

SUNDAY BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 7, 2021

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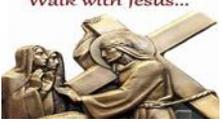
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WELCOME TO CHURCH

We are delighted to have you worship with us. Here are some safety tips to stay safe:

1. Wear face covering/mask
2. Follow the instructions of the wardens on Track and Trace and sitting arrangement
3. Sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church.
4. Avoid touching any surfaces.
5. Always maintain the 2-meter distance.
6. Use gloves or sanitize your hands before coming up to the lectern to read.
7. There will be no congregational singing.
8. A gentle bow and/or a smile is sufficient for a sign of peace.
9. Make your offertory donations in the wooden boxes at the entrance as you enter or leave the church. Consider using the gift aid envelopes (ask any of the wardens) or opening a Standing Order (through the parish office).
10. Remain seated until directed by a warden to proceed to receive Holy Communion while maintaining social distance following the markings on the floor. Hold out your hands fully stretched out to receive communion standing and in silence. Adjust your face covering to put communion in your mouth, cover your face properly again before returning to your seat through the side aisle.
11. Depart at the end of the Holy Mass in an orderly way following the warden's instructions, and avoid mixing with people outside your household or bubble.

Thanks for worshipping with us today!

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 6 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	Intentions of Lisa Maughan
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Fr Oliver Kemp RIP
		11.30am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 8 March <i>Lent Feria</i>				
Tuesday 9 <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
		11.00am	Funeral Service	John Kerry RIP
Wednesday 10 <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Fr. Oliver Kemp RIP
		6pm	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	
		7pm	Holy Mass	Special Intention
Thursday 11 <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
Friday 12 <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
<i>Dementia Prayer Week</i> <i>Walk with Jesus...</i> 	10.00am to 11.00am		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		3pm	Stations of the Cross	
	7pm		Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 13 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
		11.30am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish



LENT (Jesus cleanses the temple)
The 40 days of Lent is like a school where we learn how to cleanse the temple of God and allow ourselves to be cleansed. By the action of cleansing the temple Jesus establishes himself as the Messiah and directs attention to himself as the new temple. We too are temples of God. St Paul says, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit ... You are not your own; you were bought at a price." (1 Cor 6:19-20). Lent is a time of cleansing.
MORE PRAYER, MORE LOVE, MORE PEACE.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS

of John Kerry, David Mark Gillimore, Kevin Raftery and all those whose anniversary fall at this time. May they rest in perfect peace.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact us at the parish office.

CONFESSIONS

Sacred Heart

Friday 10.00am – 11.00 am (During Adoration)

Saturday 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Sunday 9.00am – 9.20am

St Joseph's

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm (During Adoration)

Sunday 11.00am – 11.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart

Friday 10.00am – 11.00am

St Joseph's

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm

FR STAN'S DROP IN

If you need to speak with Fr Stan, you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm. No appointment needed.

PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS

The list for March 2021 is in the porch. Please sign to volunteer to pray for vocations on one day during the month on behalf of the parish.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

OFFERTORY COLLECTION AND FUNDRAISING

Sacred Heart

28th February

Gift Aid £116, Non-Gift Aid £301.50 Total £417.50

CAFOD Gift Aid £55, Non-Gift Aid £189 Total £244

Standing Orders and Online Giving 5th Jan to 5th Feb

Gift Aid £350, Non-Gift Aid £129.61 Total £479.61

St Joseph's

21st February

Gift Aid £95.50, Non-Gift Aid £103.60, Total £199.10

28th February

Gift Aid £85, Non-Gift Aid £87.80 Total £172.80

CAFOD Total £95.20

Standing Orders and Online Giving 5th Jan to 5th Feb

Gift Aid £355, Non-Gift Aid £19.60 Total £374.60

OUR PARISH OUTREACH

Our Parish Outreach at St Joseph's House is open every Tuesday 11am to 2pm. It is open to all people in our parish area who are in need. As we thank all those who have supported the project so far, we wish to let you know that presently we only accept food items and toiletries. Thanks for your continued assistance.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

As schools reopen, we welcome back the staff and students of St Peter's Catholic Academy and St Wilfrid's Catholic Academy. You are in our prayers.

LENT 2021

Lent is a season of deep introspection accompanied by a firm resolve to do better. As your parish priest, I invite you to join me in reflecting on how we can take our parish life further in the spirit of co-responsibility. The effects of the coronavirus pandemic have exposed some of our vulnerabilities as a parish as we cannot all meet together for fellowship and pray as we used to do and as expected of a normal parish family. The church attendance at this lockdown is only a third of the usual number. We have tried to keep in touch with parishioners through the weekly bulletin and the parish websites/Facebook and phone calls. Can these be improved upon. What more can we do to keep in touch with parishioners? The proposed live streaming project can help, but do we need to have a parish WhatsApp account for direct discussions on parish affairs? We started a bible sharing group just before the first lockdown. Can we continue our bible sharing prayer group through zoom? The demographic of the parish is fast changing, how do we respond so as to be relevant to the different categories of people in our parish? What is the pastoral vision of our parish? Perhaps, we need a solid Pastoral Council to work with the parish priest in fashioning out and animating a good pastoral approach for our parish. It could comprise of a few committed parishioners, a thinktank for the pastoral needs of our parish. Is it something you would be interested in?

May I request that we try to wrap our minds around these issues during this Lenten period with a view to coming out with some solutions.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

There will be a funeral service for John Kerry on Tues 9th March at St. Joseph's 11am; Requiem Mass for David Mark Gillimore on Monday 15th March at Sacred Heart 1.15pm; and funeral service for Kevin Raftery on Tuesday 16th March 11am. May their souls rest in perfect peace.

RCAOB COMMUNICATIONS

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

LEGACY, WILL WRITING, ORGAN DONATION and My Funeral Mass

The Communications and Development teams at Cathedral House have created a new suite of leaflets for parishioners to help leave a legacy to their parish and plan their funeral Mass.

You can see them online here, alongside further information on legacy giving: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/legacy

COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY

Please complete a new survey reflecting your experiences during the covid-19 pandemic. Responses will help the Archdiocese to understand what effect the pandemic has had, and how we move forward. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be found on the homepage of the diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

CCTV/LIVE STREAMING GADGETS

The installation of CCTV / Live Streaming gadgets in Sacred Heart Church begins Mon 8th March and lasts through the week.

WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS (ON CONFESSIONS)

"When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul. To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy. The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need. The centre of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us. Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes. And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers."