

For those who have died: Jose Faerra, Clement Ngwatung, Roy Myring, Alice Gazarian, Jean Smith

Funerals:

Please keep in your prayers: John & Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Mary McCrank, Glen Preece, Paddy McLoughlin, Caroline Holland, Tom Bradley, Maureen Salmon, Joyce Walsh, Eddie McDonagh, Suzy McDonagh, Marie McKenzie, Philip Gormley, Francis Keane, Anne Russell, Maureen Byrne, William Kelly, John Farrell, Ann Gilrairie, Margaret McNulty, Cornelius Cronan, Tom Brennan, Thomas McHugh, Tara Ford, Michael Welsh, Simon Woods, Chris Kane, Jim Malachi, Monica Carrington, Michael McHugh, Anne Scott, James Swindel, Reg Ford, Chris Voice, Fr Brian Brown, Lisa Dean and Danny Dean, Winnie Lawlor, Margaret Bednall, Sandra, John Magnier, Sheila Cronin, Maureen Rowland-Aitken, Elaine and David Sumner, Jackie Logan, Brenda Guest, Graham Lawlor, Terence Dixon, Robert Sweeney, Dayna Haywood, John Eccles, Gerry Stokes, Frank Gallagher, Mary Chester, Ann Mountford, Jim Lowndes, Baby Bree and Family

Pope Francis Prayer Intention (February): For the terminally ill We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

REPENT	U	M	F	G	T	V	N	I	W	R	Z	D	Z	K	S
FORTY	L	T	E	M	P	T	E	D	K	T	E	T	A	S	N
GOOD	S	A	T	A	N	W	Z	A	A	O	N	P	E	Y	U
COME	C	O	G	T	N	Y	U	N	Q	E	Y	N	E	G	S
TIME	O	I	O	L	V	Q	N	I	S	N	R	C	F	N	Q
SATAN	M	N	O	J	A	F	D	M	D	E	Y	C	D	O	T
BELIEVE	E	N	D	V	A	K	E	A	D	N	O	V	F	S	S
DAYS	I	Z	E	O	B	V	N	L	O	D	U	X	W	Q	H
TEMPTED	F	L	R	N	E	O	I	S	F	O	R	T	Y	K	D
NEWS	Q	O	V	I	Q	W	C	L	L	I	A	I	S	L	B
ANIMALS	S	H	L	J	M	I	O	F	L	D	P	L	I	P	U
WILDERNESS	I	E	G	R	W	N	U	Y	V	A	E	W	G	U	C
ANGELS	B	E	M	I	N	E	W	S	B	G	C	P	E	N	V
WILD	S	E	P	H	T	I	M	E	N	V	X	W	M	B	K
	V	B	T	N	K	L	P	A	Y	O	B	M	A	L	M

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CONFESSIONS: Sat 10.00 to 10.45am & before mass or by appointment

ADORATION: Tues 9.00am—9.50am & Sat 10.00-10.50am

BAPTISMS: Sun at 11:45am by appointment

ROSARY: 20 mins before mass

CHOIR: Sing at 10.00am mass. **Anyone can join.**

**** CHILDREN’S LITURGY **:** During Sun 10:00am Mass

TEAS and COFFEE: After Sun 10:00am Mass in Parish Hall. **All Welcome**

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PARISH NEWSLETTER **Sat 10th/ Sun 11th February 2024**

1st Sunday of Lent (Year B)

SAT Entrance 185 Offertory 106 Communion 351 Recession 830

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THE WILDERNESS

Do you ever notice how busy a world we live in? How much there is to think about? It’s easy to feel stressed, anxious, uncertain. Over the last few years scientific studies have evidenced the benefits of being still and silent. Many people have their own quiet places where they can seek out stillness and silence. In this Sunday’s Gospel {Mark 1:12-15} we hear that Jesus was also drawn to a quiet place just before he stepped into his public mission, the “wilderness”. For the Jewish people in Jesus’s day, the “wilderness” was a place associated with searching and questioning. The solitude and lack of distractions there helped a person focus on what was important. In the wilderness a person could be alone with God, listen to his voice, and discern God’s plan for them. Jesus spent forty days in the “wilderness”, pondering over the words of scripture he had learned while growing up. Unsurprisingly at the end of his forty days, when Jesus was tested by the devil, his responses were founded on scripture. He’d let God’s words shape him and understood how they helped live life to the full. That’s why the Church encourages us to listen to and read scripture carefully, so we allow God’s words to inspire and guide us.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES There will be a talk this week about a Lourdes pilgrimage from St Francis of Assisi Secondary School. The 2nd collection will then follow next week.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Elizabeth Briars**. They can be contacted at: sg.stpeters.bloxwich@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.

MASS/SERVICE TIMES, FEAST DAYS and ACTIVITIES

Sat 17 Feb	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 17 Feb	11.00am	Memorial of St Scholastica	Jean Smith RIP
Sat 17 Feb	4.45pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sat 17 Feb	5.30pm	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)	Anne Yarnall RIP and the deceased members of the Yarnall and Badger families, Alice Gazarian RIP
Sun 18 Feb	10.00am	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	Thanksgiving (J+S), Mons Thomas Oleghe 103 years old
Sun 18 Feb	11.45am	<i>Baptism</i>	
Sun 18 Feb		<i>Sunday Communions</i>	
Sun 18 Feb	1-2.30pm	<i>Rite of Election—St Chad's Cathedral</i>	
Mon 19 Feb	8.45am	<i>Teaching at Oscott</i>	
Mon 19 Feb	1.30pm	<i>Meeting at St Peter's School</i>	
Mon 19 Feb	6.00pm	<i>Lent Feria</i>	Vera Lawlor RIP, Robert Morris RIP
Tue 20 Feb	9.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tue 20 Feb	10.00am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Tue 20 Feb	10.45am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Tue 20 Feb	5.15pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Wed 21 Feb	8.40am	Mass in St Thomas More School	
Wed 21 Feb	10.30am	<i>Lent Feria</i>	21st Wedding Anniversay Sonny and Mignon Angeles
Wed 21 Feb	1.00pm	<i>School Leadership Meeting</i>	
Wed 21 Feb	7.00pm	<i>Finance Meeting—Quarterly</i>	
Thu 22 Feb	10.00am	Mass in St Peter's School	Patricia Hopley 1st Anniversary
Thu 22 Feb	11.00am	<i>House Blessing</i>	
Thu 22 Feb	3.15pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Thu 22 Feb	6.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Fri 23 Feb		NO MASS	
Sat 24 Feb	9.00am	Mass in Swinfen Hall HMP	Holy Souls
Sat 24 Feb	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 24 Feb	11.00am	<i>Lent Feria</i>	Sick of the Parish
Sat 24 Feb	4.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Sat 24 Feb	4.45pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sat 24 Feb	5.30pm	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)	Margaret Wassall RIP
Sun 24 Feb	10.00am	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	(people of the parish)
Sun 24 Feb	11.45am	<i>Baptism</i>	



ST PETER'S PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP. To join: 1.) Give Fr. David or Sr.Tonia your WhatsApp phone number to add you manually or 2.) Send a WhatsApp message 'ADD ME' to the Parish WhatsApp number; 07840781301.

NEW DONA MACHINE

We have managed to get an electronic donation machine. This means that Sunday Collections, for example can now be given using the **Card Reader**. It is very easy to use.

Select the 'Fund' (eg: Weekend Collection')

Select the 'Amount'

Indicate whether 'Gift Aid'

Tap or swipe card.

We will have another card reader operational in the near future.

LENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

Are available from the Church entrances. Suggested donation £1. Please take then to those who are unable to come to Church but would appreciate a copy.

FINANCE MEETING

Wednesday 21st February at 7.00pm in the Presbytery

HELPING OUR SCHOOLS

The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service is looking for volunteers to help with the school admissions process. You can be a lay person or educator. See Father David if you think you can help.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

206 High Street has been broken into. This is a property we are responsible for. A sleeping blanket was discovered on the Church roof. The proposed fence at the front of Church requires 3 quotations. It is taking along time to get them

READER'S ROTA

17-Feb Anthony Daniels Martin Bradley
18-Feb John Stringer Sr. Felicitas
Readers Easter Availability - if you have not already done so can you please pick up and return an "Easter Availability" form?

ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include: **William Ilsley, Agnus Lawlor, Colin Davies, Keith Southan, David Small, and Michael Crossley**

ST PETER'S FOODBANK

Is open Mondays 10am-12am in St Peter's Parish Centre

We helped 38 adults and 16 children. Grateful thanks for the donations weighing 39.6kg.

Shortages : Tinned:- soup, meats baked beans vegetables, rice pudding ,fish, pasta/ sauce, coffee & biscuits

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

will take place from **10th-18th March 2024** at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. (Visit www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena for details). Masses are on **Zoom**, at **10.00am** every day of the Novena except **Sunday**, when it is at **11.00am**, also **Evening Prayer** together with the **Novena Prayer** at **6.00pm every day**. You are welcome to send in your petitions (**Petition forms are available at the back of the church**) and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet (for a suggested donation).**

Weekend Collection

Counting Team

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Gift Aid **£246.00**

Bi-weekly **SP/CH**

Please contact George Pitt
07926 636159 (text only) or
www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html

Non-Gift Aid **£351.28**

2nd Collection

Last Weekend Mass Count

189

Thank You

The value of your donation is increased **25%** if Gift-Aided - forms available from sacristy