

Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 1

Sat 17th 6:00pm Theresa Devaney RIP

Sun 18th 9:15am Theresa Willett RIP (ann) - Iris & Mary Marie RIP

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 18th 11:00am Pro Populo

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners

Mon 19th 9:30am Carmel Cauchi RIP

Tue 20th 9:30am Paul Sequeira RIP

Wed 21st 9:30am Mick Diskin RIP

21st 10:00am Internment of Ashes Michael Diskin

Thu 22nd 9:30am Cinderby Family Ints

22nd 9:30am OLSJ School Mass

Fri 23rd 9:30am Syd Barnett RIP

23rd 12:00 noon St Thomas More Mass

Sat 24th 9:30am Michael Ridge RIP

Sat 10.00 Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:

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 Broadaway, Carol Wright, Caelan Shannon.

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

For the recently departed: Kathleen 'Trish' Dale (2nd June.)

Anniversaries week beginning : 18th May 2025

Marie Clay, Theresa Willett, Clifford Keeley, Edward Reilly, John Monaghan, Alan Kieron, John Carolan, Edith Pask, Constance Trever, Veronica Stevens & Peter Burrows.

Clergy Anniversaries:

Canon Wilfrid Smith, Rev Joseph Griffin, Rev Ernest Cook, Rev William Lyons, Mgr John Humphreys, Rev Anthony Davies, Rev Thomas Foyne & Mgr Wilfrid Moore.

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TO ACT WITH US AS A WITNESS TO HIS RESURRECTION:

If you are a practicing Catholic, the first reading read last Wednesday concerning the circumstances and criterion that was used by the Apostles to elect Mathias to succeed Judas Iscariot, the man who betrayed Jesus, was not a surprise. Simon Peter, head of the college of the Apostles set the condition:

"We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us—and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22).

The underlined words had paramount influence on the nomination and on the vote. The choice was between two men, both good and true, both believers in Jesus, and both were witnesses of his resurrection. It is important to note here, that from earliest times, the Church has had plenty of candidates to choose from! The candidate had to have been consistent, dependable and willing to witness to Jesus at any cost, not someone who followed him when it served him.

Reflecting on this, I felt the need to re-evaluate my personal consistence in being a Christian and how much score I would make if Peter was to present another need to replace Judas. Could I pass the score? I admire parishioners who speak to me about their membership in this parish. Some of them, have their memory go back in their childhood. Their enduring membership in the parish, has created resilience to the ups - and - downs of the parish. This is a sure sign of their fidelity

The Apostle Mathias had a singular duty to be a living witness to the resurrection of Jesus, which is actually the very duty that every baptised receives on the day of baptism. We are witnesses to the resurrection. St. Paul affirmed the fact of resurrection:

"if there is no resurrection of the dead, Christ himself cannot have been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless; indeed we are shown up as witnesses who have committed perjury before God. For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. What is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people" (1Cor. 15: 13-19).

We are nearing the Solemnity of Pentecost, let us renew our baptismal commitment by bringing into our life the reason for our becoming Christians namely to be witnesses of his resurrection. To be a credible witness requires constancy, fidelity, community spirit, unwavering hope and endurance in difficult times. Then, a person who behaves in this manner "can act with us as a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:22).

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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Presentation Sisters : Sr Therese, Sr Jacinta & Sr Helen 024 76350615
Parish Secretary: Ms Stephanie Taunton (Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm)

Schools: Our Lady and St Josephs School TEL: 024 76383807
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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 Alternatively if you have any concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team 0121 230 6240 email safe-guarding@rcaob.org.uk.

FINANCE: Second Collection: 1st June Catholic Communications

Parish Finances week beginning 11/5/24

COLLECTION: £809.44 of which Gift Aid £312.65
FABRIC FUND: £260.00 of which Gift Aid: £260.00
MAY Tap & Go: £410.00 of which Gift Aid: £252.00
MAY STANDING ORDER: £1535.67

CLERGY TRAINING FUND: £373.95 To DONATE
Sunday 10/11th May Mass attendance 660 Scan QR Code

*Many
Thanks!*



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon - May 19th	Meditation 7:30pm
Tue - May 20th	4-5pm Holy Communion class
Tue - May 27th	Seniors after Mass
Wed - May 21st	Coffee morning after Mass
Wed - May 28th	Bible Class after morning Mass
Sat—Jun 21st	7:30-9:30pm CAFOD Fundraiser with John Hart
Sun—Jun 8th	Pentecost Feast

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:

Lourdes pilgrimage: Kevin Goodyear will be travelling to Lourdes with the Birmingham Pilgrimage on Saturday 24th May. If anyone has any petitions, candle and Mass offerings they wish me to take, please hand them to Steph in the office or post them through the Presbytery letterbox by Thursday 22nd May.

RCIA: The final 2 sessions for 2024/25 RCIA group will be 20th May and 3rd June. Please bring your bible to both sessions.

Pentecost Feast 8th June: If you would like to cook for this year's Pentecost Feast please contact Pat after 9:15am Mass, in the hall or phone 07711 102582. Countries represented so far: Italy, Great Britain, Portugal, Kenya, Nigeria, The Congo, Nepal and Poland.

8th June Pentecost Feast: £5 suggested donation pp, children £1, which will be donated to the to the Charity Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK for the training of missionary priests.

Joan Haywood expresses her many thanks to you all for the generous donations she received for her CAFOD Big Lent Walk. With your support she raised £550. Also thanks to the parishioners who walked with her for company.

Support the children who courageously stood by myself last weekend to testify their admiration for the priesthood and religious life. I felt greatly supported by this gesture. I encourage them to entertain this thought and their families to appreciate such a noble thought in the hearts of their children.

Two Missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus will arrive in the Archdiocese to start their missionary work. For the first time in so many years Our Lady of the Angels Parish will have an Assistant Parish priest. I would like to thank you for your determination to support the training of a missionary priest.

Lucy receives her First Holy Communion: I'm very pleased to witness this weekend the first Holy Communion of Lucy a young girl with some special needs who has received her First Holy Communion. I thank her parents who have worked so hard to nurture her in the faith and Helen Hawley who guided her and catechized her so well. Please pray for this child.

Annual May Procession took place on Sunday 11th at 4:00pm followed by refreshments in the hall. It was a prayerful event.

First Holy Communion for children of Our Lady and St. Joseph School and children who attend non-Catholic schools will receive the Sacrament on Saturday 7th June 2025. Please keep them in your prayers.

Corpus Christi Procession On Sunday, 22nd June, Solemnity of Corpus Christi, is Coventry Corpus Christi procession, 3pm Sunday 22nd June starting at St Anne's (CV3 3AG), and processing to Corpus Christi Church (40-minute walk. Specially invited are all our parishioners and in particular, are parents of and our First holy Communion children to dress in their finery once more and help lead the procession.