

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### 3rd Sunday of Lent – 23rd March 2025

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Church Maintenance Fund.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Isabel Cusack RIP (A&C K)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Paddy & Jean Holt (MH)
	<b>4pm-5pm</b>	Holy Hour followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm

### Weekday Masses & Intentions

<b>24.3 Mon</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Keith Mercer RIP (ML)
<b>25.3 Tue</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> Hélène Philomena Morgan RIP (T&J T)
<b>26.3 Wed</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Jim Ryan RIP
<b>27.3 Thu</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Nora Daniels RIP (MH)
<b>28.3 Fri</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Isabel Cusack RIP (AR)
<b>29.3 Sat</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Maha Erafeif (MW)

### 4th Sunday of Lent – 30th March 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	Peter Wilkes Int (MW)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30am</b>	Dolly Fitzpatrick RIP (MH)
	<b>4pm-5pm</b>	Holy Hour followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm

**Confession Saturday morning 9.15am – 9.45am Sunday 4pm – 4.50pm**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9am-9.50am, Sunday 4pm – 5pm**  
**Rosary – Monday to Friday 9.35am Saturday 10.30am**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet – Friday after Mass**

### CHURCH CLEANING

<b>This week</b>	M Harris	T Lester	
<b>Next week</b>	M Wilkes	P Wilkes	
<b>READERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>This week</b>	J Musgrave	TBA	R Slater
<b>Next week</b>	N Damms	G Moroney Barnett	J McDonald

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# Saint George and Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, Catholic Church

Serving Dorridge, Bentley Heath, Knowle & Hockley Heath

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The 3rd Sunday of Lent Time 23<sup>rd</sup> March



Dear Parishioners,

This week I would like to speak about alms giving as one of the three, (fasting, prayer and almsgiving), tools or weapons at our disposal during the season of Lent. Let us also remind ourselves that this time of Lent is used to prepare for the celebration of Easter and the Resurrection of the Lord from the dead. We are the Easter people because after the Resurrection the disciples are sent out to tell the Good News about the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Where does this almsgiving fit into the story? Well it is about learning to love unconditionally. Christian charity is a gift from God and is our opportunity give of ourselves. It means we share what we have in terms of our material wealth and also give something of ourselves and our time to a worthy cause. Last weekend our worthy cause was the work of CAFOD. One has to be careful to avoid those causes which might undermine Catholic teaching. We would not therefore give money to abortion clinics or to organisations which support euthanasia. So we need to do our homework before we give. Seeing a beggar with their hand extended for money should make us suspicious because there is help and support for every homeless person. Many beggars use the money they receive for drugs, alcohol. It is better to give to the organisations who support beggars. It is better to get involved in ways eg hostels or night shelters, Tabor House and St Chad's Sanctuary.

You may not be aware that the Parish is a charity. As a charity we support the spiritual needs of parishioners. Alms giving helps the Church in their mission.

And finally: Many congratulations to Helen Horsfall who was received into the Church with an adult baptism last Saturday.

Every Blessing,  
Fr John

**New Offertory Envelopes** - boxes of offertory envelopes will be available in the narthex from this weekend, 22nd/23rd March, for the financial year commencing 6th April 2025. Yellow boxes containing just envelopes for the second collection will also be available for parishioners whose offertory donation is by standing order.

**We Believe, 25th-28th July 2025**, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com)

**The Chosen** Season 5 episode 1 will be on in Solihull cinemas from the 10th to the 13th of April this is a wonderful opportunity for local people to be able to see it on the big screen. It's also on at the NEC.

**SVP Toiletries & Cleaning Products appeal update:** Many thanks for getting this off to a great start with over 200 items! There is plenty of need so please keep this going throughout Lent if possible. So far we are doing really well with shower gels, toothpastes and brushes, and disposable razors, and are very happy for that to continue. However, if you want to try a bit of variety, then perhaps consider deodorants and cleaning products. Could we also just add that for this appeal we are really looking at new unused items please? Additionally, many thanks for the very generous anonymous person who donated £200 to the SVP on our Just Giving page (as detailed in our newsletter and QR Code).



**Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Pilgrims are invited to arrive at the Shrine from 11am. There will be time for them to visit the Slipper Chapel and Chapel of Reconciliation, as well as the Shrine shop and café before Mass 1.30pm. At 3pm, we begin the procession to the Priory ruins in the village which will conclude with a time of prayer at the site of the Holy House. Most pilgrims aim to depart at 5pm.

**Solihull Chandos Choir and Hampton Singers** invite you to join them at their concert entitled GREATER LOVE, celebrating three centuries of choral music. It is being performed on Saturday 29 March 2025 at 3 pm at Shirley Methodist Church B90 3AL. Tickets priced at £17 (under 18s free) are available from [solihullchandoschoir.org](http://solihullchandoschoir.org) or [hamptonsingers.co.uk](http://hamptonsingers.co.uk) or on the door.

**First Holy Communion Catechism Classes** Continue on Saturdays at 12noon in the conference room of the Parish Centre. Please contact [roskelca@gmail.com](mailto:roskelca@gmail.com)

## MADE ME SMILE:

A man prayed, "Lord, what is it like to live for a million years?" God: "To me, it's like a minute." Man: "Lord, what is like to have a million pounds?" God: "To me, it's like a penny." Man: "Lord, in that case would you give me a penny?" God: "Yes. But you'll have to wait a minute".

The patron saint of copying into emails is...St. Francis of a CC.

I had to give away my favourite tool, it was a wrench.

"Local man addicted to brake fluid says he can stop anytime he wants."

I asked the Butcher to give me two lamb chops - and make them lean. He said, "Which way?"

Well that interview with the rescued astronauts went well they just sat there staring into space.

My friend swallowed some invisible ink. Now he's at the hospital waiting to be seen.

### ✠ *Please pray for*

**The housebound & the sick:** Jeremy Hawker, Janet Zora, Arthur Uzell, Fr. Michael White, Tony Parsons, Rod Goodman, Dr John Martin, 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:** Kath Curry, Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ, Rita Cummins.

**Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years:** Jim Ryan, Michael Bourke, Thomas Giblin, Edward Pers, Martin McDonnell, Brenda Grosvenor.  
*May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.*

**Offertory:** 16.3.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £304, Loose Plate £214.  
Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.  
Mass Attendances last Sunday: 258.

**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](mailto: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-steresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stgeorge-steresa.dorridge@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*