

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: **Francis Day** Friday 18th May (12.00pm) followed by burial (Field Rd), **Catherine Holland** Tuesday 22nd May (11.30am) followed by burial (Field Rd), reception into Church Monday 21st May (4.00pm), **Peter Gospel** Thursday 24th May (11:30am) at West Bromwich Crematorium

Please pray for those who have died: Catherine Holland, Winnifred Bannister, Peter Gospel, Tony Farley, Francis Day

Please keep in your prayers: Baby Rebekah, 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, Edna Penman, Sarah Smith, Jim Malachy, Jess Pandya, Teresa Lennon, Louise Lyons, Fiona McNabb, 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, Tricia Smith, Phyllis Powell

Pope Francis’ May Prayer Intention: That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Baptisms: Rebekah Jain Canadine

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.

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

DIVINE MERCY FLOWER TRIBUTE
“For a lapsed catholic—bestow your merciful love upon them”. Anonymous.
 See Sharon Lowndes for donations of flowers.

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 5th April/Sunday 6th April

NEWSLETTER

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

HYMN NOS. Entrance **215** Offertory **478** Communion **674** Recessional **209**

B: Year
II: Week
III: EP
III EASTER: Pref.

THE ASCENSION

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—THIS WEEK

Mass Times

Wednesday 6.45pm Vigil (fulfills obligation)

Thursday 10.00am

Pope Francis explains Jesus’ Ascension to Heaven after His Resurrection as the sign we are not alone. This may seem paradoxical at first—does not Jesus leave the disciples and us? We can no longer see, touch, listen to Him.



Pope Francis says, however, that Jesus’ Ascension does not mean He is absent but **with us in a new way.** “The Ascension of Jesus into heaven reveals to us this reality that is so comforting for our journey, (that) in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was brought to God”. Pope Francis uses the analogy of a rock climber—He has reached the summit and is pulling us up on the rope to which He is connected. In addition, Jesus is no longer in one definite place on earth but is now present everywhere. He is Lord of everything, present in all times and spaces and so is with us wherever we are. Therefore, the Ascension is not the end of Jesus’ work but a new beginning! It is why He tells His disciples that they are witnesses or testifiers (this is the original meaning of the Greek word “martyr”) and are commissioned to continue His work in Jesus’ name and that He will send the Holy Spirit to be with those faithful Christians who love Him and want to be with Him.


MASS TIMES, FEAST DAYS and MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sat 5 May	11.00am	Easter <i>feria</i>	Tony & Marie McNicholas ints
Sat 5 May	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	
Mon 7 May		NO MASS	
Tue 8 May	10.00am	Easter <i>feria</i>	Tont Farley RIP
Wed 9 May	8.40am	Easter <i>feria</i> (Mass in St. Thomas More Sch)	Peace in Syria
Wed 9 May	10.00am	Easter <i>feria</i>	Francis Day RIP
Wed 9 May	6.45pm	Solemnity of Ascension of Our Lord (Vigil)	Intentions of the UCM
Thu 10 May	10:00am	Solemnity of Ascension of Our Lord	Tricia Smith Intentions
Fri 11 May	10.00am	Easter <i>feria</i>	Catherine Holland RIP
Sat 12 Apr	11.00am	Easter <i>feria</i>	Peter Gospel RIP
Sat 12 Apr	5.30pm	6th SUNDAY EASTER (Vigil)	David Wright
Sun 13 May	10.00am	6th SUNDAY EASTER	Tom Butler RIP



HOSTS USED AT MASS You may be interested to know that we now obtain our hosts for Holy Communion from the Carmel in Dolgellau in Wales. They are an enclosed order of Carmelite nuns which means that their separation from the world outside addresses the problems of rush and noise that so easily distract us. They live a life of solitude and silence in allegiance to Jesus Christ, and can trace their origins back to the hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land in the twelfth century. St Theresa Blessed by the Cross called Carmels 'engines of the Church through their prayer'. Please keep them also in your prayers.

Last Sunday's Collection	Counting Team	PARISH CENTRE BOOKING Please contact George Pitt 07926 636159 or www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html
Gift Aid £200.40	This week M	
Non-Gift Aid £290.69	Next week McK	
2nd Collection None	Apr Standing Orders	
End of month		 The value of your donation is increased 25% if Gift-Aided

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

DEANERY MEETING

Tuesday 8th May 11.00am at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Walsall.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Wolverhampton Section AGM: Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Preceded by mass at 6.45pm in the Church. Next meeting: Monday 14th May 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Preceded by mass at 6.30pm in Church. The UCM are still collecting spectacles, used printer cartridges, stamps for the Beacon Centre for the Blind. Please put items in the boxes at the back of Church.

NEXT WEEKEND

2nd Collection: Catholic Communications Network.

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.

3rd BLOXWICH (ST. PETER'S) BROWN-IES CHURCH PARADE Sunday 20th May
ST PETER'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Open Fridays 10am-11:15am

CHURCH READING STALL—we hope to provide a mini-library of faith books for parishioners. Watch this space.

RED BOXES—RETURN

It is that time of year to 'swap' over our 'Red Boxes'. New boxes are available in the sacristy. Just leave your old boxes and take a new box. If you would like to sign up for a box and take one there is a sign-up sheet too. *Missio* ('Red Box' charity) is the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission where there is turmoil and poverty in the world.

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). Winnie has said she does not want any gifts but would prefer donations for the **Johnson Fund** (a charity that looks after retired and infirm priests). Donation envelopes are available from the Church entrances.

CELEBRATE CONFERENCE

FOR FAMILIES

Booking now for 30th July—1 July. At Oscott College in Birmingham. **CELEBRATE** is a Catholic conference for all open to individuals and families alike. The weekend will help you find fresh inspiration in your faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. Call Lisa: 01564 772238 to book or visit [website https://www.celebrateconference.org/birmingham](http://www.celebrateconference.org/birmingham)