

MASSES AND SERVICES

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 18th May 2025

Saturday	5.30pm	Vigil Terence Round (B&P S)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Mrs Joan Shortt (EB & family)

Weekday Masses & Services

19.5 Mon	10.00am	Easter Feria Patrick Doyle (D&E B)
20.5 Tues	10.00am	Easter Feria. Day of prayer for the survivors of Sexual Abuse. Dr John Martin RIP (SF)
21.5 Wed	10.00am	Easter Feria Anne Mitchell Int (KW)
22.5 Thurs	10.00am	Easter Feria Pat McTernan RIP (KW)
23.5 Fri	10.00am	Easter Feria Sick of the Parish (Fr J)
24.5 Sat	10.00am	Easter Feria Eileen Poucher RIP (F&S R)

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 25th May 2025

This weekend the second collection is for the Church Maintenance Fund.

Saturday	5.30pm	Vigil John Martin RIP (B&P S)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Pat Doyle RIP (J&G M)

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9am - 9.50am,
Rosary – Monday to Friday 9.35am Saturday 10.30am
Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes	
Next week	V Wilson	P Hogan	
READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	N Damms	E Moroney Barnett	J McDonald
Next week	M O'Dwyer	F Long	D Walsmley

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

Deacon: Rev Mr Stephen Saum, Rev Dr Subhi Zora. Priest in Residence: Fr Paul Dean,

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Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th May

From the homily of Pope Leo XIV at the Mass celebrated with the Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel on May 9th 2025, the day after his election as Pope:

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (*Mt* 16:16). In these words, Peter, asked by the Master, together with the other disciples, about his faith in him, expressed the patrimony that the Church, through the apostolic succession, has preserved, deepened and handed on for two thousand years.

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God: the one Saviour, who alone reveals the face of the Father.

In him, God, in order to make himself close and accessible to men and women, revealed himself to us in the trusting eyes of a child, in the lively mind of a young person and in the mature features of a man (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22), finally appearing to his disciples after the resurrection with his glorious body. He thus showed us a model of human holiness that we can all imitate, together with the promise of an eternal destiny that transcends all our limits and abilities.

Peter, in his response, understands both of these things: the gift of God and the path to follow in order to allow himself to be changed by that gift. They are two inseparable aspects of salvation entrusted to the Church to be proclaimed for the good of the human race. Indeed, they are entrusted to us, who were chosen by him before we were formed in our mothers' wombs (cf. *Jer* 1:5), reborn in the waters of Baptism and, surpassing our limitations and with no merit of our own, brought here and sent forth from here, so that the Gospel might be proclaimed to every creature (cf. *Mk* 16:15).

In a particular way, God has called me by your election to succeed the Prince of the Apostles, and has entrusted this treasure to me so that, with his help, I may be its faithful administrator (cf. *1 Cor* 4:2) for the sake of the entire mystical Body of the Church. He has done so in order that she may be ever more fully a city set on a hill (cf. *Rev* 21:10), an ark of salvation sailing through the waters of history and a beacon that illumines the dark nights of this world. And this, not so much through the magnificence of her structures or the grandeur of her buildings – like the monuments among which we find ourselves – but rather through the holiness of her members. For we are the people whom God has chosen as his own, so that we may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light (cf. *1 Pet* 2:9).

Discover 'Trypraying' - Zoom 7.30pm Thursday 22nd May

Is anyone there? Does anyone listen when we pray?

Trypraying is a 7-day prayer guide for those who don't pray! It's been used by hundreds of thousands of people and is often read and passed on to friends, colleagues and neighbours.

To find out more there will be a Zoom meeting hosted by the Office for Mission to hear stories about how the guide has been used, and how peoples' lives have been changed, by simply praying. Contact Paul Northam at office.mission@rcaob.org.uk (or scan the QR code) for how to join the meeting.



Lourdes: Two parishioners are going on the Birmingham pilgrimage to Lourdes on the 24th of May if anyone has a petition they would like us to leave at the Grotto there is a box in the Narthex.

SVP Afternoon Tea Wednesday 21st May 2.15pm: We are very pleased to welcome back The Strolling Players to this month's afternoon tea. They are a great favourite. Everyone is welcome, and hopefully we will have an excellent turn out. Usual tea/coffee and cakes of course!

Parish Barbecue & 90th Anniversary Celebration 29th June at 1pm: As mentioned by Father John in a bulletin recently everyone is invited to get together for a parish social at the above event. More details will follow later but to ensure its success we would like to have some additional help with the various activities and responsibilities. If you feel able to do this in some way then please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

Day for Life, 15 June 2025: This year's Day for Life will take place on 15 June. In preparation for this, we are inviting the faithful to pray the Novena for Life from 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May. Information will be available on the Bishops' Conference website as well as at: <https://prayforlife.ie/>

St Peter's School: In thanksgiving for 50 years of St Peter's Catholic School. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans on Monday 30th June at 6pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Contact the school office to let them know you wish to attend.

Asylum Seeker/Refugee Befriending - Would you be interested in becoming a befriender to a refugee or asylum seeker in the Birmingham Area? If so, the Birmingham Churches Together Refugee charity 'RESTORE' is running a training session on Saturday 7th June from 9.45am-4pm at St John's Church in Harborne. More details can be found from the link <https://www.restore-uk.org/news/restore-summer-training-course/> and via this YouTube video <https://youtu.be/7lQfrZuyl-Y> If you would like an informal chat with someone from the Parish about what being a befriender entails, give Tony a ring on 07787 538620.

Taizé in Birmingham: Regular prayer in Birmingham. On the 3rd Sunday of every month, at 6.00pm. Find out more at taizebirmingham.uk

Retrouvaille: Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44797 338 0443.

✚ *Please pray for*

The housebound & the sick: Deacon Stephen Saum, Jeremy Hawker, Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Fr. Michael White, Fr Tony Rohan, Fr Paul Johnson, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove and Jesse Cusack Morris, as well as parishioners in nursing homes and hospital.

Recently deceased:

Tony McNicholas. His Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 27th May at 11am and his reception will be on Monday evening at 6pm.

Dr John Martin. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 28th May 11.15am.

Pope Francis, Ann Marie Grimley, Pat Doyle.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Ellen Sullivan, David Fearnhead, Alan Brosnan. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory:

11.5.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £219 Loose plate £410

Clergy Training Fund: Gift Aid Envelopes £190 Loose plate £223

Many thanks for your donations.

Av standing order and online per week £680.

Mass Attendances: Last weekend: 208

Recent notices

* Dementia Action Week 23rd May 11am – 2pm at Marie Curie, Solihull.

* Living with Arthritis online support groups and information.

* Solihull Age Concern : Black folder : Local Tradespeople List & Holidays for elderly & disabled. There are some leaflets detailing services offered by them.

Parish Centre News. Timetable for next week on the noticeboard. If you are having a family occasion, please consider booking our hall for your venue. **It is important that users of the Parish Centre arrange bookings (and payments for non-Parish Events) through Oksana Zurak 07967-846-963 or oksanzurak@gmail.com**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sandy Walmsley and Daphne Morgan. They can be contacted at: sg.stgeorge-stteresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.