

RIP: Please pray for those who have died recently especially Benjamin Willis Raffaele Caruso, Dan Harty, Gerry McCann, Marian O'Hare, Tony Miller and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Let us pray for pray for our sick priests, parishioners, family and friends: Mary Lynch, Peggy Wilson, Ann Evans, Tina Mulligan, Mrs Staunton, Maura Stone, John Knight, Kevin McNamara, Eugene Gallagher, Brian McGonnigle, Abraham Doherty, Bob Jones, Myles Hastings, Pat O'Neill, Laurence Sullivan, Ann Lennie, Ryan Green, Anne O'Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Kelsie-Sky Cutting, Sheila Cutting, Betty Buggle, Shirley Woolston, Harrison O'Leary, George Lawlor, Alan Barry, Cathy Wanczycki, Nora Heavey, Pat Cahill, Marion Morris, Ann Bullock, Mary Graham, Jenny Forbes Smith, Eileen Jackson, Mary Maloney, Sylvia Barrow, Philomena Alonge, David Nesbitt, Tony Carey, Paul Evans, Diane McGee, Paul DaPonte, Catherine & John Shorney, Cynthia Goddard, Paul Wooding, Brian Hassett, Sheila Williamson, Sheila Lewis, Rebecca Power, Archie & Sean Kelly, Ruth Chandler, Eva Barratt, Grace Harrison, Mary Harty, Sharon Coleman, Kath O'Sullivan, Jane O'Connell, Mary Morris, Joanne McKinnon, Honora Walsh, Sue Kenney, Valarie Craig, Diane Taylor, Gerard Lawless, Michelle Stokes, Frances Ford, Fr. Petroc Howell, Kay Holland, Brian Chandler and Sheila Brown, Suzanne Martin, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Denis Allen, Roy Haslam Rita McCormack, Margaret Goodall and Patrick Kenny.

WEEKLY DIARY

SUNDAY: Tea and Coffee after 10.30 Mass

SUNDAY: Evening Prayer and Benediction 6pm **(First Sunday of the month)**

MONDAY: Parish Youth Group 6.30pm - 8.30pm

TUESDAY: Craft & Chat 1.30pm - 3.30pm **(First Tuesday of the month)**

TUESDAY: Come and See Meeting – 7.45pm in Vianney House.

WEDNESDAY: Extend exercise group at 9.30am

WEDNESDAY: SJV Tots 1.00 - 3.00pm

THURSDAY: Choir Rehearsal 7.00pm - 8.15pm Contact: gillcostello4@gmail.com

FRIDAY: Holy Hour 6.00pm - 7.00pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

3rd May PPC Meeting, 21st May First Holy Communion, 25th May Annual Deanery Vocations' Mass, 18th June Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARISH FINANCE

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for your offerings for 12th March 2017.

Loose Plate: £246.27 Gift Aid: £237.82 **TOTAL: £484.09**

CAFOD: Thank you very much for your support of the second collection last weekend which realised £470.37

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2017			
Liturgy this Week			
Saturday 18th	Vigil Mass: 6.00pm		Fr Tom Finnegan (Maureen)
	Confessions: 7.00pm		
Sunday 19th	Mass: 10.30am	6.00pm Stations of the Cross	Raymond Peirson
Mass This Weekend Third Sunday of Lent : Page 158 Preface: The Samaritan Woman : Page 72 Eucharistic Prayer 2 Page 20			
Monday 20th	SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH		Mike Murphy
	Mass 9.00am	<i>8.30am Station of the Cross 6pm Reception of the late Dan Harty</i>	
Tuesday 21st	LENT FERIA		Funeral Mass : Dan Harty
	Mass 10.30am		
Wednesday 22nd	LENT FERIA		For the intentions of Bishop Ullathorne School
	Mass 9.00am	8.30am Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 23rd	LENT FERIA		
	9.30am Liturgy of Word & Eucharist	9.00am Stations of the Cross	
Friday 24th	LENT FERIA		Bridie Farrell (Patterson)
	Mass 7.00pm	6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 25th	SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		Eddie Griffin (Nancy) Kay Frost (Anniv)
	Mass 10.00am		
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 25th	Vigil Mass: 6.00pm		James Dunne (Angela)
	Confessions: 7.00pm		
Sunday 26th	Mass: 10.30am	6.00pm Stations of the Cross	Tony Newbold (Geraldine & family)

Welcome to Mass this weekend as we begin together the third week of the season Lent. Over the next three Sundays, we listen to the Gospel of John and encounter the power of Christ as the Messiah inviting the woman at the well, the man born blind and Lazarus calling them into the fullness of life. Let us continue to pray that our devotion to Christ and our desire for him to be at the centre of our lives grows ever more real.

CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION: Thank you for all that you gave to the Lenten Fast day collection which raised **£470**. As you know the famine crisis in Africa is deepening at this time with 20 million people on the edge of famine.

FOOD BANK: As part of our Lenten arms, thank you for your generosity by bringing dried and non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Please consider buying an extra item when you go shopping and put it in the box in the narthex of the church. It will make a difference to somebody in great need.

MARYS MEALS: As part of our legacy of the Year of Mercy we have considered sponsoring a feeding programme for a school in Africa. **Mary Meals have identified Moore Town Primary School in Liberia for us to work with and raise enough money to give the 217 children in this school a meal every day.** So, we now need to be thinking of fundraising activities. We already have the box in the porch, but if parishioners could now be coming up with ideas they could initiate themselves that would be good. **From coffee mornings to cake sales.** Just think: **What could YOU do?** Whatever we raise will also receive match funding from a benefactor in order to raise the amount needed each year to feed the children.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Remember in your prayers those who are taking part in a peaceful prayer vigil at the Marie Stopes Clinic 4, Arthur Road, Birmingham, from March 1st until April 9th. See the poster on the board. Perhaps you might be able to go along and join in this prayer for life.

HOLY HOUR ON FRIDAYS: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament continues on Fridays in Lent 6pm-7pm. This week our prayer intention will be for those affected by famine throughout the world and for refugees and asylum seekers. Please come and join in this prayer even if it's just for a few minutes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Sunday at 6pm. **This Sunday the prayer will be offered for our parishioners and families living in the Mount Nod of the Parish Next Sunday it will be offered for all mothers.** During the week there will be Stations of the Cross on different days of the week at 8.30am.

PICTURES OF THE STATIONS: You will have noticed the pictures of the Stations of the Cross around the church by the artist Fr Sieger Koder who spent his life as a priest painting images of the life of Christ. Please take a look at them and let them inspire you to pray the Stations of the Cross.

DAILY MASS: Plenty of opportunities for daily Mass – morning and evening celebrations available. All you need to do is to come!

ROSARY PRAYERS: Every Friday in Lent at 1:40pm at the Our Lady of Coventry in the Priory Gardens, Broadgate.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are most welcome in our parish! Please fill in a registration form and introduce yourself to Fr. Jonathan.

COME AND SEE MEETINGS: This Tuesday evening in the presbytery 7.45pm. Come and join us for lively discussion on our Catholic faith. We are currently watching an excellent series of DVD presentations on the Catholic faith. Please come and join us.

RED BOXES: Did you remember to bring your red box for emptying???

HOLY DARING: A conference is being held NEXT **Saturday 25th March** at Alton Castle exploring a vision for youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The day will be led by David Wells an outstanding speaker. It would be great if our parish was represented at this event. Please see details in the porch or speak with Fr. Jonathan

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: Birmingham Catholic Youth Services are providing the following activities in support of our young people. **Proud 2 Profess** – a day for young people aged 15-25 and explores the theme of World Youth Day as we lead into Holy Week. **Date: 8th April 10am-6.30pm.** Venue: Newman University Birmingham. **Summer Camp 2017** – A life changing week for young people in school years 7-13. Week 1 6th-10th August Week 2 12th-16th August at Alton Castle Staffordshire. See details on the notice board or www.bcys.co.uk

GIFT AID: This is a **Government concession for all charities.** Thank you to those parishioners who currently 'gift aid' their weekly/monthly donations, either via envelopes or standing orders. The Parish received a tax refund of £4,371 from the taxman for the year ended 5th April, 2016. **If you pay income tax or capital gains tax, it will cost you nothing if you agree to 'gift aid' your donations.** For every £1 you donate, the taxman refunds 25p to the Parish. **Please consider agreeing to the Parish making your donations eligible for Gift Aid by providing your contact details on the list in the porch or 'phoning Stephanie Allen on 76463119. Thank you.**

CHOIR: We are now preparing for our Holy Week liturgies. We **really need** additional voices. Come and join us today!

CLOCKS FORWARD: British summer time begins next weekend, please remember to put your clocks forward one hour next Saturday night!

HOLY WEEK LITURGY: Please plan to celebrate Holy Week in our parish. It is really important that we make **every effort** to take part in the different liturgies of Holy Week especially Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. **Fr. Jonathan asks that parishioners make a huge effort to attend the liturgies in our parish and especially the Easter Vigil.** 9th April Palm Sunday Mass at 10.30am with blessing of Palms and Procession, 10th April Parish Penitential Service, 13th April Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm, 14th April Good Friday: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3pm, 15th April Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8.00pm followed by Easter party and fireworks! 16th April Easter Mass at 10.30am.

CAKE SALE: Next weekend at both Masses in support of Marys Meals – please join our youth group in raising funds. Offers of cakes please.