOD BANK - We are grateful for all the food that you bring at the weekend which enables us to share it with families in need. Every week we need to respond to different needs, so thanks for your generosity.

LEISURE CLUB - Tuesday from 12 noon. all welcome.

CAFOD WALK - This was due to take place next Saturday but will now be held on 16th March from 11.45am. This is to support the CAFOD Big Lenten Walk Initiative.

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... 9th March Gissane Duo, 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: Brian Shurahi, Josephine Enright, Chris Norris, Bill Illes, Mary Quinn, Ann Whiston, Pauline Shenstone, Edward Hines, James Collins.

Anniversaries: Lena Clarke, James Paisley, Danny O'Regan John Mahaffey, Patrick McArdel, John Gough, John Flaherty, Kenneth Williams, Lucy Harris, Terence Scott, Gary Gilmore, Austin McLoughlin, Teresa Cullen, John McNamara, Mary McCallion, Tom Jones, Kenneth Wells-Richardson, Margaret Jones, Owen Murphy, Nevaeh Watson, Daniel Derry, Kathleen Lynch Paul Henry, Lucy, Parsonage, Paula O'Connor, Sean Scanlon.

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.