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Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 2

Sat 15th 6:00pm V.A. Joseph RIP (ann)

Sun 16th 9:15am Gracy Zacharias RIP

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 16th 11:00am Sr Jacinta's Ints

5:00pm Stations of the Cross

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

Mon 17th 9:30am Srs Marguerite & Mary Josephine Shine Ints *St Patrick*

Tue 18th 9:30am Kevin Flynn RIP

18th 9:30am St Thomas More school at Mass

Wed 19th 9:30am Sr Teresa's Ints *St Joseph*

Thu 20th 9:30am Martin Hobins Ints

**There will be NO Holy Hour this week due to the Road Closure**

Fri 21st 9:30am Deepthy Jose Thanksgiving

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 22nd 9:30am

22nd 12:00pm Wedding of Edwin & Sarah

**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:*

Theresa Devaney, Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berkmore, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Illeana Goodman, Jim Jarvis, Mick Diskin, Martin Reed, Alice Guiney, Abi Glenn, Mick Broadaway, Carol Wright, Caelan Shannon & Swaren Baden.

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

*For the recently departed:* Teresa O'Keefe.

*Anniversaries week beginning : 16th March 2025*

Nikolai Chimiak, Sylvia Merriman, Michael O'Hara, Thomas Reilly, Dennis Heanes, Barbara Stuart, Elizabeth Kent, Lily Pearce, Jean Dunbar, Marian Musial, Maureen Pratt, Anne Collins, John Curran, John Wilson, Terence Randle & Robert Wagstaff.

*Clergy Anniversaries:*

Rev William Madden, Rev Andrew Brennan, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft, Archbishop Bernard Ullathorne, Archbishop Francis Grimshaw & Rev Laurence Crowe.

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16th March 2025

### BEWARE OF NEGLIGENCE:

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne of glory. All nations will be gathered before him and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separate sheep from goats" Matt 25:31.*

It was just last Monday when we heard the gospel about the last judgement. The metaphorical image of a shepherd separating sheep from goats is compelling because it ends in great surprise and in utter disappointment. *When did we....* was a common question for both 'goats' and 'sheep' to remind us that there is a lesson for us to learn here.

Although sheep and goat are both domesticated animals and look much the same in appearance, they are very different in behaviour and in taste. In ancient Israel, the shepherds were mindful to separate goats from sheep; there was a reason. Goats are known to quickly initiate fights with other goats, but their fights end as quickly as they start. For sheep, it is the opposite; although they are not quick at starting fights, once they start, or see others fighting, they join in. The head butt of a sheep could prove fatal for the goats which were always quick at starting fights.

What the gospel talked about, was the difficult situation that people were going through and how the Christians responded to it. Many of their colleagues were in prisons, going hungry and naked without clothes, many were made homeless, and still so many others were sick. In the words of the evangelist, the followers of Jesus were not to neglect these people, instead they were to see Jesus himself present in the lives of the suffering people and come to their aid.

In that gospel, the 'sheep' were blessed and the 'goats' were condemned; for while both faced the same situation of suffering and deprivation, the choices they made in responding to them made the difference. The *sheep* responded positively with generosity, while the *goats* responded negatively with neglect.

The world in which we live, you do not need to cross two streets before you find people who do not see anything beyond themselves. If something does not come from him, it must go to him; we call them self centred people. Some are playing god! While that gospel passage did not say that such unfortunate phenomena will cease to exist, the choices we make in responding to good and evil makes a big difference.

The final judgement is focussed on reaching out to those on the margins, the disenfranchised, the forgotten, the ignored. It reminds us that its reward will not be based on whether I ate meat on Friday or whether I ate fish. Instead it will be based on whether I recognised the face of the Lord in other people especially those on the margins.

Lent is an opportune time to move our goalposts from **I** to **We**. Our relationship with each other and determination to act on things will determine whether I will be a sheep or a goat on judgement day.

*Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ* Parish Priest .



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Hall Bookings, Gift Aid and all general enquiries.

The Parish Team:

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Parish Secretary: Ms Stephanie Taunton (Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm)

Schools: Our Lady and St Josephs School TEL: 024 76383807  
St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College Tel: 024 76642400

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our parish Safeguarding Representative: Christine Scullion [sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk) Alternatively if you have any concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team 0121 230 6240 email [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk).

### FINANCE: Second Collection: 16th March CAFOD Family Fast Day

Parish Finances week beginning 9/3/24

COLLECTION: £820.07 of which Gift Aid £314.71

FABRIC FUND: £535.10 of which Gift Aid: £258.63

MAR Tap & Go: £396.00 of which Gift Aid: £189.00

MARCH STANDING ORDER: £1483.67

To DONATE

Sunday 8/9 March Mass attendance 747

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*Many  
Thanks!*



**Gift Aid it!** - to add 25% to the value of your donation contact the parish office!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon - Mar 17/24th	Meditation 7:30pm
Tue - Mar 18/25th	4-5pm Holy Communion class
Tue - Mar 18/25th	7:30pm RCIA
Tue - Mar 18th	Seniors after Mass
Wed - Mar 19th	Coffee morning after Mass
Wed - Mar 26th	Bible Class after morning Mass
Wed - Mar 19/26th	Bible Study 7:30pm
Thu - Mar 21st	Craft Group 12:30pm

### MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:

**Easter Flowers:** if you would like to dedicate an Easter flower, please enclose £3 per flower in an envelope clearly marked 'Easter Flowers with the name of the person written on it that you wish to be remembered. Names will be recorded in the Easter book of Remembrance that will remain in church during the Easter Octave. Envelopes can be handed to Anne McAteer or Jean Skidmore or through the presbytery letterbox.

**Stations of the Cross followed by Mass** will be celebrated every Friday of Lent from 6:00pm. At 6:30pm we shall have Mass. Therefore Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass will be celebrated within that hour to enable those who will have missed morning Mass have one during Lent.

**GIFT AID Envelopes:** will be available to collect before and after Masses from Friday 21st March in the parish hall. If you would like to change from envelopes to Standing Order, *it's never too late!* Just contact the parish office by email or telephone (during office hours) for the parish bank details or, if you are not already a Gift Aider, collect a Gift Aid Declaration form from the back of church (or the office) and once completed return to the office. Remember, Gift Aiding your donations adds 25% to your donations at no extra cost to you!

**Pentecost** we will celebrate this event (8th June) as usual with as many nationalities as we can fit into the hall. If you would like a table, to share your country's food, please text Pat on 07711 102582 to put your name forward and for details. Thank you.

**Walk for CAFOD** on behalf of the parish Joan Haywood is participating in The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. For more information and to donate please visit <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/joans-fundraising-page2026> Joan plans to walk at 11am each day, if you would like to join her please contact her on 07960 520446.

**Wardens needed:** there are a lot of things we have to do before and after celebrating our Sunday Mass but we need volunteers to give us a helping hand. Being a Warden involves turning up about 20 minutes before Mass and making sure that everything is ready for the celebration of the Lord Supper. We are desperately in need of helpers. There are sign up sheets on the Wardens tables, please add your name to help.

### JUBILEE PROGRAM

Our Lady of the Angels Parish Jubilee Year Program: is out. I ask you to look at it and start to act on it. The next time we shall have another Jubilee in the Church will be in 2050, therefore it is important that we celebrate this event.

1. Jubilee for families: Sunday 23/03/25
2. Jubilee for medics and care workers 6/04/25
3. Vocations & May Procession 11/05/25
4. Pentecost (shared table) Sunday 8/06/25
5. Youth Jubilee Sunday 6/07/25
6. Jubilee Fellowship group Sunday 3/08/25
7. Family Thanksgiving Day (Shared Table 31/08/25)
8. Teachers and educators 1/09/ 25.
9. Choir, Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of H. Communion Sunday 5/ 10/ 25.
10. Parish Volunteers get together High Tee 23/ 10/25 (Bless Pets at 2:30pm).
11. Parish Senior members Jubilee 2/11/25.
12. Christmas Fayre 30/11/ 25 from 10:30am– 2:30pm