


For those who have died: Jose Faerreo

Funerals:

Please keep in your prayers: John & Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Mary McCrank, Glen Preece, Paddy McLoughlin, 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 Bree and Family

Pope Francis Prayer Intention (January): For the terminally ill We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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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 27th/ Sun 28th January 2024**

4th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B)

SAT Entrance 173 Offertory 88 Communion 343 Recession 568

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A NEW TEACHING

Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a “new teaching” today {*Mark 1:21-28*}, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It’s the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not “harden our hearts” and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 14th April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights’ in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on 3 days. All entertainment, excursions & transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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 27 Jan	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 27 Jan	11.00am	Our Lady on Saturday	Holy Souls
Sat 27 Jan	5.30pm	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)	Stephen Purshouse private intention, Margaret Wassell RIP, June Robins
Sun 28 Jan	10.00am	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Gorman Family, George and Winnie Beech Anniversary
Sun 28 Jan	11.45am	<i>Baptism</i>	Nowak
Sun 28 Jan	12.45am	<i>Baptism</i>	Salau
Sun 28 Jan	2-4pm	<i>Sunday Communion</i>	
Mon 29 Jan	10.00am	<i>Feria</i> in Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
Tue 30 Jan	9.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tue 30 Jan	10.00am	<i>Feria</i> in Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
Tue 30 Jan	11.00am	<i>Meeting at School</i>	
Tue 30 Jan	11.00am	<i>Finance Meeting (Ongoing)</i>	
Tue 30 Jan	5.15pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Wed 31 Jan	8.40am	Mass in St Thomas More School	Holy Souls
Wed 31 Jan	10.30am	Memorial St St John Bosco	Holy Souls
Wed 31 Jan	11.30am	<i>Prayer Service The Lakes</i>	
Thu 1 Feb	9.30am	Mass in St Peter's School	Holy Souls
Thu 1 Feb	3.35pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Thu 1 Feb	6.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Fri 2 Feb	7.00am	Mass in IHM Convent—Feast of Presentation—CANDLEMASS— BLESSING OF CANDLES	Holy Souls
Fri 2 Feb	10.35am	<i>Teaching Oscott</i>	
Fri 2 Feb	3.30pm	<i>Convent Visit</i>	
Sat 3 Feb	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 3 Feb	11.00am	St Blaise— BLESSING OF THROATS	Poorly in the parish
Sat 3 Feb	5.30pm	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)	Margaret Wassell RIP
Sun 4 Feb	10.00am	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<i>Pro populo</i> (people of the parish)
Sun 4 Feb	1-2.30pm	<i>Sunday Communion</i>	



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.

DONA ELECTRONIC GIVING

The Finance Committee has reviewed the means by which collections and donations are made in the 21st Century. Increasingly electronic devices are used for making payments. The use of cash is diminishing. There are some parishes in the Archdiocese by which all giving is made by electronic means. As such the Finance Committee has decided that in addition to the normal cash method of making donations St Peter's needs to have electronic devices for giving. Therefore in the next few weeks 2 devices will be installed at the entrances to the Church. It will allow people to make payments via card at the Piety Stall, for example. The system will be set up to allow people to make specific payments such as the a 'Roof Fund' or 'Baptism Donation'. Hopefully it will make things easier for people to make donations. The new devices will be very easy to use. The devices are produced by DONA and a contract will be set up to use their systems.

FUTURE TABLE SALES As many of you know we try and raise funds through table sales from time to time at the front of the Church. If you have any unwanted presents or items no longer used and you would like to donate so that they can be sold please just bring them and leave at the back of Church. Thank you.

CRAFT THINGS Also if there is any unwanted craft things please could you donate those. They can be used to make things which are sold to raise funds

READER'S ROTA

27-Jan Sr Tonia Anthony Daniels
28-Jan Volunteer Charlotte Woodcock

Readers Rota: *The new rota for February to April 2024 is now available. Please pick up your copy from the sacristy.*

ST PETER'S FOODBANK

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

On Monday we helped 41 adults and 16 children .Also 2 emergency parcels during week.Thank you for the donations weighing 32.2kg. We are so grateful for your support and that of local community.

Shortages :- tinned soup,baked beans, meats,fish,potatoes, rice pudding, pasta and pasta sauce.

ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include **Arthur Gnosill, Thomas Hopley, John McGee, James Hogan, and Elizabeth McGuire.**

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parish First Holy Communion Programme is currently ongoing. It starts Immediately after Sunday Mass up to 12 pm. The program is now closed for the admission of new candidates. Sunday masses are compulsory for the children preparing for the First Holy Communion. Once this class completes new candidates can be taken on.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE PAPER

Some of you may remember the Catholic Universe Newspaper. If you would like a weekly copy see Fr. David (£2.50 each week)

Last Weekend's Collection

Counting Team

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Gift Aid **Count**

Bi-weekly **SP/CH**

Please contact George Pitt

07926 636159 (text only) or

www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html

Non-Gift Aid **Next**

2nd Collection **Week**

Last Weekend Mass Count

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Thank You

The value of your donation is increased **25%** if Gift-Aided - forms available from sacristy