

MASSES AND SERVICES

14th April – Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.45am	Brian Poole RIP (MP)
	10.30am	Margaret Bixby (DB)
	4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Quiet Hour.

Weekday Services

15.4 Mon	10.00am	Easter Feria Therese Allibon RIP (MW)
16.4 Tue	10.00am	Easter Feria Mass / Communion Service
17.4 Wed	10.00am	Easter Feria Freda Stephens RIP (JS)
18.4 Thu	10.00am	Easter Feria Jim Ryan RIP (AR)
19.4 Fri	10.00am	Easter Feria Marcella Varey (J&G M)
20.4 Sat	10.00am	Easter Feria Helen Johnson & Family (MM)

21st April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

This weekend there will be a Second collection for the Clergy Training Fund

Saturday	5.30pm	Michael & Eveleen McDermott
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Peter Niblett (DN)
	4.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Quiet Hour.

Exposition Sunday 4pm – 5pm

Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am

Rosary – Monday to Saturday 9.35am

Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

This week	M Harris	T Lester
Next week	M Wilkes	P Wilkes

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	M O'Dwyer	C Saum	C Loughran
Next week	B May	G Moroney Barnett	R Slater

TEA & COFFE

This week	M Lambert	V Chapman	D Morgan
	H Grosvenor		M Harris

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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

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14th April 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we have T&C in the Parish Centre after Mass, that is Tea and Coffee and not terms and conditions! We also have our SVP get together in the hall on Wednesday. I am grateful to the volunteers who provide this for us and also pleased to say the number of parishioners who are making the effort to make their way into the Parish Hall is gradually increasing. You can access the hall at the weekend via the door by the sacristy or at all other times by the outside entrance just round the corner from our church entrance.

It is important for us to get to know each other well. I recall two parishioners meeting each other for the first time. Both thought the other was new to the parish because they had attended Mass in the same church but one in the evening and the other in the morning for 30 years and yet neither had ever met! The strength of a community is based on its camaraderie, its togetherness and its unity of purpose. The Acts of the Apostles tells us how the new community grew in numbers and took care to support each other. We are united by our Christian Faith, living in roughly the same area and attending the same Church. At Mass our faith is nourished by the word of God and we are fed by the Body & Blood of Christ in Holy Communion which brings us together. St Paul reminds us in that wonderful epistle 1 Cor 12:12-27 that the body is not a series of separate parts working in isolation but a unity of parts working together to make one whole. A parish is: a unity of parts working together for the good of each other and the wider community. We do have to work at creating the Community, it takes a bit of effort. This why I encourage you to meet your fellow parishioners. It creates identity, helps us to recognise each other, learn and together, create a strong community. Then the Holy Spirit will perform miracles!

Speaking of being together I would like to invite you to a Summer Party on Sunday 23rd June. Please keep this date in your diary, and when you dust off the cobwebs from your gazebo think about whether you can bring it help to keep the sun off on the day!

Every Blessing,
Fr John

SVP Afternoon Tea Wednesday 17th April 2.30pm: Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly afternoon tea and social. This month we will be entertained by "Simply Purple" and together with great company and cakes this should again be a very enjoyable afternoon. It is free and open to all and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. After each Mass this weekend we will be handing out our latest newsletter. Please read carefully and if you can help in any way then please contact us at svpstgt@btinternet.com or speak to any SVP member at any time.

The April Church Maintenance Fund collection will be taken on the weekend of 27th/28th.

New Offertory Envelopes: The new offertory envelopes for the 2024/25 financial year should be used from this weekend. The boxes of envelopes are available in the narthex if you have not already collected yours. Yellow boxes for parishioners paying by standing order, containing just envelopes for the second collection, are also available.

First Five Saturday Fatima Devotion for peace in the world. On 13 July 1917 Our Lady requested "The Communion of reparation [by the Church] on the First Saturdays".

The car park will be used Monday-Friday by HCD Developments to park their vans. They are finishing off the new block of flats on the corner of Forest Road and Avenue Road. I hope it won't affect us too much. I'm sure you will let me know if there is a problem.

Cleaning Rota: Please can cleaning volunteers collect their new rota's from the Narthex.

ARE YOU New to the parish or have you changed any of your contact details?
Please complete a form for the parish records.

Piety Stall: When you come into Church, you can see the Piety Stall and there is the opportunity to buy religious items and cards - all the money from the sale of items is re-invested back in the Parish and we are very grateful for the support.

But are there items that you would like to see on the Piety Stall that we are currently not providing? Are there certain Feast Days where you would like to see certain books or items? We have access to many items through a network of religious suppliers so we can cast our net wide for any items that you think you and others would appreciate. Maybe there are other items too you'd like to be able to purchase at Easter or Christmas that we haven't previously provided or things you would like for your children/grandchildren.

Now is the opportunity to flag up those needs and give us your feedback. There is a Feedback Form on the Piety Stall this weekend and we will leave it there for a week or so - any items you would like to see, please write them down and on the basis a few people want those items we can order them in. We are looking for ideas - you are not committing to buying any particular item but obviously we'd like suggestions for things that will sell and will therefore appeal to most parishioners. Equally if you are looking for something specific as a one-off item, maybe to celebrate a particular anniversary or milestone later in the year, please put down the item and your name/contact details and we'll see if we can find the item for you.

Made me smile!

David Beckham's son arrived for football training and asked, "what number shirt shall I wear?" The coach replied, "wear 4 out there Romeo."

My dog swallowed all the scrabble tiles so I took him to the vet. No word yet though.....

- He'll need to be kept under consonant observation.
- You need to watch for its next vowel movement and hope it doesn't spell disaster.

Someone gave me a leaflet on anger management. I lost it.

Have you seen the new Michael Caine film where he's trying to find a pressure washer? It's called "Get Karcher!"

My sister got married to a TV aerial fitter, I could not hear the wedding service too well because the sound had gone but the reception afterwards was brilliant.

They have been going through Elvis Presley's back catalogues and discovered a song he made about his favourite car. Well, it's not so much a song, more a Cortina rap.

Offertory: 7.4.24: Mass Attendance last weekend 196.

Gift Aid Envelopes £300, Loose Plate £272. Av standing order and online p.w. - £680.

Many thanks for your generosity.

‡ *Please pray for*

For those who housebound or unwell: Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, Joe Stephens, Michael Grosvenor, Dorothy Perkins, Jill Baynham, Pat McGeever, Matthew Gallagher, Jane Cotter, Margaret Cosgrove, Sheila Randall. as well as our parishioners in hospital and nursing homes.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Winnifred Lauze, Sharon Kilmurray, Veronica Connor, Margaret Edgington, Mary Dawson.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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**

Some dates from the Diocesan website and on it are the details of these events

Wed 17 Apr: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking awareness 1

Thu 18 Apr: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking awareness 2

Sun 21 Apr: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sat 27 Apr: One-day Symposium at St Mary's College, Oscott

Sat 27 Apr: Solemn Mass in Latin and Benediction, St Chad's Cathedral

Thu 2 May: Organ Recital at St Chad's Cathedral

Sat 4 May: Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

Sun 5 May: International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

Thu 9 May: Introduction to Sight Loss Friendly Church

Sat 11 May: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sun 12 May: World Communications Day

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.