

For those who have died: Jim Lowndes, Margaret Rollinson, Kevin Salmon, Diane King, Carol Wild, Willam Cawley, Jackie Scott, Jennifer Hutchinson, Fr. Terence McGuckin, Fr. Peter Blundell, Fr. Gerard O'Collins SJ


Funerals: Kevin Salmon (Friday 11th October 11.30am, Followed by North Walsall Cemetery),

Weddings: DOWNING and WESTWOOD (Saturday 21st September 1pm)

Please keep in your prayers: Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Mary McCrank, Glen Preece, , 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, 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, Robert Sweeney, Dayna Haywood, John Eccles, Gerry Stokes, Frank Gallagher, Mary Chester, Ann Mountford, Patrick McDonagh, Gillian Ilsley

Pope Francis Prayer Intention: For the Cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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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*

St. Peter's Catholic Church, Bloxwich



Ubi Petrus ibi Ecclesia ibi Deus

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PARISH NEWSLETTER **Sat 21st / Sun 22nd September 2024**
25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Sat Entrance **567** Offertory **302** Communion **624** Recession **706**
Sun Entrance **567** Offertory **302** Communion **624** Recession **706**

A GATHERING STORM

The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker {Mark 9:30-37}: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say, "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions ☒ with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him ☒ we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

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 TIMES, FEAST DAYS and MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21 Sep	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 21 Sep	11.15am	Feast St Matthew	Canon David Mellor RIP, Anna Get well Soon
Sat 21 Sep	1.00pm	<i>Wedding Service</i>	Downing and Westwood
Sat 21 Sep	5.30pm	25th SUNDAY (Vigil)	People of the Parish
Sun 22 Sep	10.00am	25th SUNDAY Also for Alecia, Simon, Olaf, Masoud, Geraldine, Giorgio, Maria, Yoav, Herzi, Karine, Jordyn, Jake and Joe	Jim Lowndes RIP, Sid Brown Anniversary, Mary Staples anniversary, Peter Doughty RIP, Robert Villanueva 2nd anniversary, Dave Richards RIP
Sun 22 Sep	1.00pm	<i>Sunday Communion</i>	
Mon 23 Sep	11.00am	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Mon 23 Sep	6.00pm	Mass in IHM Convent	Mrs K Donnelly intentions
Mon 23 Sep	7.00pm	<i>Funeral Meeting</i>	
Tue 24 Sep	10.00am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Jim Lowndes RIP
Tue 24 Sep	11.00am	<i>Finance Meeting (Ongoing)</i>	
Wed 25 Sep	8.40am	Mass in St Thomas More School	Paul Capewell intentions
Wed 25 Sep		NO MASS	
Wed 25 Sep	11.30am	<i>Prayer Service The Lakes</i>	
Wed 25 Sep	4.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Wed 25 Sep	5.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Thu 26 Sep	9.30am	Mass in St Peter's School	Holy Souls
Fri 27 Sep		NO MASS	
Fri 27 Sep	10.00am	<i>Holy Communion Round</i>	
Sat 28 Sep	9.30am	Mass in Featherstone HMP	For conversion
Sat 28 Sep	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 28 Sep	11.15am	Feast St Matthew	Sick of the parish
Sat 28 Sep	5.30pm	26th SUNDAY (Vigil)	People of the parish
Sat 28 Sep	10.00am	26th SUNDAY	Jim Lowndes RIP

NEXT 4 WEEKS: Pastoral Statistic (mass count) being gathered.

THIS WEEKEND: There is a pastoral letter from Archbishop Longley

THIS WEEKEND: 2nd Collection for Fr. Hudson's Care



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.

SACRAMENT PROGRAMMES

Dear All, Forms for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2025 are now available in the Sacristy. Classes will officially resume in September. This is open to all parish children from non-Catholic schools who are aged 8 years and above, or in year 3 by September. Confirmation is open to children in Year 6 by September or 11 years above.

SEASON OF CREATION

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience (Rom. 8:25)

We know that action to restrain the ecological crises is urgent, and we know that ecological conversion is a slow process as humans are stubborn to change their hearts, and their ways of living. Sometimes we don't know what our actions should look like. As we journey in life, every day we get new ideas and inspirations to find a better balance between the urgency and the slow rhythms of long-lasting change. We might not understand the ways of God, but we are called to trust and follow with concrete and sustained actions, following Christ, the redeemer of the whole Cosmos.

JOKE—IT'S GOOD TO SMILE

A devout old shepherd lost his favourite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written on the inside cover."

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING Please contact George Pitt (07926 636159 (text only) or use the booking form www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html or email the Office stpeters.bloxwich.org.uk



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NEW MISSAL

To get the New Missal (£20—Hodder Version) please sign up at the Piety Stall.

DIARY DATES Children's Groups

22nd September (after Sunday Mass meeting of children & parents joining the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Class)

October 5th Saturday Fun Church Harvest Festival 1pm to 3pm

MISSION TODAY

The Autumn edition of the Missio Magazine has now been delivered to contributors. If you have not received your copy please pick one up at the Church entrance.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include: **Peter Doughty, John Fisher, Fr. Peter Lloyd, Helen McGee, Isaac Taylor, and Gerald Salmon**

THIS WEEK'S READERS

21-Sep Christine Humphreys Anthony Daniels
22-Sep Charlotta Woodcock Kelechi Alabaraonye

SAINT PETER'S FOODBANK

Many thanks for donations weighing 22.2kg, also for donations in recent weeks through dona machine and cash. Your support is really appreciated. Always in need Tinned: Soup, baked beans, meats, tuna, potatoes, carrots, peas, rice pudding, pasta/sauce, cereal.

BUILDING WORK

As some may notice the interior of the Church is being worked upon where the damage was done by the ingress of water. Next week the work continues **Monday, Tuesday (after mass), Wednesday and Thursday.**