


For those who have died: Christine Lawton

Funerals: **Christine Lawton** (Funeral Service Mon 22nd April 12.00pm followed by West Mercia Crematorium) - service conducted by Fr. Christoganus from St Thomas of Canterbury

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

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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 23rd/ Sun 24th March 2024**
PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY
SAT Entrance **17** Offertory **699** Communion **187** Recession **623**
SUN Entrance **17** Offertory **265** Communion **187** Recession **623**



How do you know love?
 How do we know what love is? You cannot ‘Google-it’, you cannot bottle it and sell it as a perfume, you cannot slice and dice it or see it under a microscope. Instead it is shown to us through our lives. Love is wanting to be with the other person. We are shown it in the love of a parent for a child or in the relationship between a bride and bridegroom. These are examples of human love. How do we know God’s love? It is by the way in which He shows it to us—how He lives with us. As Saint John says: **“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us”** (1 John 4:19). This love is shown by Jesus on the Cross.

Perhaps we could show in our lives how much we love Jesus in return by the sign of the Cross more often. Early Christians used it when they were crossing thresholds or going on journeys. It was a sign of their love for God’s love for them. The Cross is the sign, not of defeat or failure, but the power of God’s love to triumph over sin and death. As Saint Paul says: “May I never boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 3:13).

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 TIMES, FEAST DAYS and MASS INTENTIONS HOLY WEEK and SACRED TRIDUUM

Sat 23 Mar	9.00am	Mass in Swinfen Hall HMP	Holy Souls in purgatory
Sat 23 Mar	10.00am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sat 23 Mar	11.00am	Lent <i>feria</i>	Sick of the parish
Sat 23 Mar	3.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Sat 23 Mar	4.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Sat 23 Mar	4.45pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sat 23 Mar	5.30pm	PALM SUNDAY (Vigil)	James Shaughnessy anniversary
Sun 24 Mar	10.00am	PALM SUNDAY	<i>Pro Populo</i> people of parish
Sun 24 Mar	12.30-3pm	<i>Sunday Communions</i>	
Mon 25 Mar		No mass	
Mon 25 Mar	7.00pm	<i>Reconciliation Service Aldridge</i>	
Tue 26 Mar	9.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tue 26 Mar	10.00am	Lent <i>feria</i>	Sick of the parish
Tue 26 Mar	10.45am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Tue 26 Mar	10.45am	<i>Finance Meeting (Ongoing)</i>	
Tue 26 Mar	4.00pm	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Tue 26 Mar	6.30pm	<i>Wedding Preparation Meeting</i>	
Wed 27 Mar	10.00am	Lent <i>feria</i>	Holy Souls
Wed 27 Mar	11.00am	<i>Rite of Christian For Adults (instruction)</i>	
Wed 27 Mar	7.00pm	<i>Reconciliation Service Tamworth</i>	
Thu 28 Mar	10.00am	<i>Collection of Holy Oils</i>	
Thu 28 Mar	7.00pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Vocations to the priesthood
Thu 28 Mar	8pm-10pm	<i>Watching before the Blessed Sacrament followed by Night Prayer</i>	
Fri 29 Mar	10.30am	<i>Walk of Witness Starts (Bloxwich Park)</i>	
Fri 29 Mar	3.00pm	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION—GOOD FRIDAY	
Sat 30 Mar	3.00pm	<i>Blessing of Food In Church—via Parish Hall</i>	
Sat 30 Mar	7.00pm	HOLY SATURDAY—EASTER VIGIL	Teresa Cullen RIP
Sun 31 Mar	10.00am	EASTER SUNDAY	John Keeling Anniversary
Mon 1 Apr	10.00am	Easter Monday	Persecuted Christians



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.

EASTER VIGIL—SATURDAY 30th

March 7.00pm

Please note this is the Lord's Resurrection (*there is no 5.30pm Mass*)

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Sun 7th APRIL 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions and Sacrament of Reconciliation

EASTER FLOWERS

There is a retiring collection for flowers . You can use the Donation Card Readers at the Church entrance to make a donation to Easter flowers.

EASTER CARDS

Our piety stall has a selection of Easter Cards (also handcrafted Easter cards made by our parishioners).

CAFOD THANK YOU

Thank you to St Peter's for your generous support of CAFOD by donating £175. James the Fisherman is now able to catch enough nutritious food to keep his family (and crew) fed and healthy. James now has the equipment he needs to fish safely and sustainably—a compass, life jacket and GPS tracking system. He has a way to store his fish—so he brings more to shore for Cynthia his wife and business partner to sell.

HOSANNA

When Jesus entered Jerusalem the people shouted "Hosanna" (Mt 21:10). It comes from the Hebrew and means "Please save!". We sing Hosannas during every Mass—we welcome Jesus into our lives.



PALM SUNDAY READERS

(N) Narrator, (O) Other Voices, for Gospel

23rd Mar Anthony Daniels (N) Martin Bradley (O) Chris Humphreys John Stringer

24th Mar Julie Bennett (N) Simon Gledhill (O) Victoria Oleghe Kelechi Alabaraonye

ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries occur this week include **Tom Butler, Michael Melvin, Bogden Kulik, Bernard Smith, Jayne Martin, Victoria Obiorah, Joan Jarratt, and Teresa Cullen:** may they find mercy on the day of Christ.

FOODBANK

Many thanks for donations and support with cash which is used in top up shop. .Donations can be made using the Card Readers at the Church Entrance or through the Parish Website. Donations weighed 48.3kg. We helped 25 adults and 28 children on Monday. Also 2 emergency parcels given.

We will be closed on Easter Monday.

Shortages:- Tinned : Soup, baked beans meats, tuna, Potatoes, rice pudding, cereal, pasta/sauce .

WORD THIS WEEK

On Passion (Palm) Sunday the Gospel {Mark 14:1-15:47} dominates the celebration, and, in a sense, its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as much more than a simple story. It is THE story of God achieving salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Thus the immense depth of the Isaiah reading {Isaiah 50:4-7} - a personal testimony to suffering - should open our hearts to understand more of the depth of Jesus' sacrifice.