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.***

IN SERVERS SACRISTY

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: During 10.00am Sunday Mass **TEAS and COFFEE:** After Sun 10:00am Mass in Parish Hall. ***All Welcome***

For those who have died: Raymond O'Neill, Roberto Villanueva, Denise Hall, John Holmer

Funerals:

Please keep in your prayers: Mary McCrank, Caroline Holland, Maureen Salmon, Joyce Walsh, Marie McKenzie, Philip Gormley, Maureen Byrne, William Kelly, Michael McHugh, Reg Ford, Lisa Dean , Margaret Bednall, Elaine and David Sumner, Graham Lawlor, Dayna Haywood, Ann Mountford, Gillian Ilsley, Joan Dixon, Frank Lyons, Barry Norwood, Ros Geddes, Colette Tebbutt, Tom Doherty, Susan Smith, Bernard Daniels, Mark Hopley, Megan and Bethany Walsh, Susie, Julie Watcho

POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food

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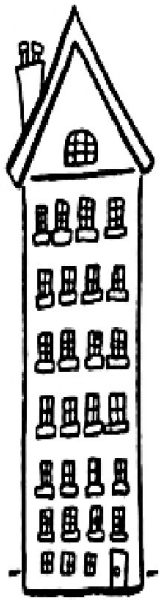

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NEW WHATSAPP CHANNEL FOR PARISH We now have a new WhatsApp channel created for parish updates and information. Click 'Follow' to receive new updates.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER ***Sat 2nd/ Sun 3rd May 2026***

5th Sunday EASTER Year A

Easter Vigil Gloria **68** Offertory **263** Communion **663** Recession **388**

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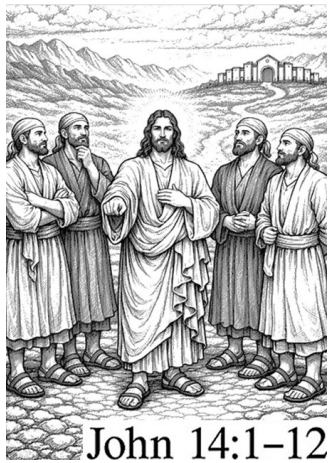

THE WAY, TRUTH, AND LIFE

We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our 'Mystagogy' - our training in the mystery of Baptism and the other Sacraments. We hear more about 'who Jesus is', with another 'I am' statement: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"*{John 14:1-12}*. We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism *{Acts 6:1-7}*, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a 'spiritual house' with Jesus as our cornerstone *{1 Peter 2:4-9}*. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today's reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this 'spiritual house', the Church, as we journey to the Father.

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.*

Sat 2 May	9.30am	**MASS** in HMP Featherstone	Sr Jude Bozy RIP
	10.00am	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*	
	11.15am	**MASS** Memorial St Athanasius	Sr Brigid Scamell RIP
	1.00pm	*Communion Round*	
	5.30pm	**MASS 5th SUNDAY EASTER (VIGIL)**	Bridie Purshouse Birthday Anniversary May
Sun 3 May	**10.00am**	**MASS 5th SUNDAY EASTER**	Ann Gilraine RIP, Denise Hall RIP
	1.00pm	*Communion Round*	
Mon 4 May	8.30am	**MASS** in Convent Feast English Martyrs	Holy Souls
	10.30am	*Teaching Oscott*	
Tue 5 May	9.00am	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*	
	10.00am	**MASS** Easter *feria*	Bernard Daniels poorly
	7.00pm	*Finance Meeting Ongoing*	
Wed 6 May	8.40am	**MASS** St Thomas More School	Holy Souls
	10.30am	**MASS** Easter *feria*	Sr Jacinta 1st Profession
	11.15am	*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*	
	12.15am	*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*	
	2.00pm	*Care of the Clergy Meeting St Chad's*	
	3.30pm	*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*	
	7.00pm	*Finance Committee Meeting Quarterly*	
Thu 7 May	9.30am	**MASS** St Peter's School	Holy Souls
	4.00pm	*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*	
	5.30pm	*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*	
Fri 8 May	10.30am	*Teaching Oscott*	
Sat 9 May	9.30am	**MASS** in HMP Featherstone	Holy Souls
	10.00am	*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*	
	11.15am	**MASS** Easter *feria*	Private Intention (thanksgiving)
	12.30am	*Marriage Meeting*	
	2.00pm	**MASS** First Holy Communion	Collins
	5.30pm	**MASS 6th SUNDAY EASTER (VIGIL)**	Steve Purshouse RIP
Sun 10 May	**10.00am**	**MASS 6th SUNDAY EASTER**	John Holmer RIP
	11.45am	*Baptism*	Sweeny
	1.00pm	*Communion Round*	

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS *Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

May is celebrated by the Church as Mary's Month. Through Jesus we are adopted into God's family. As Mary is his Mother we too are her children. During this time we sing hymns to her and have extra dovtion to the Mother of our Lord to develop that close familial relationship with Jesus and Mary. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is carrying out a safeguarding inspection across the Church in England and Wales, and your voice matters.

We are inviting anyone connected with the Archdiocese of Birmingham: parishioners, volunteers, staff, clergy and victim/survivors, to complete a short four-question survey about their experience of safeguarding. All perspectives are welcome.

Safeguarding is central to our life and mission, and your feedback will help strengthen good practice across the Archdiocese.

The Survey is available on the Archdiocese Website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/help-us-strengthen-safeguarding-across-the-archdiocese-of-birmingham

OFFICE FOR MISSION AN INVITATION

The Diocesan Communications Team and the Office for Mission are eager to hear from other new Catholics who want to share their testimony. The online questionnaire can be found here: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/Category/become-a-catholic

RED BOX COLLECTION

The emptying of the Red Boxes for the Missio Spring collection is now underway so please look out and bring back your box.

LECTORS

Please see your new rota

ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include: **Ralph Purshouse, Anne Kean, and Emily Hicken**.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting this week 7.00pm Weds 6th in Presbytery.

PENTECOST SUNDAY Looking forward: We traditionally have bidding prayers at Pentecost in different languages. Please could someone from a different country volunteer to read a bidding prayer. We have the bidding prayers at the front of the Church with a sign-up sheet. Please also dress in your different country/cultural styles. There will be practice for the readers before Pentecost Anyone who would like to take part in the Offertory procession are welcome. If you would like to bring some food from different countries to the Parish Centre on Sunday please do so for sharing.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING use the booking form www.stpetersbloxwich.org.uk/booking.html or email the Office stpeters.bloxwich.org.uk **OR TEXT** 07813205533

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