

MASSES AND SERVICES

Second Sunday of Easter April 2025

This weekend the collection is for the Church Maintenance Fund.

Saturday 26	5.30pm	Vigil Rosemary Secules RIP (Musgrave Family)
Sunday 27	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Isabel Cusack (MH)

Weekday Masses & Services

28.4 Mon	10.00am	St George, Patron Saint : Catherine Helen
29.4 Tues	10.00am	Mick Joyner (JG)
30.4 Wed	10.00am	Parish Requiem Mass offered for Pope Francis RIP
01.5 Thu	10.00am	St Joseph the Worker Elizabeth Kelly (M Family)
02.5 Fri	10.00am	St Athanasius Bernadette Campbell
03.5 Sat	10.00am	SS Philip & James Apostles Janet Zora (T&JT)

Third Sunday of Easter – 4th May 2025

Saturday	5.30pm	Dcn Stephen Saum (J&TT)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Rita Cummins (I & D Morgan)

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	R Price	S Simpson Heath	
Next week	E Linker	E Parker	
READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	B May	G Seymour	M Heap
Next week 3/4 May	T/J Taylor	G.O'Gara	C.Loughran

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April



Dear Parishioners,

On Easter Monday morning the world was rocked by news that Pope Francis had died. It was unexpected because pictures from the Sunday news bulletins had shown the Holy Father delivering his "Urbi et Orbi" Easter Blessing.. Until his last breath, Pope Francis showed he was a shepherd who cared for his flock. By the time the paper copy of the newsletter is distributed on Sunday Pope Francis will have been laid to rest in the crypt of the Basilica of St Maria Maggiore. May he sleep in peace.

I have arranged a Requiem Mass for our parishioners to attend if you are free, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis on Wednesday 30th April at 10 am. Special prayers have been supplied by the Bishops of England & Wales.

Even before the announcement of the death of Pope Francis the increase in numbers of those who have asked to become members of the Catholic Church has been in the news headlines. A recent report noted that 35 % of Gen Z say they are Catholic. In the Westminster Diocese over 500 catechumens (new members) were received and 300 in the Birmingham Diocese. People searching for the Good news of Christ and finding it in the teaching of the Catholic Church.

The Feast of St George which is normally celebrated on 23rd April has been transferred to our Bank Holiday Monday. We shall have a special Mass on Monday (tomorrow) at 10 am as it is the first free date after the Easter Octave. This year our church building celebrates the 90th Anniversary of its first construction (1935 -2025). We can add this to our parish party and BBQ on Sunday 29th June.

Our Easter Services were much appreciated by all who attended in person and on line. Visitors to our church helped to build the numbers up. Thank you to all who participated and the many parishioners who volunteered their time and talents in so many different ways.

Thank you for your Easter cards, offerings and gifts to the clergy. Fr Paul and I are very grateful.

I would also like to thank those who sent cards and gifts on the occasion of my 65th Birthday.

The Columban Fathers have requested our help to provide outdoor clothing and boots for the many school groups who visit the Columban Fathers and grounds in Widney Road. How can we help? Wellington boots for children would be a good start. Rainproof anoraks with hoods. Outdoor clothing. Hats and gloves. This is probably a good time to have a spring clear out. Please put any items for collection in bags behind the piety display but do not block the entrances to the church, the exit or the WC.

SVP Food Bank & Toiletries special collection. Each week the basket and collection boxes are filled with your thoughtful purchases, I do not think life is getting any easier for those living on the line. The cost of living continues to rise as the Chancellor of the Exchequer tries to find new ways to raise money.

Parish Council News: The new Parish Council is in the process of formation. Our members are : The clergy, Anessa & Chris Kadow, Anne Atkinson, Marianne Halton, Eileen Moroney-Barnett, Bob and Pauline Service, Andrea Collins, Vanessa Wilson. We have had a couple of preliminary meetings. I requested a SWOT assessment for the parish. This stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. A summary was produced to reflect on. Our next task is to sort out the Constitution.

Easter Blessings

Fr John

✝ *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: Dr John Martin, **Pope Francis**, Ann-Marie Grimley, Pat Doyle,
Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Margaret Daghham, Margaret Southern, Clare Ward, Tom Keany, Josef Zurak, Roy Walker, Peter Reilly. *May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

Offertory: . : Many thanks for your donations. Totals next week

Av standing order and online per week £620.

Mass Attendances: Palm Sunday:226 Holy Thursday : 85 Good Friday : 150

Easter Vigil : 57 Easter Sunday : 347 (2 Masses)

Made me smile is going to be replaced by various items of interest or quotes. . I'm afraid the source of my Made me smile jokes is not what it used to be but if I do see anything which is suitable for our parish newsletter I will share it.

Noticeboard News

Dementia Action Week Information event on 23rd May 11am – 2pm at Marie Curie Hospice.

Living with Arthritis online support groups and information.

Solihull Age Uk :

Local Tradespeople List

Holiday List for Older and Disabled People

Mother Teresa Quote : I used to believe that prayer changes things but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things.

St Anthony of Padua : Actions speak louder than words . Let your words teach and your actions speak.

St Clare of Assisi : We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.

Blessed Carlo Acutis : Our goal must be the infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever .

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 oksanazurak@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.