

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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Weekdays: Year B 24th –February to 3rd March. Week

1 of Lent Cycle of Readings Year 2 Psalter Week 1

Mass Intentions would be GREATLY appreciated.

Friday 23rd February In House

9.30 Mass – Terry and Barara Allen (W/A)

Saturday 24th February - Both in Church

9.30 Mass – Ema Debba

17.00 Mass – Jackie Houlihan

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday in Lent

9.30 Mass – People of the Parish - **Family Mass**
followed by a Parish meeting in the Guild Hall.

Monday 26th February Lent Feria In House

9.30 Mass – Francisco Oliveira

Tuesday 27th School Mass in Church Lent Feria

10.00 Parents, Teachers, Governors

Wednesday 28th In House Lent Feria In House

9.30 Susan Godfree RIP

Thursday 29th February Lent Feria

18.30 Stations

**19.00 – Mass In Church James & Robin
Bamford and David Orme RIP**

Friday 1st March Fst. of St. David In House

Women's World Day of prayer 2pm URC

9.30 Mass – Mr J.McCarthy

Saturday 2nd March - Feast of Saint Chad
Both in Church 9.30 Mass – Holy Souls (13)*

17.00 Mass – Mrs Marie Sowter

In an emergency if
Father Michael is not
available, please ring
Cannon Neylon:
01785-223553 Saint
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THE TRANSFIGURATION

2ND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD THIS SUNDAY.

Sunday 3rd March 3rd Sunday in Lent

9.30 People of the Parish

**For this week: the following 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 in the Presbytery
dining room at 18.00.** There is the opportunity for
parishioners to join him on Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory
Safeguarding Guidance and National Archdioceses
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.**

**Are you interested in making a difference by
hosting a family fleeing the war in Ukraine?**

Overview: Going into the second year of the war
in Ukraine, the number of people fleeing the war
and in need of shelter remains high amidst
continued attacks on objects of civilian

infrastructure, leaving millions living in fear of shelling and destruction.

SJOG Homes for Ukraine

Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG), in partnership with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), are running a matching, training and support programme for UK-based sponsors and Ukrainian guests under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. SJOG Homes for Ukraine is an official provider of this government scheme, operating in the whole of the UK.

www.slog-homesforukraine.uk

www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine

email: homesforukraine@sjop.org.uk

There are a few leaflets at the back of church.

Hannah Prince, Fr. Fred, Betty Chadwick, Paul Gascoigne, Julie Broadbridge, Kevin McAuley, Eamon Dooley and John Wood.

Lent lunches will be for Water Aid and will commence on Friday 16th February..

Our Church will do the 16th February, March 1st (Women's World Day of Prayer) and 15th March

The lunches will be held in the United Reformed Church Hall as will WWDP! Please sign up at the back of church to help.



Sunday 18/2/2024
Gift Aid £115.00
Non Gift
Aid £183.89
Total £298.89

Vocations Rota 25th – 2nd March

Sun. Belinda; Mon. Georgina P; Tues. Alan; Wed. Tina M; Thurs. John W.; Fri. St. Joseph's Sch; Sat. Peter A.

Food Bank: Tinned - Vegetables, Rice pudding, Tuna. Nappies, 4.5 and 6

Take direct or leave in supermarkets.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: 26th – 2nd March

Bernard Hollins, Margaret Brown, Joseph Tildesley, William Smith (Harry), Bernard J. Smith, Mick Moore, Fr Sean Farrell, Frank Hinley, Dorothy Longstaff, James and Robin Bamford and David Orme, Arthur James, Beryl Brown, Bishop Kevin Dunn, Agnes Sutton, John Borsley, Ronald Swan, and Mary Leigh (AB).

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish: Peter Edginton, Harper Storey (child) David Howard Tori Roberts, Chloe Barker,

Eileen Jones, Sheila Morrell, Annemarie Thomas-Banyard, Peter Edginton, 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,

A Time of Preparation ... Lent

In the Eucharistic Prayer, each time we attend Mass, Christ's Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection are made present to us. It is these same events that we grow towards in our Lenten journey each year. It is for these events that we are now preparing anew.

The priest who celebrates Mass gives us three simple, yet profound sets of words, to prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for the journey of salvation which we take with Christ in the Eucharistic Prayer. These are worthy of reflection for our Lenten journey too: **"The Lord be with you"**

All the spiritual disciplines of Lent, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, should chip away at our self-reliance. In so doing they enable more aspects of my life to be bathed in the presence of Christ. May Christ be with us and fill us more deeply this Lent

"Lift up your hearts"

An early Christian writer on prayer, St Cyprian, reminds us that, when we pray, God is not listening to our words, but rather to the cry of our hearts. In this, our time of preparing, good words are never enough. Preparing with holy thoughts is never enough. Preparing with pious actions is never enough. The heart, as centre of my power to love, needs to arise and, of all human faculties, the loving heart needs to be pre-eminent.

"Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God"

The self-giving love of Christ, the redeeming power of his passion, death and resurrection, and the freedom from all evil brought about by the salvific victory of the risen Christ, are the central events of love. They shine through and beyond all time and space. In our very desire to continually express our thanks to God for these events, lies the beauty of our recognising the magnitude of the gift and our treasured acceptance of it.

Fr Robert Taylerson, Spiritual Director at St Mary's College, Oscott