

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 14th September 2025 Page 140

Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 4

Sat 13th 6:00pm Mary Jackson RIP (bday ann)

Sun 14th 9:15am Joseph Willett RIP (bday ann)

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 14th 11:00am John Ross RIP (bday ann)

14th 4:00pm Devine Mercy Devotions

**Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners**

Mon 15th 9:30am Deacon Michael Intentions *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Tue 16th 9:30am Dr Andrew Richardson RIP *Ss Cornelius & Cyprian*

Wed 17th 9:30am John Costello RIP - Stephen Gilbey Intentions

Thu 18th 9:30am Deacon Michael Skidmore Intentions

Fr 19th 9:30am Sr Eileen Keating RIP - Sr Angela Murphy

19th 12:15pm Funeral of Margaret Fleming

Sat 20th 9:30am Pro Populo *St Andrew Kim Tae-gon*

**Sat 10.00 Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:**

\* Mass intentions envelopes and Mass cards at the Piety Shop.

Let us Pray to the Lord

*For the sick:*

Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berkmore, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Jim Jarvis, Martin Reed, Alice Guiney, Abi Glenn, Mick Broadway, Carol Wright, Caelan Shannon, Mary Kelly, Louise Barrass, Debra Bowman, Rachel Anderson, Swaren Baden & Stephen Gilbey.

For all those in hospital and parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home.

*For the recently departed:* Margaret Fleming (19th Sept)

*Anniversaries week beginning : 14th September 2025*

Doreen Curran, Philippa Thomas, Joseph Smith, Marjorie Boswell, John Kelly, Alfred Smith, Michael Cauchi, Damian Solecki, Jessie Murray & Martin Dowling.

*Clergy Anniversaries:*

Rev Richard Dinnis, Rev Patrick Meagher, Archbishop George Dwyer, Rev William Oddie, Canon Peter McKenna, Rev Alan Holtham, Rev Peter Lees, Rev John Steward & Canon David Mellor.

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### IF YOU HAVE NO CROSS IN YOUR LIFE RE EXAMINE YOUR LOVE

I was born and brought up in a family with two older sisters and three young sisters. As we grew in size, the family house seemed to be filled with girls. It did not take long before teenage caught up with us, sometimes the five sisters would not avoid resisting the temptation to think that maybe, their brother was passing on some information to mum! This brought about some unease between siblings, since the only boy in the house was always under suspicion! When you have a minority voice, things are less likely to go your way, the majority wins! This can become truly challenging when with the pretext of majority voice being winner, someone has to sacrifice something which others may not recognise as important.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Christians the world over, celebrate this event, but only a tiny few will reflect on the existence of a cross (not many crosses) in their own lives. The Cross was the chosen manifestation of Jesus Christ himself to show his love for mankind. He spoke to Nicodemus *"just as Moses raised the serpent in the desert, so must the son of man be raised up."* The same Jesus with his cross walking ahead of us turns and says *"If any one of you wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross everyday and follow me...."* Lk. 9:23, Matt. 16:24, and Mk 8:34. It signifies that to be a true disciple, one must deny themselves, prioritize God's will over their own desires, and be willing to endure hardships and sacrifices, even suffering, for the sake of Christ and His teachings. It is a call to total commitment and a radical reorientation of one's life to follow Jesus' example. This brings to us the undeniable fact that for every follower of Christ, there is a cross to carry before we qualify. In addition you discover that you have nothing to suffer for or to suffer with, then you are not yet a disciple of Christ.

Jesus loves us truly, we should remember always that true love is costly but in a beautiful way. It isn't about financial expenses but about the sacrifices you make for the good of the people you care about. Who among us has not seen parents wake up in the middle of the night to see what has happened to the child who wakes up suddenly frightened! Is there any true parent who does not work so hard to put food on the table and a roof over his/her children's heads and to make sure that they are safe? Yet in order to fulfil these parental obligations they have to put aside their personal comfort. Loving someone involves investing emotional energy, accepting to become vulnerable and risking hurt.

True love is the only one which breaks one's heart; it requires making sacrifice, big or small. You cannot love someone without making a sacrifice of your personal time, adjusting your priorities or putting someone else's needs before your own. This is exactly what Jesus did: *"for though he was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in the human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, death on the Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him...."* Phil. 2:6-9.

I wish you all a festive Sunday of the triumph of the Cross of Christ in our personal lives if we take it up for love of him and follow him. If you have no cross, re-examine your love.

*Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ* Parish Priest .

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## FINANCE: Second Collection: 14th Sept Catholic Education

Parish Finances week beginning 7/9/25

COLLECTION: £808.06 of which Gift Aid £281.55

FABRIC FUND: £448.02 of which Gift Aid: £291.95

SEPTEMBER Tap & Go: £397.00 of which Gift Aid: £359.00

SEPTEMBER STANDING ORDER: £1454.67

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

### SEPT

Mon -15/22/29th	Meditation 7:30pm
Tue - 23rd	Seniors after Mass
Tue - 16/23/30th	RCIA 7:30pm
Wed - 17th	Coffee morning after Mass
Wed - 24th	Bible Study group after morning Mass
Fri - 26th	THE Bible Timeline 7:00pm
Sat - 27th	Mass for Guild of St Stephen 12:00

## MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:

**Guild of St Stephen-** We are so blessed as a parish to have such a dedicated team of servers who attend Holy Mass regularly, this year on the 27th of September at 12:00pm we would like to offer a Holy Mass for the Guild, and servers who have completed the required years will be receiving their medals during the Mass. We would love as many of our parishioners to come along and celebrate this occasion with the Guild! Refreshments will be provided after the Mass in the parish hall. My vocation to the priesthood began following the awesome experience of serving at the Altar. Please come and support our Servers on this event.

**New Mass Books are required** following the new translation of the Lectionary. Each book costs £5.95, a full set of 6 books cost £35.70. The parish will need over £5,508.00 to buy 200 copies of each volume. It would be most helpful to the parish if you can buy your own copy. Donations to this cause are welcome. Thanks for anonymous donor of £50.00

**Christmas Fair 2025:** we are now starting to think about our Christmas Fair. This year it will be held on Sunday 30.11.25 from 10:30-2:00. This is the event where the parish raises funds to support its local needs and projects without being levied by the diocese. We are looking for people to help organise a variety of stalls:-plants, jewellery, handbags, piety, glassware, bottle stall etc; and raffles:-guess the weight of the cake, sweets in a jar, name the teddy, blackout board, luxury hamper. If you feel able to help in any way or you have any interesting ideas, please contact the office with your name and number and someone will get back to you.

**Sponsored Walk:** Mr. Trevor Stronach, an 80 year old from St. Elizabeth Parish in Coventry wishes to raise funds for the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK, a Charity which sponsors the training of missionary priests. The Apostles of Jesus are active in our Archdiocese including our Parish. He will walk from St Elizabeth's Church, Coventry on 25th Sept. to St Mary and St Egwin's Church, Evesham—a journey of approximately 35 miles. All proceeds will go directly to support the seminary formation of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in Africa. The Sponsorship Form is available at the back of the church.

**Sunday 21st Sept, 2pm: Fr Toby Lees** OP presents 'Saints and Bible Heroes Who Stood for Life - Inspiration for Today's Mission'. Birmingham Oratory, Upper Hall, 141 Hagley Rd, B16 8UE. 40 Days for Life event but all are welcome. Free entry. Contact Isabel for more details 07773 501721 [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com)

**Marriage Banns:** Lewis McGee, son of Darren and Jacqueline McGee, would like to marry Kelly Savage, daughter of Guy and Maureen Savage. If there is anyone who knows why they should not get married to each other, please let them come and inform the parish priest as soon as possible.

**Divine Mercy Devotions Sunday 14th September 4.00pm** Parishioners will lead Divine Mercy Devotions in church. As we come before Jesus in the Tabernacle, with our family worries, and concerns for others. Whatever it is that weighs heavy in our hearts, we know He listens to us, and we receive graces flowing from his Sacred Heart. Encourage someone you know or meet to come to this beautiful house of the Father of Mercies at 4pm on 14th Sept the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross.

**AGM of Nuneaton Catholic Disability Fellowship** will take place on Sunday 28th September at 3pm in the Hall lounge, everybody welcome. For more information contact Ken Haywood [trepsa1@hotmail.com](mailto:trepsa1@hotmail.com)