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**HYMNS**

Are arranged by St Mary's School today.

<b>LENT WEEK 5</b>	
<b>21st March 2026/22nd March 2026</b>	
<b>Saturday March 21st</b> Lent Feria.	 4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Arthur Roberts
<b>Sunday March 22nd</b> 5th Sunday of Lent.	 9.30am - 9.50am. Confession. (Request) 10am Intentions for Melvin's First Birthday
<b>Monday March 23rd</b> Lent Feria.	 10am No Mass.
<b>Tuesday March 24th</b> Lent Feria.	 9.15am – Adoration, Rosary, Confession. (Request) 10am Phylis Mary Woodward. (RIP)
<b>Wednesday March 25th</b> Solemnity. Annunciation of the Lord.	 9.15am NO Adoration, Rosary. Confession. 10am NO MASS 12pm Funeral Service Tony Alexander. (RIP) 1pm Committal Sandwell Crematorium.
<b>Thursday March 26th</b> Lent Feria.	 9.15am Adoration, Rosary. Confession. (Request) 10am Mass intentions of the Perpetual mass fund.
<b>Friday March 27th</b> Lent Feria.	 9am Adoration. Benediction. Divine Mercy. Confession. 10am Phylis Mary Woodward. (RIP) 10.30am Stations of the Cross.
<b>Saturday March 28th</b> Lent Feria.	 4.15pm - 4.50pm. Confession. 5pm Intentions of the Costley Family Mass & Blessing of Palms.
<b>Sunday March 29th</b> PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.	 9.30am - 9.50am. NO Confession. 10am Cyril Dawes RIP. MASS AND BLESSING OF THE PALSMS IN THE HALL FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION INTO CHURCH. NOTE PLEASE GO DIRECTLY INTO THE HALL FOR THE START OF MASS. IF UNSTEADY ON FEET PLEASE GO TO CHURCH.

**There will be a pastoral letter from the Archbishop that will be read at all masses this weekend.**

### Communion.

Everyone is most welcome to come to the altar rails to receive Communion, or to have a blessing from Fr Michael. Please put your hand across your chest to indicate a blessing only. Thank You.

### Children's Liturgy.

Is held in the church porch every Sunday at the 10am Mass. Children will be called forward at the beginning of Mass. Parents who wish to do so, are most welcome to join their Children.

### Tea and Coffee. After Mass every Sunday.

Gift Aid. Thank you to those who Gift Aid their offertory. This enables the parish to benefit from the tax paid on your offering at no extra cost to you. If you would like to know how your tax can benefit the parish (which is a charity) then please have a word with Gary Linford. Thank you.

### Baptism Preparation for children under 7.

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held on **Tuesday 31st March at 7pm**. All parents wishing for their children to be baptised should attend this meeting to help you prepare for your child's baptism.

### Finance.

1 <sup>st</sup> Coll G.A.	£93.00
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Cathedral maintenance	
Gift aided:	£2.50
Votives	£59.97
Occasional Income	£50.00
Repository	£150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£650.95</b>

**Thank you all for your generous offerings.**

Food Bank: There is a box in the Porch. Please support if you can. Thank you to all parishioners who support this Ecumenical Ministry.

### Clergy Training Fund.

Thank you to those who regularly donate to the CTF.

### Baptism Certificates.

Please note that Baptism Certificates are given to those who have been baptised one month after the Baptism, and not on the day of the Baptism itself. Thank you.

### Replacement Certificates.

Please note that a charge of £10 per certificate is made on ALL Copies of Baptism and Confirmation certificates.

### Please Pray for All the Sick of our Parish, may God bless and comfort them.

Also remember in your prayers, those who bear their illness privately, and those that care for them. Theresa Adams, Melesi Chapo, Bridgitt Cooper, Joan Dixon, Lynne Harper, Barbara Jarvis, Michelle Price, Veronica Smith, Pat Wilkins, Pat Morris, Mavis Green.

### Last Week's Attendance.

Saturday 54  
Sunday 104  
**Total 158**

Fr Michael is available to parishioners Tuesday to Sunday but please note that he is not available on Mondays. Thank you.

### RETIRING COLLECTION

The next collection will be on Good Friday, for the Holy Places.

### Dates For your Diary.

Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. Mass 10am.

Sacraments of Initiation and Reception into the Catholic Church. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am.

Corpus Christi and First Holy Communion, Sunday the 7th June. Mass 10am.

### SOCIAL EVENTS.

Easter Raffle 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March Prizes out 28<sup>th</sup> March.

4<sup>th</sup> April Bingo 2.30pm

9<sup>th</sup> May. Spring Fair

Barn Dance April date to be confirmed.

Cream Tea in May date to be confirmed.

Summer Fair 4<sup>th</sup> July

Bingo through August

Proposed concert maybe with cream tea.

Proposed quiz evening.

These are just some of the parish events we hope to be holding this year, please support if you can. Many Thanks. Margaret Holden and the Belles of St Mary's.

### EASTER FLOWERS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS THE EASTER FLOWERS, PLEASE HAVE A WORD WITH ANNE BAXTER. IT WOULD BE LOVELY TO SEE THE CHURCH FULL OF FLOWERS AT EASTER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, THEN AGAIN PLEASE SPEAK TO ANNE. THANK YOU. FR. MICHAEL.

Those who are to be Baptised, Confirmed, or received into the Church on the 11<sup>th</sup> April, please make sure Fr Michael has had a copy of your Baptism Certificate, or your Marriage Certificate if you're married. He needs these to get permission to administer the Sacraments to you. Thank you.



Standing Orders. Many thanks to those parishioners who choose to support the mission of the church by giving by Standing Order. Anyone who would like to support the mission of the church in this way, please have a word with Gary Linford or Fr Michael, who will be glad to help.

**Please pray for the imortal Soul of Julia Clynes who recently died. Requiem Mass Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 11am, followed by committal at Fallings Heath Cemetery at 12.30pm. please also remember her family in your prayers. May the Souls of the Faithful departed, for the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Please note that there will not be 10am Mass on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

#### Family Mass

**We welcome children from school and their families today to the Church. The idea of these masses is to encourage them to attend more frequently, and for us to support the children and their parents with our prayers and friendship.**

#### Church Hall Gardens.

**As you are aware, the garden at the back of the hall needs some attention. One of the trees has become very tall and a neighbour has asked for it to be trimmed. This will again incur more unwanted costs to the parish.**



**Please support the Lee family's new enterprise "Café 49" which is opposite the Manor Hospital. Parishioners will be warmly welcomed. Fr Michael blessed their new restaurant last Wednesday. The family very generously provided the refreshments after the Confirmation last November.**

#### PALM SUNDAY.

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The Saturday 5pm Mass will be in Church as normal and begin with the blessing of Palms. At the Sunday 10am Mass, the Mass will begin in the Hall with the blessing of the Palms and the procession into Church afterwards. If you are a little unsteady on your feet, or if you wish, then please feel free to stay in Church until the procession enters the Church. Thank you.**



#### **PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER SERVICES. Passion (Palm) Sunday.**

**Saturday 5pm. 28<sup>th</sup> March.** Mass and blessing of Palms in Church.

**Sunday 10am. 29<sup>th</sup> March. Mass.** Beginning in the Church Hall. Please go straight to the hall, where Mass will begin and the palms will be blessed. We shall then process into Church.

#### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

There will be no mass in Church on this day.

#### **Spy Wednesday. 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

**Chrism Mass. 11.30am St Chads Cathedral.** Parishioners welcome. Please note, there will not be 10am mass in church today.

#### **Maundy Thursday. 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

No 10am Mass today.

Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm.

8.30pm Watching at the Altar of Repose & Stripping of the Altars.

9pm Night Prayer.

#### **Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Mass is not said on Good Friday. The Sacraments are not celebrated at all today except for those in danger of death.

3pm. Celebration of the Lord's passion. Veneration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion, followed around 4.30pm by Stations of the Cross. There is no evening service.

#### **Holy Saturday. 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

**10am** Blessing of the Easter food.

**7.30pm** Mass for the Easter Vigil.

1. Liturgy of Light.
2. Liturgy of the word.
3. Liturgy of Baptism.
4. Liturgy of the Eucharist.

#### **Easter Sunday. 5<sup>th</sup> April. Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord.**

**10am** Easter Sunday Mass and renewal of baptismal promises.

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

**10am** Mass, Sacraments of Initiation, and Reception into the Church.

**5pm** Mass.

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Divine Mercy Sunday.**

**10am** Mass.

**2.30pm** Exposition, and Divine Mercy at 3pm followed by Benediction.

Please support these services during the most solemn time before Easter. Please also use this time to prepare to celebrate Easter by going to Confession, either here, or in another Church. There may be a service of Reconciliation you could attend if you prefer, in Saint Michael's, or Holy Cross.

## PARISH DIRECTORY.

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**St Mary's School Headteacher Mrs Amy Pritchard.**

**Flowers: Ann Baxter. Bridget Lane. June Lefan.**

All voluntary jobs by appointment.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed whose Anniversaries occur in **March**: Lino Advantaggiato, Marie Angell, V. Rev Canon Stuart Bathurst (built our Church), Julie Bailey, Lileth Biggs, Cecilia Bridgwater, Ann (Dolly) Davies, William Alfred Davies, Margaret Davies, Harold Davis, Kate Dennis, Terry Dixon, Margaret Durkin, Kenneth Thomas Gibbs, Monica Green, Sheila Hadley, Marjorie Harrison, Dorothy Ilsey, Theresa Ingamels, James Mason, Dawn Ann Mattocks, Rev George Montgomery (founder of our Church), Thomas Moran, Patrick Mulvaney, Pop Pallet, Albert Peach, Maureen Peach, Michael Leonard Peach, Tony Piggott, David Severn, Monica Severn, Kathleen Small, Joan Smith, Catherine Varley, Elvira Watson, Terry & Jenny Wilks, Canon Brian Withers former Parish Priest, Dawn Wood. Collette Hinz.

### Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. Sanctuary Lamps.

To have a Sanctuary Lamp lit in one of the chapels, for your intentions or loved ones, please fill in an envelope, available at the back of church, place your £10 in and give to Fr Michael. Thank you. Candles cost £10.

### The Sanctuary lamp in Our Lady's Chapel burns for:

**ANN PRICE (RIP)**

### The Sanctuary lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns for:

**JULIE BAILEY. ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

Passports The priest is available to sign passports upon request, but please note that he must have known the person for at least 2 years, and not the parishioner asking the priest to sign the passport on their behalf. The passport office does phone the presbytery to check, and a fee of £30 is charged per passport. Thank you.

**Please check the Parish Website for regular updates. We receive more information than what can be put on the Newsletter, so please check our website for more information.**

**Thank you.**

Please note that the cut-off for all notices to be included in the weekend newsletter is Wednesday at 12pm. Items for the Newsletter can be given to Fr Michael or emailed to Fr Michael's email address. The Newsletter is also available on the parish website.

Please note that this year service sheets will be produced to help you to follow the services from Palm Sunday to The Easter Vigil.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MASS DURING LENT.**

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