


For those who have died: Margaret Wassell, Teresa Crossley, Ronald Hunt, Fr. Paul Lomas, Fr. Chris Greaney, Fr. John Lungley, Fr. Francis Kemsley OCarm, Lourdes Vera, Patricia Clark

Funerals: **Teresa Crossley** (Reception into Church Mon 8th Jan 2024 4pm, Requiem Tue 9th Jan 2024 10.30am followed by North Walsall Cemetery), **Margaret Wassell** (Reception into Church Weds 10th Jan 2024 4.00pm, Requiem Thu 11th Jan 2024 10.45am followed by Mercia Forest Crematorium), **Lourdes Vera** (Streety Crematorium Weds 24th Jan 2024 1pm)

Please keep in your prayers: John & Bridie McDonagh, Jane McDonagh, Margaret Hunt, Veronica 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, Christine Linnell, 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

Pope Francis Prayer Intention (January): For the gift of Diversity in the Church: that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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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 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.

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Ubi Petrus ibi Ecclesia ibi Deus


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PARISH NEWSLETTER **Sat 6th/ Sun 7th January 2024**

Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

SAT Entrance **788** Offertory **79** Communion **661** Recession **692**

SUN Entrance **788** Offertory **79** Communion **661** Recession **692**



Today is the “Feast of the Manifestation”, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East {*Mathew 2:1-12*}, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. By this feast, we proclaim God’s plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, - including us.

Epiphany - literally means “manifestation” or 'revealed' and celebrates the second manifestation of God to mankind. The first being at his birth, when the angels bore witness, and the shepherds, representing Israel, bowed before Jesus. The second, the visit of the Magi revealing Jesus to the Gentiles. The third the Holy Spirit descending at His baptism, and God declaring Jesus’ identity. The fourth, the first miracle at the Wedding in Cana revealing Jesus’ divinity over nature. God disclosed himself to humankind through the person of Jesus. He made himself known so we might know him.

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 6 Jan	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 6 Jan	11.00am	Christmas Feria before the Epiphany	Joe Burnside RIP, Connie Fitzmaurice RIP, Patrick Fitzmaurice RIP
Sat 6 Jan	1pm	House Blessing	
Sat 6 Jan	1.30pm	House Blessing	
Sat 6 Jan	5.30pm	EPIPHANY VIGIL (and blessing of chalk)	June O'Sullivan anniversary, Ralph Purshouse RIP, Deceased Members of the Daniels and Smith Families
Sun 7 Jan	10.00am	EPIPHANY (and blessing of chalk)	Intentions of Sharon and Jim
Sun 7 Jan	1-3pm	Sunday Communion	
Mon 8 Jan	4.00pm	Reception into Church	Teresa Crossley RIP
Mon 8 Jan	6.00pm	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	Jim Lowndes intentions
Tue 9 Jan	10.30am	Requiem Mass	Teresa Crossley RIP
Tue 9 Jan	4.00pm	Meeting with funeral family	
Tue 9 Jan	5.15pm	Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)	
Wed 10 Jan	10.30am	Memoria of St Antony	Sharon and Jim Lowndes intentions
Wed 10 Jan	2.00pm	Prayer Service Drake Court	
Wed 10 Jan	4.00pm	Reception into Church	Margaret Wassell RIP
Thu 11 Jan	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Margaret Wassell RIP
Fri 12 Jan	10.00am	Feast of St Wulstan	Joe Burnside RIP, Connie Fitzmaurice RIP, Patrick Fitzmaurice RIP
Sat 13 Jan	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 13 Jan	11.00am	Our Lady on Saturday	
Sat 13 Jan	5.30pm	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)	Patricia Clark RIP, Mike and Pat Bentley private intentions, Mr Thomas (Tom) Daniels anniversary
Sun 14 Jan	10.00am	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	John Lloyd anniversary birthday
Sun 14 Jan	1-3pm	Sunday Communion	

BAPTISMAL, 1ST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION FORMS: these are available from Fr. David or Sr Tonia or Sue Kennedy. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Children that are in non-Catholic Schools and have completed their Year 2 (ie: 7 years and above). **CONFIRMATION:** Children in non-Catholic Schools starting Year 6 or 10 years and above. Or adults baptised but not confirmed. **Classes start soon.**

READER'S ROTA

1st Reading & Psalm 2nd Reading/Intercessions

06-Jan Christine Humphreys Sr Tonia

07-Jan Victoria Oleghe John Stringer

READER'S ROTA FEB-APR

The next readers rota will be being produced next weekend 6/7th January so if you have any planned breaks during the period February 2024 to April 2024 please let us know by e-mailing

mass.readers@googlemail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

All children from non-catholic schools aged 8 years and above or have completed their year 2 are welcomed to join. We also encourage parents who feel that their children need more catechism of faith but have not reached the age of confirmation, to let them join us despite having received 1st Holy Communion. Please take your forms or submit if you have not done so. Take or submit to Fr. David, Sue Kennedy or Sr. Tonia. After Christmas, new candidates will join the next group.

ANNIVERSARIES this week include **Bernard Macdonald, Emmanuel Abdulsalam, Harriet Melvin, Tom Daniels, Christiana Smith, and Mary Wilson**

THANK YOU £288.96 was raised through the hand-made Christmas cards sales.

BUILDING UPDATE A company has visited the Church to provide an assessment of what is needed to put gates/fence on Church steps/frontage on the High Street. The plan is to reduce the anti-social behaviour the Church is experiencing. You can help be informing the Council or your local MP of what occurs.



NEW YEAR BLESSING OF THE HOUSE WITH HOLY CHALK

Remembering the visit of the Kings to the Holy Family, chalk is used to bless our houses as if the Kings visited us. We write above the door:

20+C+M+B+24

The **+** denotes God's blessing, **CMB** refers to the Kings Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar and **2024** the year. Some interpret **CMB** to stand for *Christus Mansioni Benedicat* which translates as *May Christ Bless this House*. When writing the blessing, we say the prayer: "The three wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar followed the star to Bethlehem 2,020 years ago. May the Christ Child bless this house throughout the coming year. In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen".

Please take this Newsletter and Chalk available after mass to your homes. Give to others too if you think they would appreciate it.

Last Weekend's Collection

Counting Team

Gift Aid **£311.00**

Bi-weekly **SP/CH**

Non-Gift Aid **£316.53**

2nd Collection **None**

Last Weekend Mass Count

206

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Please contact George Pitt
07926 636159 (text only) or

Thank You

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