

# ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL

**First Sunday of Lent  
18 February 2024**



Marc Chagall *Noah and the Rainbow* 1966 Musée Marc Chagall, Nice

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# MASS TIMES



		<b>St Mary Immaculate</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b>
Sun 18	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	6pm (Sat) <i>Edward Manning RIP</i> 11am <i>Loly Ortiz</i>	9am <i>Private int.</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon 19	feria	9.30am <i>Vitor Carreira ints.</i>  6.30pm Stations of the Cross	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10am <i>Private int.</i>
Tue 20	feria	9.30am <i>EMS ints.</i>	10am <i>Private int.</i>
Wed 21	St Peter Damian		11.30 Stations of the Cross 12pm <i>Private int.</i>
Thur 22	St Peter's Chair		12pm <i>Private int.</i>
Fri 23	St Polycarp	6pm <i>Private int.</i> <b>Station Mass</b> St Laurence, Rowington	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10am <i>Private int.</i>
Sat 24	feria	5pm <i>Lectio Divina</i> 6pm <i>Private int.</i>	10am Adoration 10.30am <i>Private int.</i> <b>Confessions after Mass</b>
Sun 25	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	11am <i>Pro Populo</i>	9am <i>Private int.</i>

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

Noah's Flood is not in the Sunday Lectionary, but everyone knows the first part of this long story. For most people, though, the story ends when the waters recede, the sun comes out and the animals come out of the ark. What not everyone knows, is the next stage, the covenant made by God with humanity and symbolised by the rainbow. It's thought of as a comic story, a bit of a joke, but it is of immense significance. It is when Creation could well have been destroyed, but instead God purifies it and promises not to punish it by flood again. God in effect is promising to tolerate humanity in its sinfulness and violence. This is reassuring and the antidote to some hell-fire preaching, especially in Lent.

# GENERAL NOTICES

**Recently Dead:** Fr Sandy Brown, Margaret Thornton, Monica Hermolle, Fr Christopher Greaney, Michael Marshall, Philippe Narain. May they rest in peace.

**Lenten Station Mass:** Each Friday of Lent there will be a Mass in various different locations.

Friday 16 February	6pm	St James, Lord Leycester Hospital
Friday 23 February	6pm	St Laurence, Rowington
Friday 1 March	6pm	St Mary's Collegiate Church <i>Beauchamp Chapel</i>
Friday 8 March	6pm	Warwick Castle: <b>meet in the Stable Yard at 6pm</b>
Friday 15 March	6pm	St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy
Friday 22 March	6pm	St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion:** First session 10am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February in the parish hall.

**Confirmation:** Introductory session for Candidates and parents in the Martyrs' Room after 11am Mass on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February. The sessions will take place at this time, there will be a couple of Saturday excursions and 'field' trips. The Archbishop will be coming to confirm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Crib Offerings:** The St Mary Immaculate Crib Offerings came to £541.91 which will go the Friends of the Holy Land. Thank you to all who contributed. Also £521.36 from the Sunday morning coffee.

**World Day of Prayer:** Please join us for this year's 2024 service prepared by The Christian women of Palestine. The service is to be held at Northgate Methodist Church on Fri 1 March at 11am. Everyone is very welcome to join us after the service for a soup lunch in the church hall

**Youth Group** is back this half term for Years 8 – 13 on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 – 9pm. £1 donation. There will be a trip bowling on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Find out more by joining us on 20<sup>th</sup> or contact Hannah for details on [dallman.han@gmail.com](mailto:dallman.han@gmail.com)


**Young Adults:** There is a group for young Catholic adults 18-35 that meet monthly in Leamington. Follow the link for more info <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/young-adults-18-30.html>

**Book Club:** next meeting: 5 March, 7pm, Martyr's Room - Tara Westover, *Educated*. Book Club is a friendly and social group and welcomes new faces to enjoy a glass of wine over book chat. For more information, see our website <https://rb.gy/0kzhak>; or contact [emma\\_mason@outlook.com](mailto:emma_mason@outlook.com)

**Traditions of Christian Spirituality:** 19 February is the second session of a five-part series on the Christian tradition: Rowan Williams on the Benedictines. We gather in the Martyr's Room from 7pm: the talk begins at 7.30pm on Zoom.

**St Mary Immaculate Annual Parish Meeting** Sun 25 Feb at 12.15 in church.

**Prayer & Life Workshops** are a series of sessions that help the participant to establish a closer relationship with God. This is done through meditation on the Scriptures and by practising a variety of ways of praying to make Christ the centre of our daily lives. The PLW is a well-established international lay association approved by the Holy See, founded by Fr Ignacio Larrañaga, a Capuchin Franciscan priest. If you are interested in taking part in the PLW or would like more information, please contact Ricardo Pereira ([orion.field@gmail.com](mailto:orion.field@gmail.com)). The PLW website is [www.tovpil.org](http://www.tovpil.org).

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	25 Feb Cafod Lenten fast	25 Feb Cafod Lenten fast
Counting	This week group 2 Next week group 3	More counters required at St Charles, please contact Angela.
Sick & Housebound	Gill Bonehill, Christopher Browne, Eileen Checkley, Patrick Clifford, Colin Docker, Wendy Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Anne Gunthorpe, Janet Harbison, Graham Hardwick, Samantha Hewitt, Susan James, Catherine McCarthy, Monica, Liam McLaughlin, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Agnes Pauling, Peter Schmidt, Sheila Thumwood, Betty Walters, Gerard Williams.	Canon Edward Stewart, Aidan Harris, Samantha Hewitt, Jo Holleron, Eddie Unitt, Janina Woods.  <b><i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice.</i></b>
Monthly Draw 	<b>£350 paid in prizes each month.</b> There is plenty of room for more members, or existing members to take additional numbers, contact the office £5 per No. Per month. Next draw 19 Feb.	<b>St Charles Tote</b> Next draw 11 Feb. Contact Paul & Helena
The lamps in our churches	Sanctuary lamp: private intention	
Rosary group	The Pope's intentions for February: For the terminally ill. The Holy Father encourages prayers 'so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support'.	

**PARISH GIVING:** The best way to support our parishes financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details If you don't have internet banking and want to sign up for Standing Order, please contact the parish office. [GiftAid form](#)

Account name: RCA Birmingham St Mary Immaculate Acc. no.28541588: Sort code 55-70-33  
Account name: RCA Birmingham St Charles Borromeo Acc. no.28392876: Sort code 55-70-33

**Parish Websites** [stmary-immaculate.org.uk](http://stmary-immaculate.org.uk) [stcharles-borromeo.org.uk](http://stcharles-borromeo.org.uk)

Our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safe guarding Representative is Julia FitzSimons who can be contacted at: [sg.smi.warwick@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.smi.warwick@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

Health & Safety Coordinators: Steve Nemeth (St Mary), Damien Convey (St Charles)  
Primary School Head: Julia Wallace. Parish Secretary: Andy Walker.