

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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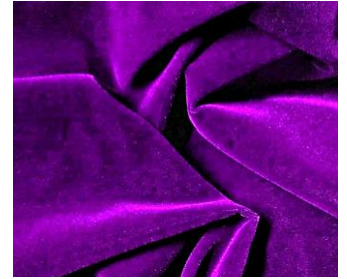
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VEILING OF STATUES FOR 5TH SUNDAY PTO

Weekdays: Year B 17th – 24th March. Week 5 of Lent

Cycle of Readings Year 2 Psalter Week 1

Mass Intentions would be GREATLY appreciated.

Saturday 16th March - Both in Church

9.30 Mass – Plows & Edginton Families

17.00 Mass – School family Mass

Sunday 17th March 5th Sunday in Lent

9.30 – People of the Parish

Monday 18th March Lent Feria In House

9.30 Mass – Thanksgiving (FK)

Tuesday 19th March Saint Joseph husband of BVM

10.00 Whole School Mass in Church

Teachers, Staff, Governors and Parents.

18.30 Stubwood Singers in church

Wednesday 20th Lent Feria In House

9.30 - Holy Souls (16)*

Thursday 21st March Lent Feria

18.30 Stations

19.00 – Mass In Church - Andrew Burton

Friday 22nd March Lent Feria In House

9.30 Mass Intention - People of the Parish

Saturday 23rd March - Both in Church

9.30 Mass – Exp' & Conf's

17.00 Mass – Terry & Barbara W/A 63yrs

Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday

9.30 – Father Paul Hogg and

Father Joseph Levin RIP

***Meet in the Guild Hall just before
both the Vigil and Sunday Masses
after collecting a hymn book and
Palm in church. ******

**For this week: the following three Masses will
be in the Presbytery:**

Monday 9.30, Wednesday 9.30 and Friday 9.30

Please enter by the front door of the Presbytery,
then once inside, go to the Second door on the
left. Mass will be in church on Tues, Thurs and on
Saturday with **Exposition and Confessions**

**Also, Father will say Evening Prayer during Lent in
the Presbytery dining room at 18.00.** There is
the opportunity for parishioners to join him on
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory
Safeguarding Guidance and National Archdiocesan
policies and procedures at all times. At present if you
have any concerns, please contact the Diocesan
Safeguarding team on 01212306240 or email
safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk Safe- guarding is
everyone's responsibility, not just that of the few. We all
need to play our part to keep people safe. **At present
we do not have a safeguarding officer – could you
find time to help? If so, or for more information,
please see Father Michael.***

The Stubwood Singers will be performing
"A Father's Love"
in Church on March 19th at 18.30
**"A Reflection on the Seven Last Words of
Christ upon the Cross."**
Duration approximately 45 minutes.
Please support this event as it leads us into
Holy Week.

Vocations Prayer Rota Sunday March 18th – 24th

Sun. Darius; Mon. Jacqui ; Tues. Tony
B; Wed. David; Thurs. Alison; Fri. St.
Joseph's Sch; Sat. Hazel.

**The final Lent Lunch will be on Friday 22nd
March and will NOT be hosted by our Church**

Just come and enjoy!

I forgot there was one more!! SH

*Bottles of Holy Water are available at the back of
Church. These do NOT contain water for drinking.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: 17th – 23rd March

Mary Goode, Father Paul Hogg, Marjorie Curtis, George
Hadcock, William Keeling, Frances Sutton, Ivy Stubbs,
James Moore, Adrian Frase, Harry Kent, Francis
Charles, Joseph Woodward, Dame Agnes Spray
(Abbess of Outlon Abbey), Helena Jorêt, Winifred
Whale, Mary Ford, Eileen Heafield, Nellie Tildesley,
Edith Chadwick, Agnes El and Peter Dickson.

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of
the parish: Barbara Allen, Sue Higginbottom,
Peter Edginton, Tori Roberts, Chloe Baker, Eileen
Jones, Sheila Morrell, Annemarie Thomas-Banyard,
Terry and Barbara Allen, Sean Devlin, Margaret Mitchell,
Stella Roberts, Holly Lindley, Mary Copestake, Natalina
Ball, Janette Prince, Janette Colclough, Beth Munroe,
Marie Sowter, Brenda Hammersley, Joan Mern, Josie
Goodwin, Hannah Prince, Fr. Fred, Betty Chadwick,
Paul Gascoigne, Julie Broadbridge, Kevin McAuley,
Eamon Dooley and John Wood.**

Sunday 10/03/2024

Gift Aid	£100.00
Non Gift Aid	£203.16
Total	£303.16

Cathedral Maintenance

Gift Aid	£52.00
Non Gift Aid	£188.87
Total	£240.87

New Boxes
of
envelopes
at the back
of church.



Stubwood singers with school choir postponed until Thursday April 11th



Why are
images
veiled
beginning
on the
fifth
Sunday in
Lent?

Traditionally, the two weeks of "Passiontide"
begin on the fifth Sunday of Lent. The first week
is Passion Week, and the second week is Holy
Week.

The traditional Gospel reading for this Sunday
focuses on the increasing hatred against Christ
from the Jewish authorities. They accuse Him of
being a Samaritan, committing sorcery,
blasphemy, and as being possessed by Satan.
They don't think that Christ is "a good teacher."
They think He is a demonic agent.

The old Gospel reading for Passion Sunday (fifth
Sunday of Lent) from the eighth chapter of Saint
John's Gospel ends with these words:
"They took up stones therefore to cast at him.
But Jesus hid himself and went out of the
temple." (John 8:59, D-R)

According to Saint Augustine, at this moment
when "Jesus hid himself," Christ in fact became
invisible by virtue of His divine nature. Saint
Augustine writes:

"He hides not Himself in a corner of the temple,
as if afraid, or running into a cottage, or turning
aside behind a wall or column: but by His Divine
Power making Himself invisible, He passed
through their midst."

To help signify this mystery, Catholic statues and
images are veiled with purple cloth beginning at
the Vespers on the evening before Passion
Sunday. **Jesus "hides Himself."**

With an aching heart I add my voice to that of the
common people, who implore the end of the war. In
the name of God, listen to the cry of those who suffer,
and put an end to the bombings and the attacks!

Pope Francis

TRIDUUM

Thursday 28th March - Holy Thursday

9.30 Office of readings and Morning Prayer

19.30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

- Margaret & Ted Sail RIP

Washing of feet – volunteers needed

Watching until Midnight - Lady Chapel

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

9.30 Office of readings and Morning Prayer

15.00 Veneration of the Cross

19.00 Stations of the Cross

9.30 will be followed by Hot Cross Buns either in the presbytery or the Guild Hall.

Saturday 30th March – Holy Saturday

9.30 Office of readings and Morning Prayer

11.00 Blessing of the Easter Baskets

20.00 Easter Vigil, Sunset 19.56

Assemble in the car park for the Lighting of the Pascal Candle.

31st March Easter Sunday

9.30 Mass - *People of the Parish*

Children's Liturgy - meet in church to go down to the Guild Hall on Sunday

- 1 **Easter Garden** to be installed on Easter Saturday morning. **30th**
- 2 Easter Saturday morning. 11am **Baskets to be Blessed. 30th**