



Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Pascal and Sue O'Malley. They can be contacted at: sg.sacredheart.covty@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.

Parish Livestream: YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNXaa0PR2IIDQExUXhzN2lg>

Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel is the well-known parable of the prodigal Son, but the late Cardinal Martini has a wonderful reflection on the nature of forgiveness. In reflecting on Jesus' words to the repentant thief on the cross, Cardinal Martini goes on to say: *"Jesus is certain he will enter into the Father's Kingdom. And this hopeful attitude allows Him to involve a condemned man, an outcast of society, and make him part of his dedication. Just as the Father prepared a kingdom for Jesus so the Son prepares one for His own and the first among these is a criminal. Jesus reconciles him with the Father not with an easy pardon, not closing his eyes on the criminal's transgressions, but rather absorbing them into the power of his saving and merciful love."*

30 th March 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) CTS New Sunday Missal. Readings p222. Preface p559 Eucharistic Prayer 3 p613	
Saturday 5.00pm	**Tonight clocks go forward one hour** For all the people of the Parish.
Sunday 10.30am	Anne and Maurice O'Donoghue 50 th Wedding Anniversary (Maurice)
Monday 9.00am	Francis Hall, R.I.P. (Cannon Family)
Tuesday 9.00am	Toni Cole, R.I.P. (Celine and John)
Wednesday 6.00pm 6.30pm After Mass	Stations of the Cross Balbino Fernandes, R.I.P.(Nalty and Family) Scriptural Rosary for families
Thursday 9.00am	Melissa
Friday 9.00am	Patsy Harvey, Anniversary (Carmel Palmer)
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Margo Carr, R.I.P. (Pascal and Susan O'Malley)
Confessions	Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am and 4.30pm – 4.50pm
6 th April 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent (C) CTS New Sunday Missal. Readings p228. Preface p557 Eucharistic Prayer 3 p613	
Saturday 5.00pm	Benedict, Martin, Peggy, Joseph McAndrew & Mary and Mick Shannon. R.I.P. (Clare McAndrew)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.

God Bless,

Fr. Tony.



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Dona: Last week's Offertory: £1,174.44 comprising: Gift-Aid envelopes: £50.00 non-Gift-Aid envelopes and cash: £540.44 Donated via Dona: £78.00 Direct Giving (Standing Orders and donations) around £506.00.

Collection to support the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham £141.32

The Quiz Night brought in a wonderful £290.00

Counters this week: Team C.

Rosary Prayers. Every Friday in Lent, at 'Our Lady of Coventry' statue, in Priory Gardens by Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate. Every Friday at 1.40pm. (Duration 30 minutes). Please invite others to come, all welcome.

Chapel of Unity: Lent reflections. The Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral is hosting an on-line 20-minute Psalm Reflection at 6.00pm each Monday evening during Lent, on 10, 17, 24, 31 March and 7 & 14 April. Zoom link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#) or ID: 864 9505 4646 and Passcode: COUR2025.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions at Saints Mary and Benedict, Raglan Street on Sunday 27th April at 2.00pm.

Come and See weekends with the Cistercian Nuns at Holy Cross Whitland, Pembrokeshire. Friday 30th May to Monday 2nd June and Friday 8th August to Monday 11th August. Please see poster in porch for more details

Charis Rosary, Holy Mass, Confession, Spiritual Talk, Adoration, Praise and Worship. Every fourth Friday 6.00pm – 8.00pm in Corpus Christi Church, Langbank Avenue CV3 2QP. For more information please see poster in porch or contact Fr Stephen 07912643626 or Siju Simon 07983556834.

WeBelieve, 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.webelievefestival.com

Kenelm Youth Trust are seeking committed Catholics for senior leadership positions at our retreat centres based in Alton, ST10 4TT.

Please visit our website to apply:

www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html

or call to discuss with us on 01538 703 224

Monthly meeting on the third Sunday of the month to support and accompany 18+ LBGTQ+ Catholics, family members, and friends at Diamond House, 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please contact Deacon Leo 07984 071124 dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

Sunday evening Mass in the Deanery. There is a Sunday evening Mass in St Osburg's at 6.00pm.

7-Day Candles: 29th March – 5th April

Sacred Heart: Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.; Alisha Family Protection.

Our Lady: Tincy Special Intention.

By the small Crucifix:

Please pray for Pope Francis, Maurice O'Donoghue, Reeja Xavier, Adolfo Miralles, Lily Zuccarino, Jorge Miralles, Jose Luis Miralles, Patience Whittaker, Kathleen Griffin, Franc Bili, Eddie Cannon, Eileen Hardie, Joshua Hubert, Sue Thomas, Margaret Whittle and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Marie Bolesworth, Christine Corcoran and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please keep in your prayers the families of those who have died.

Sacred Heart Prayer group meets every Tuesday evening **in the hall** at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome

Offertory Donations to the Parish The best way is by Standing Order (You can amend or cancel this with your bank at any time) **If you pay tax but don't yet Gift-Aid your donation, please ask for a form.**

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen