

## **Saint Mary's Catholic Church**

**Parish Priest: Father Michael Bonaccorsi**

Landline 01889 562082 and mobile 07870981845

The Presbytery, 11 Balance Street, Uttoxeter ST14 8JB

Parish Website: [www.catholicutttoxeter.org.uk](http://www.catholicutttoxeter.org.uk)

Email: [stmary.utttoxeter@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.utttoxeter@rcaob.org.uk)

Guild Hall Booking Enquiries: Telephone Jean Edmonds-07894279510

Parish School: St. Joseph's Primary.

Head Teacher, Mrs Louise Sassi Telephone: 01889 562702

In an emergency if  
Father Michael is not  
available, please ring  
Cannon Neylon:  
01785-223553 Saint  
Austin's Stafford



### **PEACE IN OUR DAMAGED WORLD**

**Weekdays: year B** 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February Week 5 in ordinary

Time of the Day Cycle of Readings year 2 Psalter Week 1

**Mass Intentions would be GREATLY appreciated.**

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**9.30 Mass – Private Intention (JE) followed by  
Exposition until 10.30 and Confessions until 11.00**

**17.00 Mass – Plows and Edginton families**

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time** Mrs P. Scott

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February Memorial of St. Agatha Martyr**

**9.30 Mass – Clara Herbert**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February mem' St Paul Mikki and  
Companions, Martyrs \*\*\* 10.00 School Mass in  
Church - People of the Parish**

#### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Feria in Ordinary Time**

**9.30 Mass – Holy Souls (10\*)**

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February Feria in Ordinary Time**

**12: 15p.m. Mrs Isabella Lofts . Requiem Mass with  
Burial at Uttoxeter Cemetery at 1: 30**

**18.30 Holy Rosary followed by**

**19.00 Mass – Victims of trafficking**

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Feria in Ordinary Time**

**9.30 Mass –**

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February Mem' of St. Scholastica**

**9.30 Mass – Father Alexander (Sandy) Brown RIP**

**17.00 Mass – Thanksgiving (A.W.)**

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time** World Day of Prayer for the Sick

**9.30 Mass – People of the Parish**

#### ***Diocesan Safeguarding Officer***

##### **JOB DESCRIPTION SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR Job**

**title: Safeguarding Advisor** Based: Cathedral House,  
St. Chad's Queensway, BIRMINGHAM Responsible to:  
Head of Safeguarding Contract tenure:

Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week)

Salary range: £33,000 to £40,000 p.a. plus benefits Job  
summary:

Reporting to the Head of Safeguarding, the post-holder  
will be an experienced safeguarding professional, with a  
social work, police, LADO, probation, or other relevant  
background, with multiagency safeguarding experience,  
who is able to provide effective safeguarding practice  
and advice across the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

See notice etc at the back of Church

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

**For the time being, Masses during the week  
will take place in the Presbytery –(except on  
Tuesdays when school come and Mass will be  
at 10.00am** Please enter by the front door of  
the Presbytery, then once inside, go to the  
Second door on the left.  
Mass will also be in church on Saturday's with  
Exposition and Confessions

#### **Vocations Rota 4<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**Sun.** Terry **Mon.** Barbara **Tues.** Shirley  
**Wed.** Laura **Thurs.** Suzanne **Fri.** St.  
Joseph's Sch; **Sat.** Becky M.

**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: 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Ellen Bull, Harry Fallows, Paul Chatfield, Ena Tildesley, Joan Smith, Paul Sandy, Marie Chatfield, Edan Snape, and Christine Shufflebottom,

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish: Harper Storey (child) David Howard**

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

**During Lent the Lent lunches will be for Water Aid and will commence on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.. Our Church will do the 16<sup>th</sup> February, March 1<sup>st</sup> (Women's World Day of Prayer) and 15<sup>th</sup> March The lunches will be held in the United Reformed Church Hall as will WWDP!**

## A prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza

Christ, Prince of Peace,  
hear our prayer and lament,  
for our suffering sisters and brothers.  
Our hearts are heavy as we witness lives torn apart,  
as we see the faces of frightened children  
and hear the pleas of those without water or food.

We pray for the dead and the grieving,  
for the injured and the afraid.  
We pray for courage and perseverance,  
for those working for healing and to bring aid.  
We pray for world leaders,  
that they may strive for a just and lasting peace.

God of new beginnings,  
in your ways are compassion and hope.  
Open our hearts to dialogue and understanding.  
Lead us all to answer your call  
to become peacemakers  
today, and all the days of our life.

Amen.

The theme of **Racial Justice Sunday** in England and Wales in 2024 is '**Seeing one another in the life of the Church**'. There are different ways that the theme could be approached. I would like to suggest one particular way. In the history of the Church, there have been those who looked at the society in which they lived and responded to what they saw. They looked, made a decision based on what they saw, and acted. Alert and sensitive as they were to the commandments of Christ, when they saw justice being denied to someone because of their racial origin or colour, they were prompted to act. Their actions of opposing racism, promoting equality and justice, became their life's work. Following this path, sometimes they encountered hostility, rejection, and attempts to overturn what they were doing. However, they persevered and became instruments of change, agents of progress, and some are acknowledged as saints of the Church. There are many, many saints in the Church. Each is different. Each chose to follow a particular aspect of the person of Jesus.

Some saw Jesus as a teacher and devoted their lives to teaching. Some followed Jesus as one who loved the sick, and they opened hospices and hospitals. Others saw Jesus as the friend of the poor and gave witness to that. Among the saints are those who remembered the words of Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right. They shall be satisfied." And then they spent their lives working that everyone would be treated justly, with fairness and without discrimination.

For Racial Justice Sunday this year, can I suggest that you explore the lives of those great men and women – those who devoted their lives to the pursuit of racial justice, those who emulated God's passion for justice, which we read about in the scriptures. **May we too, like them, see one another in the life of the Church.**