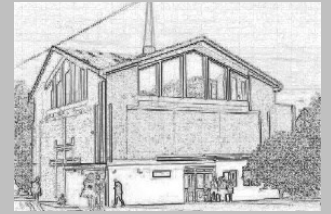




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 17 Lime Tree Ave.  
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**17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent Year B (St Patrick's Day)**

Sat 16th	SH	5.00 p.m.	John Atkin RIP
Sun 17th	SH EM	9.30 am 11.00 am	People of the Parishes <b>ENROLMENT OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES</b> Janis Surgunts <b>Stations of the Cross before Mass at 1030</b>
Mon 18th	SH		No Mass
Tues 19th	SH		No Mass
Wed 20th	SH	7.00 pm	Eamon Rooney RIP (Rooney)
Thurs 21st	EM SH	11.00 10.00 am	Fr Paul Ward  Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by refreshments in the hall
Fri 22nd	SH	7.00 pm	Evelyn Sheills RIP (Cook) <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS after Mass</b>
Sat 23rd	SH	5.00 pm	Mary Pickering RIP (Jenner)
Sun 24th	SH EM	9.30am 11.00 am	People of the Parishes Margaret Whitfield RIP (Mahon)

Today is a Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments. Parys from English Martyrs will be celebrating his Adult Baptism this Easter.

**HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL IRISH AND NIGERIANS!**

**Pope Francis prayer intention for March:** We pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world, inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

<p><b>Sacred Heart</b>          Safeguarding Officer: Sue Leary  <a href="http://www.sacredheartrugby.org.uk">www.sacredheartrugby.org.uk</a>          Tel. 01788 813263          YouTube: Sacred Heart, Bilton          Email: <a href="mailto:sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk">sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk</a></p> <p>Parish Office for both parishes open:          Tuesday and Friday 9.30 am to 12.00.</p>	<p><b>English Martyrs</b>          Safeguarding Officer: Marie Kane  <a href="http://www.englishmartyrsrugby.org">www.englishmartyrsrugby.org</a>          Tel. 01788 813263          YouTube -English Martyrs RC Parish Rugby          Email: <a href="mailto:sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk">sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk</a></p> <p>English Martyrs Primary School          Tel 01788 543423</p>
<p>Parish Team Canon Gerard Murray, Deacon Lionel Pelloquin, Fr Graham Venn IC (in residence)  <b>Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered as a charity no. 234216</b></p>	

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ARRIVE IN TIME FOR ALL THE MASSES ESPECIALLY THE 9.30AM AT SACRED HEART . THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION WITH THIS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**Offertory Collections last weekend :** Thanks for your generous support.

English Martyrs: £ 310 + standing orders.

Sacred Heart: £ 207 + standing orders.

**Rest in peace:** Please pray for Elsie Johnston RIP funeral Mass at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, 26th at 12 noon.

**SH First Communion Preparation:** Next session for **Parents and children** is on Monday 18th March at 6pm. Please bring your pencil case. We continue to pray for them and their families as they prepare for Holy Communion.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** Confirmation will be celebrated at SH on Sunday 28th April 2024. The next session will be on Tuesday, 19th March from 6.30 until 7.30pm in the upper room. **Please enter by the main door of the church** as there is a meeting in the Hall.

**SYCAMORE COURSE - last session is on Thursday, 21st March at 6.30pm — Thanks to those who came along last Thursday. We shared an enjoyable time together.** There are a series of short films relevant to everyday life. These are interspersed with time to share our thoughts. The topic for the last evening is 'The Power of Prayer'. If you would like to take part please email the Parish Office or speak to Lionel or Diane after Mass. We need to know beforehand if you are joining us.

**St Vincent de Paul Society –** Easter parcels for the housebound

We are making up some Easter parcels for the housebound of the parish and would like you to give us a hand. If you can donate these items—Packets of shortbread biscuits, small packets of chocolate Easter eggs. That will be much appreciated.

Please place in the box provided. Our member Joseph Pillai is collecting the items.

Joseph can be contacted on [jspiose.tl@gmail.com](mailto:jspiose.tl@gmail.com) 07404 684933. Thank you, the SVP.

**Offertory Envelopes and Gift Aid—** The end of this tax year is approaching so it is time to distribute our new offertory envelopes which will be available before Easter. It is a great help to the parish if you are able to take out a standing order for a regular donation. Even better if you can Gift Aid which means the Parish benefits from the tax paid at **NO** extra cost to yourself. If you wish to know more please ask Fr Gerry , Caroline or Diane after Mass or email the parish office. Thank you.

**Holy Week:** Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday** the beginning of the most solemn week of the Church's calendar. Services are as follows:

**Service of Penance** at St Marie's on Monday 26th from 6pm until 7.30pm

**Holy Thursday:** 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart

**Good Friday:** 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at English Martyrs

7pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

10am Rugby Good Friday Walk of Witness meet at Rugby Baptists Regent Street ends at St Andrews.

**Holy Saturday:** 7pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday:** 9.30 Mass at Sacred Heart 11 am Mass at English Martyrs

**SAFEGUARDING—The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Leary and Marie Kane . They can be contacted at [sg.sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.**