

For those who have died: Alice Gazarian, Jean Smith, Paddy McLaughlin

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 missionary enthusiasm

**ST PETER'S
FOODBANK**

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CONDEMN	M	L	I	Z	D	Q	X	P	T	H	R	O	U	G	H
LIFE	V	D	J	P	Q	W	T	W	V	L	R	C	I	D	A
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WHOEVER	S	H	Z	N	D	G	G	J	L	G	B	S	E	N	D
GAVE	J	G	O	D	B	M	A	M	R	Y	F	N	I	L	O
GOD	S	Z	E	N	K	D	L	V	M	R	A	W	.	O	N
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ETERNAL	R	A	J	M	C	P	K	V	E	F	Q	H	X	V	O
LOVED	B	W	E	E	B	O	M	E	Y	I	V	E	O	D	U
THROUGH	P	O	J	S	U	N	R	R	K	M	P	V	R	W	Z
PERISH	X	R	C	V	T	D	P	I	P	F	P	E	R	S	H
BELIEVES	S	L	S	G	C	E	X	S	Z	N	I	R	Z	D	T
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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 9th/ Sun 10th March 2024**

4th Sunday of Lent (Year B) - Laetare Sunday

SAT Entrance **891** Offertory **678** Communion **674** Recession **293**

SUN Entrance **891** Offertory **678** Communion **674** Recession **293**

LAETARE SUNDAY "Rejoice! Rejoice! is the song this Sunday and there is much for us to rejoice. This middle Sunday of Lent, *Laetare* Sunday, is also known as Mothering Sunday. It is St. Paul's words in Galatians 4:26 that gives Mothering Sunday its name. He speaks of "that Jerusalem which is above . . . which is our mother," On this day, everyone paid a solemn visit to their mother church, and left an offering there at the high altar. Even the readings promote, enhance and uplift the spirit of rejoicing, the introit, communion and tract of the Mass speak of the heavenly Jerusalem where Christians will raise their songs of joy. **Heaven, the heavenly Jerusalem, has so often been likened to and represented as a garden full of flowers, that on this day the Church used to bless the loveliest of flowers, the rose.**

It is as though, amidst all our Lenten resolutions and struggles, the Church wants to remind us today the reason for doing all this. God wants life for us, life to the full and is prepared to do anything, but anything, to fulfil his heart's desire that we discover the full truth of our lives that we live and love and move in the goodness, love and mercy of God. Living in God's love and in God's way is not an added burden to life; it is the only way for us to find true happiness and the real richness, beauty and wonder of ourselves as God's work of art; to be truly free.

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

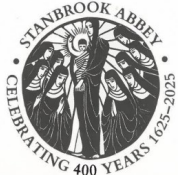
Sat 9 Mar	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 9 Mar	11.00am		Holy Souls in purgatory
Sat 9 Mar	4.00pm	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Sat 9 Mar	4.45pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 9 Mar	5.30pm		Tom Chester Anniversary (7th March), Janet Daniels anniversary, Yvonne Niland RIP, Canon Peter Taylor RIP, Joseph Tennant & Maureen Tennant
Sun 10 Mar	10.00am		Thanksgiving Tasha, Sister Felicitas Feast Day (7th March)
Sun 10 Mar	1-3.30pm	Sunday Communions	
Mon 11 Mar	6.00pm	Lent feria	Thanksgiving Stanbrook Benedictines
Tue 12 Mar	9.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tue 12 Mar	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Tue 12 Mar	10.45am	Stations of the Cross	
Tue 12 Mar	10.45am	Finance Meeting Ongoing	
Tue 12 Mar	11.00am	Deanery Meeting At Haunton St Michaels	
Tue 12 Mar	2.15pm	Meeting At Oscott	
Wed 13 Mar	10.30am	Lent feria	Keeley Sale
Wed 13 Mar	11.30am	Prayer Meeting The Lakes	
Wed 13 Mar	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting Drake Court	
Wed 13 Mar	5.15pm	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Wed 13 Mar	6.15pm	Marriage Preparation Meeting	
Thu 14 Mar	9.30am	Mass in St Peter's School	Thanksgiving Pupils and Staff
Thu 14 Mar	12.00am	Funeral Service Mercia Forest Cremaorium	Paddy McLaughlin RIP
Thu 14 Mar	3.30pm	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Thu 14 Mar	6.00pm	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Fri 15 Mar		NO MASS	
Sat 16 Mar	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 16 Mar	11.00am	Lent feria	Robert Alfred Smith RIP
Sat 16 Mar	12.30pm	Marriage Preparation Meeting	
Sat 16 Mar	4.00pm	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Sat 16 Mar	4.45pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 16 Mar	5.30pm	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)	Pro populo (people of the parish)
Sat 17 Mar	10.00am	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Pro populo (people of the parish)
Sat 17 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.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER DAVID—STANBROOK ABBEY

I went and stayed at the Benedictine Stanbrook Abbey in Wass, Yorkshire this week. In 2025 they will be celebrating their Quartercentenary—400 years. St Peter's celebrated our 150 years in 2019. They have a very interesting history. In 1623 9 young English women went to Flanders (Netherlands). During the French Revolution, when the Catholic Church was attacked, the nuns were arrested and put in prison at Compiègne. They were there 18 months. 16 Carmelite nuns were later imprisoned with them. The Carmelite nuns were found guilty of treason (they would not submit to the law which banned religious orders). They were guillotined. It was outlawed to wear religious habits but their secular clothes were being washed. These clothes were used by the Benedictine nuns to return to England. Eventually the nuns were established in Worcester before moving to Wass in 2009. I first visited Stanbrook in 2001, then in 2003 for my psychological assessment for the priesthood and then in 2007 for a retreat for lectorship then in 2015. The nuns celebration of the liturgy is beautiful. Saint Teresa Blessed by the Cross (St Edith Stein) once said that enclosed monasteries are the 'engine room' of the Church through their hidden prayer. They have prayed for my family, Doreen, Peter and Damian. If you want to find out more go to www.stanbrookabbey.org.uk to visit or ask for prayers.



Thank you to all the parishioners that made my retreat possible.



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Readers for Holy Week: The rota for Holy Week readers has been prepared. Please pick up your copy. **This Week's Readers (as per Rota)**
09-Mar Martin Bradley Shilla Pereira 10-Mar Chioma Chukwuka Kelechi Alabaraonye

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Last Weekend Mass Count

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