

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO BE PRAYED FOR BY THE PARISH PLEASE LET FATHER DAVID, A PARISH SISTER OR A CHURCH WARDEN KNOW

Funerals: Catherine Holland Tuesday 22nd May (1130am) followed by burial (Field Rd), reception into Church Monday 21st May (4.00pm)

Please pray for those who have died: Paul Hinsley, Catherine Holland, Winnifred Bannister

Please keep in your prayers: Baby Rebecca, Melanie Keenan, Len Prothero, Pat O'Loan, Mary McCrank, Bernard Turner, Zofia Przybylko, Margaret David, Cyril Nugent, Sid Marson, Peter Partridge, Sister Francis Sculley, Christine Watson, Veronica Raybould, Fr. Tim Burke, Margaret Keogh, Tricia Smith, Fr. Sean Turley, Edna Penman, Sarah Smith, Jim Malachy, Jess Pandya, Teresa Lennon, Louise Lyons, Peter Gospel, Fiona McNabb, Catherine Holland, Alice Plant, Alan Marshall, Ted Salt, Irene Lee, Geraldine McCarthy, John & Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Margaret Hunt, Alan Steven, Sandra Millard, Mary Hawthorne, Andrew Hughes, Rita Sargent, Mrs. Bloomfield, Carol Price

Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention: for those who have responsibility for our economy.

A WORD OF WELCOME—If you are new or a visitor please introduce yourself to the priest or parish sister or Church warden. Peace be with you.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Gift Aid can be taken out at any time of the year. Thank you to everyone registered as it is a valuable source of additional income to St. Peter's at no extra cost to parishioners. Your donation is increased by 25% and helps with the costly maintenance of the Church. If you would like to sign up to Gift Aid please see Father David. It only takes 30 seconds.

For those who do not Gift Aid but would like an envelope box, the boxes are available by the side of the sacristy (unnumbered).

Our Church has also benefited from the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered the Church in their Will. God bless your kindness.

ROSARY ON THE COAST

On Sunday 29th April the rosary will be prayed at more than 200 coastal locations, from as far north as the Shetland Islands and as far south as Guernsey. As the Black Country is far from the coast **St. Mary's the Mount** will join with the people of our country, as they pray for faith and peace in the British Isles, by praying the rosary. The Church will be open from **2.45pm to 3.45pm.**

The address is:

St Mary's the Mount, Glebe Street, Walsall, WS1 3NF

PLEASE TAKE AWAY THE NEWSLETTER TO SHARE WITH OTHERS
This newsletter can be received via email—see Parish Website

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PARISH

Saturday 28th April/Sunday 29th April

B: Year

NEWSLETTER

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

II: Week

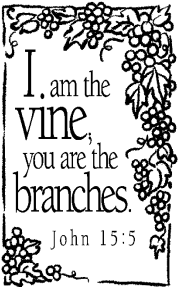
HYMN NOS. Entrance **21/27** Offertory **676** Communion **730** Recessional **118**

III: EP

I EASTER: Pref.

WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

When people try and answer this question they usually just make a list of their pleasures. For example, "Seeing Walsall FC win!" It is the things that give them a buzz—usually a passing physical delight that they then have to try and recreate—day in, day out. Even Walsall FC lose from time to time. Therefore they are forever chasing their pleasures and are thus perpetually unsatisfied. An easier why to answer 'what is happiness' is by its opposite—unhappiness. To be unhappy is to be alone. To be forever alone would be forever unhappiness. **As such happiness is found in others.** When all is said and done we are at rest or at our most content in being with family and friends. There is a greek word for this—'koinonia'. It means 'fellowship' or better—'a shared life'. Therefore, sharing our life—giving and taking with others—a mutual interconnected reciprocity is what makes us happy. This is what Jesus means when he says "I am the vine you are the branches" (John 15:3) - the vine and the branches are one life—alone the branches die. When Jesus uses the phrase "I am" He is referring to God so He is really saying "God is the vine and you are the branches". He is telling us that happiness, which the world cannot give, is to be found in a shared life with God. This happiness, unlike earthly delights, does not need to be recreated because God is eternal. Moreover, the shared life with God begins here on earth. Another word for *koinonia* is 'communion'—**we share God's life in Holy Communion.** We welcome the children and families of St. Peter's Year 3 as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.



MASS TIMES, FEAST DAYS and MASS INTENTIONS

Mass cards and intention envelopes are available from the Piety Stall and Sacristy

Sat 28 Apr	11.00am	Easter <i>feria</i>	Jane Allison RIP
Sat 28 Apr	5.30pm	5th SUNDAY EASTER (Vigil)	Oliver family and Baby Alex
Sun 29 Apr	10.00am	5th SUNDAY EASTER	Philip Hathaway RIP
Mon 30 Apr	6.00pm	Easter <i>feria</i> (Mass in Church)	Winnifred Bannister RIP
Tue 1 May	10.00am	Easter <i>feria</i>	Fr. Fabian Radcliffe O.P. (poorly)
Wed 2 May	11.00am	Memoria St. Athanasius (Mass in St. Peter's with Archbishop Bernard)	Tom Butler RIP
Thu 3 May	10:00am	Feast of Ss Philip & James Apostles	Ena Intention
Fri 4 May	10.00am	Feast of the English Martyrs	Winnifred Bannister RIP
Sat 5 Apr	11.00am	Easter <i>feria</i>	Tony & Marie McNicholas ints
Sat 5 Apr	5.30pm	6th SUNDAY EASTER (Vigil)	John & Anne Murphy/ Thanksgiving
Sun 6 May	10.00am	6th SUNDAY EASTER	Oliver family and Baby Alex
Sun 6 May	1.00pm	Armenian Mass in Church	

BOOKING A BAPTISM



It is possible to book a baptism online using the Parish Website—www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk
Instructions of what to do are available from the website or phone Father Doran on **01922 476765**

Note: there is now a £10 administration fee to re-issue lost baptism certificates.

NEW COUNTING TEAM ROTAS AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

Last Sunday's Collection	Counting Team	PARISH CENTRE BOOKING
Gift Aid £279.00	This week N	Please contact George Pitt
Non-Gift Aid £288.27	Next week M	07926 636159 or
2nd Collection £194.25	Apr Standing Orders	www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html
Priest's Training Fund	End of month	<i>Thank You</i> The value of your donation is increased 25% if Gift-Aided

PIETY STALL: Rosaries, Mass Cards, Statues, Prayer Cards etc (Also available from sacristy)

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD

LONGLEY

VISITING ST. PETER'S

SCHOOL

His Grace will be visiting St. Peter's School this WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY for 11.00am Mass. All are welcome to attend the Mass in the School.

DIVINE MERCY FLOWERS

For **RON WATKINS** (2nd anniversary) from wife Rose and grandchildren Mathew and Bethany. *If you want to donate flowers by the Divine Mercy picture as a tribute to loved ones please see Sharon Lowndes.*

BLACK COUNTRY DICTIONARY

Some words provided by a parishioner: **saft**—stupid, **shaps**—shops, **sharra**—coach, **snap**—food, packed lunch, **stiffket/sustiffket**—certificate

LOCAL ELECTION

Thursday 3rd May—election of Councillors to Walsall Council. Polling Station is the Parish Church Hall.

150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Next meeting: Saturday 5th May 4.00pm in the Parish Centre.

WINNIE LYTHALL

100th birthday Party—Sunday May 13th 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. Mass will be offered for Winnie at the 5:30pm Mass (Saturday 12th May)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Next meeting: Wednesday 16th May 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting: Wednesday 23rd May 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you have any suggestions let us know.

THANK YOU

To everyone who made the Wild Irish concert night so successful. A good night was had by everyone. Look out for future social events and pass on the word.

CONFESSIONS: Sat 10.00 to 10.45am

ADORATION: Sat 9.45-10.45am

BAPTISMS: Sun at 11:45am by appointment **ROSARY:** 20 mins before mass

REFRESHMENTS: After Sat 11:00am and Sun 10:00am Masses. **All Welcome**

MARIAN DEVOTIONS: Glories of Mary Prayer Group—Fri 2.00pm Parish Hall

CHOIR: Sing at 10.00am mass and all major celebrations. **Anyone can join.**

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