

For those who have died: Alice Gazarian, Jean Smith, Paddy McLoughlin
Funerals: Paddy McLoughlin (Mercia Crematorium Thursday 14th March 12 Noon)
Please keep in your prayers: John & 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, 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 Lisa Mongham

Pope Francis Prayer Intention (MARCH): For the New Martyrs We pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world. In flame the Church with their courage and mission-ary enthusiasm

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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 2nd/ Sun 3rd March 2024**
3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)
SAT Entrance **380** Offertory **570** Communion **383** Recession **233**
SUN Entrance **380** Offertory **356** Communion **383** Recession **233**



UNITE WITH GOD

“Prayer” is another word we hear a lot of during the season of Lent. In fact, the 40 days of Lent recall the 40 days of prayer Jesus spent in the wilderness. Like Jesus, we too are asked to use the 40 days of Lent as a focused time of prayer. But what do we understand prayer to be? “To ask God for things or for help”, “to worship”, “to give thanks”? Helpful descriptions but they don’t fully explain what Jesus understood prayer to be. As Jesus was a Jew he would have used the Hebrew word for prayer “tefillah”, which means ‘to unite’ or ‘to bond with’. For Jesus, prayer was first of all about uniting with God, his loving Father. In the Gospels we read that ‘Jesus often went onto the mountain to pray.’ (Luke 5:16). And this helped him to face many challenging times and decisive moments, allowing him time to reflect and helped him make difficult decisions and act on them. As children of God, our community of prayer stretches across the world. Each member shares the same responsibility: to pray for and support each other, as Jesus taught us. Lent, is a time to focus on “tefillah” – prayer that unites us with one another. Commit to getting to know God through reading the Gospels.

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 2 Mar	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 2 Mar	11.00am	Feast of Saint Chad	Intentions of Archbishop Longley
Sat 2 Mar	12.30-3pm	Saturday Communions	
Sat 2 Mar	4.00pm	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Sat 2 Mar	4.45pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 2 Mar	5.30pm	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)	Deceased members of the Daniels and Smith Families
Sun 3 Mar	10.00am	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	Bridgit Sheriden RIP, Peter Doran RIP, Thanks to God for adding a year to Sarah and Alisha (32 years and 5 years)
Sun 3 Mar	1-3pm	Sunday Communions	
Mon 4 Mar		NO MASS	
Tue 5 Mar	9.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tue 5 Mar	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Tue 5 Mar	10.45am	Stations of the Cross	
Wed 6 Mar		NO MASS	
Thu 7 Mar		NO MASS	
Fri 8 Mar		NO MASS	
Sat 9 Mar	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 9 Mar	11.00am	Memoria of St John of God	Holy Souls in purgatory
Sat 9 Mar	12.30pm	Saturday Communions	
Sat 9 Mar	4.00pm	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Sat 9 Mar	4.45pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 9 Mar	5.30pm	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)	Tom Chester Anniversary (7th March), Janet Daniels anniversary, Yvonne Niland RIP, Canon Peter Taylor RIP
Sun 10 Mar	10.00am	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Thanksgiving Tasha, Sister Felicitas Feast Day (7th March)
Sun 10 Mar	1-2.30pm	Sunday Communions	



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.

The Digital Collection Plates (DCP's as they are called) have different options to donate such as: *Sunday collection, Piety Stall, Votive Candles, Baptism Donation, Second Collections* etc.

GIVING ONLINE

It is now possible to make donations using the DONA system purchased by St Peter's through our website:

www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk

YEAR OF PRAYER RESOURCE

A great new resource to use during this *Year of Prayer* is now available to parishes across the Archdiocese.

The Birmingham Edition of '*We Dare to Say*', which looks at the petitions of the *Our Father*, is available to **download at** **www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/archdiocese-of-birmingham-edition-of-we-dare-to-say-now-available**

A printed copy will also be shared with clergy over the coming weeks. It is a five-week programme focused on the *Our Father*.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy for the £427.18 raised to send children to Lourdes this year.

READER'S ROTA

02-Mar Sr Tonia Anthony Daniels
03-Mar Charlotte Woodcock Felicia Rodrigues
Holy Week Readers: The Readers Rota for Holy Week and Easter will be produced after 2nd March. Please return your "Availability Form" before this date. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include: **Keith Nyirenda, Catherine O'Loan, Elizabeth Dowell, Thomas Chester, William Sherlock, and Johnny McCann**

ST PETER'S FOODBANK

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

Many thanks for your donations weighing 40 .2kg. Also for cash donation. We helped 24 adults and 29 children Since opening we have given out 1181 parcels ,helping 1734 and 782 children.

Always need tinned :- Soup, baked beans, meats,fish,potatoes, vegetables, rice pudding, pasta/sauce

The National Novena to St Joseph

will take place from 10th-18th March 2024 at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead**. See poster or Visit **www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena** for details.

Weekend Collection

Counting Team

Gift Aid **£363.00**

Bi-weekly **SP/CH**

Non-Gift Aid **£298.58**

2nd Collection **£427.18**

Last Weekend Mass Count

Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal

244

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

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

Thank You

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