

MASSES AND SERVICES

2nd Sunday of Lent – 16th March 2025

This weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

Saturday	5.30pm	Angela Robinson Int (EL)
Sunday	8.45am	Rita Cummins RIP (CC)
	10.30am	Peter Niblett RIP (DN)
	4pm-5pm	Holy Hour followed by Stations of the Cross at 5pm

Weekday Masses & Intentions

17.3 Mon	10.00am	St Patrick People of the Parish
18.3 Tue	12.30pm	Requiem Mass Rita Cummins RIP
19.3 Wed	10.00am	St Joseph Collette Lynch Int (JL)
20.3 Thu	10.00am	Feria Catherine Helen RIP
21.3 Fri	10.00am	Feria Margaret McGeever RIP (PM)
22.3 Sat	10.00am	Feria Robert Edkins (AS)

3rd Sunday of Lent – 23rd March 2025

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Isabel Cusack RIP (A&C K)
Sunday	8.45am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Paddy & Jean Holt (MH)
	5pm	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

This week	E Linker	E Parker
Next week	M Harris	T Lester

READERS	5.30pm	8.45am	10.30am
This week	T/J Taylor	School	C Loughran
Next week	J Musgrave	TBA	R Slater

Parish Priest: Fr John Cross

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Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The 2nd Sunday of Lent Time 16th March



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend on the second Sunday of Lent there is a second collection for CAFOD. Some of you may have attended the soup lunch in the Parish Centre last Friday. I am sure all of us have experienced fasting at one time or another. Christians fast before receiving Holy Communion for one hour. I think the one hour is the minimum time, because before the Second Vatican Council Catholics were required to fast from midnight and not to eat or drink until after Mass if receiving Holy Communion. This was why the Parish Priest would always say the first Mass. This is also why we have the word “breakfast”, which originally meant the time to break the night fast. There are other times when we have to fast, for example, before an operation in hospital. On a Friday we abstain from eating meat, and so instead eat fish or have a meat-free meal. This is because Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday, and so it would not be appropriate to eat meat on that day unless it was a special feast day. On our CAFOD Family Fast Day we should have a light meal and give the cost of the meal we would have had to the charity. How much is fish and chips and mushy peas these days? It would seem to be between about £10 and £20. This is what we should put in the CAFOD collection. Some of us will have decided to give up a food or beverage during Lent. We should also try to cut down on those little extras we enjoy throughout the year, because it is just a little way of learning to say no to temptation. Learning to control our desires means learning to say no to temptation. It takes practice and plenty of it, so don't give up if things don't go to plan. Sometimes we forget and realise afterwards what we have done. This always reminds me of St Peter in the story of the Passion of Our Lord, who denied he knew Jesus three times, but when the cock crowed he remembered what Jesus had said to him. It was a shameful act of disloyalty. Making an effort to fast cannot be done without prayer. If we do not pray for the grace to resist temptation, our fasting will require a humongous amount of will power.

Every Blessing,
Fr John

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).



SVP Afternoon Tea Wednesday 19th March 2.15pm: We look forward to seeing everyone at the above, continuing at the slightly earlier start time of 2.15pm on an ongoing basis. We continue to welcome our friends from Ukraine and will be having a somewhat different talk about an ongoing project supplying used Land Rovers and medicines etc to the front line troops. To support this we will be holding a raffle and hope to see as many of you as possible.

Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 10th 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.

CAFOD Lent appeal – Family Fast Day Collection 15th / 16th March: Please donate to our Family Fast Day Parish Collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee year. You will be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Supporters may go straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope where they make their donation. Thank you. Every contribution really helps to make a difference.

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 or hamptonsingers.co.uk or on the door.

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT: It is a new weekly "Seated or Standing" exercise class at the Parish Centre. It aims to help with balance and confidence, mobility and flexibility, strength and independence. It runs every Thursday from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm. You are invited to come and try your first class FREE. Just call Liz 07962035744 to book.

First Holy Communion Catechism Classes Continue on Saturdays at 12noon in the conference room of the Parish Centre. Please contact roskelca@gmail.com

✠ *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: Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ,
Rita Cummins RIP – Funeral Mass on Tuesday 18th March at 12.30pm.

Anniversaries (this week) from the last 20 years: Kathleen Nicholls, Catherine Helen.
May the souls of the faithful departed, Rest in Peace.

Offertory: 9.3.25: Gift Aid Envelopes £482, Loose Plate £160.
Youth SVP Cake sale: £327.
Av standing order and online per week £620. Many thanks for your support.
Mass Attendances last Sunday: 216.

Made me smile:

After dinner my wife asked me if I could clear the table? I needed a running start, but I made it.
I saw a man going up a hill with a shopping trolley full of horseshoes, 4 leaf clovers and rabbit's feet. I thought, he's pushing his luck.
A knight who took lots of time off during the crusades. Sir Batical.
I had to use a discount card to clear the ice off my windscreen. I only managed to get 20% off.
Spooonerisms? I'm a fig ban.
I dropped some ice cubes on the floor and kicked them under the fridge. My wife was annoyed with me. It's all water under the fridge now.
At the newspaper office I found the occasional bacon sandwich helped my writing but when the caterer asked me red or brown I had to refuse. A journalist cannot reveal his sauces.
My wife was not keen on the revolving chair I bought for the office. Eventually she came around.
The word 'Queue' is ironic. It is just the letter 'Q' with a row of silent letters waiting in line.
I've got my money on two horses at Cheltenham this week.
'V-Neck' because it's a good jumper and 'Cuprinol' because it is good over fences.

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-steresa.dorrige@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.