

MASSES— 2nd to 9th Apr 23

Sun 02	9.30am	Palm Sunday
	11.30am	Palm Sunday, Nnenna & Ifeanyi Odunukwe (Thanksgiving)
Mon 03	9.30am	Vera Dunnion (Good health)
Tues 04	9.30am	Kishore & Neelam (Thanksgiving)
Wed 05	9.00am	Priests of the Diocese
Thurs 06	7.00pm	The Lord's Supper
Fri 07	2.30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross followed by Good Friday service</i>
Sat 08	8.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun 09	9.30am	Easter Sunday—People of the parish
	11.30am	Easter Sunday - People of the parish

Lectors

02/04/2023

9.30am	Cosmos, Desma (R)
11.30am	Emmanuel, Angela Ngozi (R)
9.30am	Sophie (E)
11.30am	Patricia Lilian (E)

09/04/2023

Emmanuella, Cath Slatter (R)
Ann E., Kisaneth (R)
Betty O. (E)
Florence K. (E)



Lectors for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday— Tom Ward, Marij K.

Good Friday - Honorine, Patricia K.

Easter Vigil— Ernest, Preethi, Florence E., Renee and Anthonia A.

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulronee, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week : Seamus Mulrooney, Phelena Seaman , Anne Brennan, Thomas Brophy, John Dunning, John Dunnion, Mary McSorley , Joseph Macken, Thomas O'Maller, Patrick O'Neill, Ellen Cox, Cath Molloy, Janet Cassidy, Patrick Bernard Ward, Kitty Howel, Annie Lyons, Mary Clark.

Mass intentions : If you have requests for Mass for your intentions, envelopes are available at the back of the church please pick one, write your intention, with minimum £5 for each Mass .

Holy Week Programme

Maundy Thursday -	6th April	7.00pm - The Lord's Supper
Good Friday	7th April	2.30pm - Stations of cross & Service
Easter vigil	8th April	8.30pm - Easter celebration
Easter Sunday	9th April	9.30am & 11.30am
Divine Mercy Sunday	16th April	2.00pm - Prayers
		4.00pm - Mass

Let us come in time and receive the blessings from our Saviour Jesus Christ.



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter – Palm Sunday— 2nd to 9th April 2023

THE MOST SACRED FESTIVAL:



You must have heard some people say: “Oh I don't go to Church over Easter because the services are too long!” True enough the liturgy is long; who does not recall the Maundy Thursday prayers with the washing of the feet! The Good Friday prayers with those long intercessory prayers! The Easter Vigil prayers with nine readings! Gosh it is very long. But this is just a slight piece to tell us of the infinitive nature of the realities we celebrate at this time. Easter is the principal feast of Christianity. It marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion. To prepare for this event, Christians go through a period of 40 days of prayer, fasting and abstinence. For some Christians, Easter is the joyful end to the Lenten season that was exercised by practicing these acts of Christian discipline.

The most important message of Easter, is the promise of eternal life that, Jesus gives to those who believe in him, and follow him. The liturgy at this time is designed to enable us to see how God planned from the beginning of creation to save mankind. The events of Easter tell us a story whose consequences seem intentional rather than accidental to show mankind how much God loved the world. Therefore, this story is told from its beginning to its end with intent.

On Easter, we remember the love Christ showed to mankind when he made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. Where would we be if Christ had not come? What kind of life, would mankind have lived, if revelation from above was not given to us in Christ! What hope would there be if Jesus Christ had not revealed it? We would never have known the cost of our redemption, if Jesus had not taken on the human form, through the mystery of the Incarnation. If he had not lived among us and suffered the cross for love of us, we would have walked in darkness. At Easter, we, the Christians, tell our story and celebrate the victory won for us by Christ. He is risen from the dead, so we truly have reason to celebrate!

While this special season offers a valuable reminder and reason to celebrate, it should by no means be the only one when we show our gratitude. Instead our life must be a constant thanksgiving to God through Jesus.

If you find Holy Week and Easter liturgy too long and boring, it is a sure sign that you have not yet understood what Christians celebrate at this time and why Easter is the most important solemn feast in the Christian calendar. Try your best to deepen your understanding of Christian teaching and beliefs.

I wish to thank you all for your personal, family and community preparations for Easter right from Ash Wednesday to date. I was extremely pleased by the large turnout for the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Monday. Since confession is a manifestation of one's holiness, it gave me a lot of comfort to know that many of my parishioners, indeed live a holy life despite the sin that clings in our souls. I wish you all a Blessed Easter.

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Donations to the parish : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>.

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YOU ARE MOST WELCOME to our Parish Church. If it is your first time here or probably you have been here before, your presence with us at this moment at our community worship is greatly appreciated. Our Parish Church is the second to be built in Coventry after the Protestant Reformation. It was built in 1893, the pews have never moved since then! Our Musical Pipe Organ was inaugurated in 1898, it was the best of its kind at the time. Our Parish has had eleven Parish priests since 1889, the present one being a Religious Missionary from the Institute of Apostles of Jesus in Uganda. Our Parish welcomes and promotes the initiatives taken by everyone for the building up and sustenance of our faith community.

Parish Development

SO (Mar) : £ Gift Aid : £ 156.00 Non-Gift Aid: £ 479.09 Total: £ 635.09 Thank you for your generosity.

Readings: Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mt. 26:14-27:66

2nd Collection : 7th April– Holy places

Bonus Ball :

Mass Attendance : 347

Church cleaning: 7.30am

Choir practice : Fri– 7.30pm

Confessions: Saturday– 10.10–11.00am.

Pious Devotions : Divine Mercy - Last Thursday of every month at 6.00pm

(RCIA): sessions :

Gospel reflection

As you begin this Holy Week, try to walk through it with Jesus every step of the way. As you go about your days this week, fulfilling your normal duties in life, remind yourself of the spiritual truth that because the full Gospel of Jesus' passion and death were proclaimed to you today, He is manifestly present to you in a special way. On Holy Thursday, we will ponder the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we will hear Jesus' passion proclaimed from the Gospel of John. Thus, this week begins with the proclamation of the Passion and ends with the Passion as a way of drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's saving Sacrifice.

As we enter this Holy Week, know that it is more than a week of reflection. It's a week of participation in the mystery of God's pure and perfect love for you. As you reflect upon this love, allow it to confront you.

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

Mass for married people will take place on 29 April 2023 at St. Chad's Cathedral Birmingham. An invitation is extended to married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary, and those preparing to marry this year. Main celebrant will be Bishop Stephen Wright at 12 noon.

Chrism Mass: On the Wednesday of Holy Week each year, the priests and bishops of the Archdiocese gather with Archbishop Bernard to renew their priestly promises and for the blessing of the Holy Oils that will be used in the Sacraments of the Church across the Archdiocese over the coming year. This will take place on 5th April at 11.30am at St. Chad's Cathedral. All are welcome to the Mass of Chrism.

Maundy Thursday: On this first day of the Triduum, we recognize God's unfailing gift of undeserved, unconditional, and unifying love for us. This love has the power to embolden every human heart and calls us to do the same. Let us ask for the grace to respond to God's call to love one another accordingly.

Good Friday: one of the most important sacred days in the Christian calendar. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Stations of the Cross will start at 2:30m and the liturgy of the Lord's Passion will start at 3:00pm.

Holy Saturday: please note that there will be only ONE Easter Vigil Mass 8.30pm. You are all welcome that we proclaim together the Lord's resurrection and we renew our Baptismal promises.

Eucharistic ministers will be recommissioned on Maundy Thursday, 6th April during the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm. I request all the Eucharistic ministers to be present to renew our promises as we minister to the Lord in this ministry.

Deanery Corpus Christi Procession will be held on Sunday 18th June, starting at 3.00pm at St Anne's Church processing to Corpus Christi. Children who will receive their First Holy Communion are particularly invited to come dressed in their festive dresses.

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis. Few parishioners have been enquiring to begin the Legion of Mary association in our Parish. If you are interested please contact Fr. Jimmy or Mr. Ernest our parish Catechist.

Golden Jubilee of St. Patrick's Church will be celebrated on 17th May 2023 at 19.00pm. Fr. George Bennett and the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church invite all of us to join them in celebrating the Golden Jubilee. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley followed by refreshments.

Easter Monday Masses across the Archdiocese will be celebrated in the following areas on Easter Monday at 10am: St Chad's Cathedral - Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard Longley Sacred Heart, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent - Celebrant: Bishop Stephen Wright St Osburg, Coventry - Celebrant: Canon Paul Fitzpatrick. All are welcome.

Bishop David McGough RIP It is with the greatest sadness to let you know of his death that took place at his home in Tean. Let us pray for his eternal joy with the risen Christ as his good and faithful servant. The details of his funeral will be made known as soon as arrangements have been made. With immense gratitude for all that Bishop David has meant to our Archdiocese may God give eternal rest to his soul.

