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Third Sunday of Lent



Confessions After
Saturday 9.30AM
Mass Fridays 6-7PM
with Adoration



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During Lent, we're called to reconsider how well we fulfil the basic Christian vocation that we all share, the call to holiness. In today's Gospel, Christ casts out the profane from the sacred Temple, yet He clearly associates His own Body with the Temple itself.

In predicting His own death and Resurrection, Christ speaks for those of us who, through baptism, are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. It is not just the

Temple that should be kept holy, but those temples of the Holy Spirit that are the

bodies of the baptised. If we are to be the temple 'made of living stones', God's

commandments are the way of keeping that temple holy, and Lent is an excellent time

to clean out the Temple of our own hearts and offer true Divine worship to God by

observing His Commandments. We may consider three messages from the readings.

God tells us that our relationship with Him must be that of a child to his parent, one of

mutual love, respect, and a desire for the family's good, with no thought for personal

loss or gain. The second reminds us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit because

God's Spirit dwells in us. We are supposed to cleanse our hearts of pride, hatred,

jealousy, and all evil thoughts, desires and plans. Thirdly, focus on our parish Church

and how we use it. St. Marie's is where we gather together as a community to love and

praise God. It is a holy place where we can find strength to help one another in our

task of living the gospel. It is the place where we come privately to enter into intimate

conversation with God. Many of you began your faith journeys here in this building,

and many people have met the merciful Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and

been welcomed back into our community. In this building, tears have been shed by

those in pain, grief and also tears of joy. Let's look around our Church today and

treasure it. When we pass our Church, we might take the time to make a brief visit. Let

us make our Church even more of a holy place by helping to keep it clean, and by

offering our time and talents in the various ministries.

Sat 2nd March 2024	Feast of St. Chad, Bishop	09:30AM 18.00PM	Thanksgiving – Bambino & Immaculate (Birthday) Margaret & John Watts RIP
Sun 3rd March 2024	Third Sunday of Lent	10.00AM 18.00PM	Una Leach RIP Margaret Ord RIP
Mon 4th March 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Bernard Reilly RIP & Paddy Lynch RIP The Unborn Child
Tue 5th March 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Shaftoe Robson RIP Private Intention
Wed 6th March 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Stuart Woodcock (well-being) Thanksgiving
Thurs 7th March 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Allan Hughes RIP (Anniversary) Chloe Logan
Fri 8th March 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Christopher Reilly RIP Michelina Elizabeth Kuriakose
Sat 9th March 2024	Lent Feria	09:30AM 18.00PM	All Parishioners John O'Brien RIP

This week's Gospel – John 2:13-25
'Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up'

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

'Listening to God's Call' – Tuesdays 7PM

The last in the three part series of vocations events from the Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery will be;

Tuesday 5 March: Priesthood and Diaconate 7PM

There will be the opportunity to ask questions. Everyone is welcome to join. The Zoom link is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88033199202?pwd=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxmTzmzdH7IJSId.1>

Meeting ID: 880 3319 9202

Passcode: 218505

Cathedral Maintenance Collection this week

There is a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance this week. Thank you for donating what you can.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AFTER 7PM MASS DURING LENT

The Stations of the Cross is a mini pilgrimage, which takes us through the steps taken by Jesus on Good Friday, from his condemnation to his burial. The Stations are a "way of prayerfully uniting oneself to the sacrifice of the Lord and his love for us. It's also an invitation for us to place ourselves within that journey."



Parish Retreat Days

Altar Servers Retreat Day to St Anne's in Wappenbury
Saturday 16th March with Fr Aji & Fr O'Brien.

Half Day retreat on Sat 23rd March here at St Maries Church and in Hibberts Hall. This is for both **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors**, the day will start with a renewal of commitment at the 9:30AM Mass led by Fr Ted Mullen IC. All parishioners are welcome to attend the parish retreat, please confirm your attendance.

APF Missio

The envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the Church in the porch. Please return monies by the 24th March, thank you.

St Patricks Day

On Sunday 17th March there will be a celebration in Hibberts Hall after the 10AM mass, there will be live music with unlimited tea, coffee, juice with Gammon rolls and cake to eat! Tickets will be sold at the back of Church so they have an idea of numbers to cater for, tickets will be £5. Let us all get together for the first event of the year.

Novena to St. Joseph

Starting on Sunday the 10th March we will begin a 9 day Novena to St. Joseph, this will be a short prayer after both the morning and evening masses for the 9 days preceding the Solemnity of St. Joseph celebrated on March 19th.

You may wish to pray this novena to ask for St. Joseph's special care over a particular intention such as help in an area of our lives needing discernment. St. Joseph the Patron Saint of husbands and fathers, the Universal Church, unborn children, immigrants, workers, employment, explorers, pilgrims, travellers, carpenters, realtors, against doubt and hesitation, and of a happy death

RECENTLY DECEASED

John McDonald, Stan Ratajczyk, Michael Griffin, Georgina Nourse

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

David Hipwell, Antonia Kowhan, Patrick Hamill, Anne Watters, Anna Walter, Bernard Reilly, Brendan O'Sullivan, Anthony Donaghy, Shaftoe Robson, Alexander Wilson, Mary Cahill, Andrew Rea, Agnes Diack-Evans, Elizabeth Doonan, Margaret Duffy, Lillian Batchelor, Desmond O'Farrell, John Melia, Helena Rudnicki

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every weekday at 3pm, for this time, during the Hour of Jesus' Greatest Anguish, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We then put ourselves at the Foot of the Cross in silent prayer and intercession, consoling Jesus by our presence, praying for the conversion of sinners and the whole world, and for our own intentions.



In His revelations to St Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special prayer and meditation on His Passion each afternoon at the 3 o'clock hour, the hour that recalls His death on the cross. From these instructions, it's clear that Our Lord wants us to turn our attention to His Passion at this hour to whatever degree our duties allow, and he wants us to ask for His mercy. I know not all of you will be able to make it to church for this Chaplet, but we can all mentally pause for a "brief instant", think of His total abandonment at the hour of agony, and say a short prayer such as "Jesus, Mercy" or "Jesus, for the sake of Your Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." For those that can please join us.

Life

Life is a national pregnancy support charity. Their vision is to create a world where no one faces pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone. Through Life's services, they help 45,000 people each year meet pregnancy or pregnancy loss with courage and dignity so they can flourish.

Life also currently delivers NCFE CACHE Level 2 in Counselling Skills and NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Counselling Skills and Theory available for enrolment on <https://learn.lifecharity.org.uk/> Together these courses provide a firm foundation to progress to the Level 4 Diploma for those wishing to pursue a career as a fully qualified and registered counsellor without going to university. Life's courses are completely online allowing you to study at your own pace. Learners receive 1:1 support from practicing, highly skilled and experienced counsellors for the duration of their studies. For more information visit the Life Charity website or email ncfe@lifecharity.org.uk

Repository

We will be expecting a delivery this week with Bibles and gifts for those who wish to purchase items for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates, so please pop up to the baptistry next week and take a look. If you are after something specific, please let us know as we place an order every 6 weeks so can always add things for you.

Safeguarding from the Archdiocese Office

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative are Mike Borg & Anne Ormsby. They can be contacted at sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

There is Eucharistic Adoration every Monday 9AM - 7PM & on Fridays 6PM - 7PM

Maybe, you've seen that we have Adoration every week or heard someone say that they are going to Adoration, but maybe you don't really understand what it means. That's ok! The practice of Adoration has been a part of the Catholic faith since the very beginning, and when we are "going to Adoration," we are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the Altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. When attending Adoration, as a form of respect, you should always genuflect when you see the Lord in the Host. Maintain an attitude of respect, and if others are present, silence. Always keep in mind that you are in the presence of God!

Kneeling, sitting or standing, before the Blessed Sacrament are all appropriate forms of prayer. Let your posture reflect your worship and do what is comfortable for you. You really don't have to "do" anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. If you are the only person in the church, don't be afraid to pray or sing aloud. This is your personal time with Christ.

Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Mt 11:28



"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do' . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply." – St. Catherine Labouré."

Lent Lunches

6th March 1:00PM at Rugby Methodist Church
14th March 12:30PM at St Oswalds New Bilton
27th March 12-30PM at Paddox Methodist Church

Yoga

There is yoga in Hibberts Hall every Tuesday evening at 6pm with Fr George. No matter your age or if you are a beginner or want to try yoga for the first time you will be warmly welcome. It costs £5, all you need is a yoga mat for the floor

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EASTER Service Times

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 10am & 6pm

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Morning Mass 10am, Adoration to 6pm, Confessions (Reconciliation service) 6pm-7:30pm followed by Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm followed by the Altar of Repose until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

Passion of the Lord 3pm
Stations of the cross 7PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Solemn Dawn Mass 8am
Mass of the Resurrection 10am

EASTER MONDAY

Morning Mass 10am, no Adoration

Kenelm Summer Camp

The Kenelm Youth Trust is committed to providing life changing opportunities for young people, helping each person to reflect upon their life of faith, and how they respond to the call of Jesus Christ in their lives. The Trust has been established by the Archdiocese of Birmingham, to oversee and bring together the wide variety of youth work that is undertaken in various settings throughout the Archdiocese. Every summer, Kenelm and Life Teen UK host a summer camp for young people aged 12-18 from across the country. The camp lasts a week and involves a range of exciting activities. The camp is based at Alton Castle, making use of the activities Alton Castle have on site, visiting the nearby theme park Alton Towers, as well as heading off to a variety of different places for fun and games. Alongside this, summer camp provides spaces and times for prayer, adoration and for young Catholics to connect and gather together. For more info go to <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp2024.html>

Mass for Marriage

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, the Archdiocese would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. It will take place at St Chad's Cathedral, the Diocesan Mother Church, on Saturday 4 May at 12noon. The Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please register your attendance by Sunday 21 April via www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

Dementia Prayer Week

Since 2007 the prayer week runs annually from 12 -19 March with the aim to raise awareness and a deeper understanding of the spiritual needs of people living with dementia. We will be remembering those living with and supporting those with Dementia in our prayers.

Prayer for Families and Caregivers of Those Living with Dementia

The Father's Love

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Lord, thank you for your presence this moment, holding us in your love.

Help us to share your love with those who live among us with dementia, that we may see your beauty in them.

Amen.



Gift Aid

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for their contributions that they have given to the parish through the weekly donations, be it gift aided or not, be it in cash or online transfers, your contributions are greatly appreciated and support the Church tremendously, thank you! For those who use the Gift Aid Envelopes, the envelopes for the next tax year are now at the back of Church for you to collect. Can all existing Gift Aid contributors please pick up their own respective envelopes for use from Sunday 7th April onwards, your name will be on your box. Anyone who does not already Gift Aid and pays tax on their income and would like to Gift Aid their contribution to the Church at no extra cost please either pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of church, fill it in and pop it in the Collections Box or contact Mike Borg either via phone, his number is on the front page or by speaking with him personally or Leslin at the back of Church. Please be careful when you pick up your envelopes as the packaging isn't very sturdy. Thank you.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Right to Life are asking for your support to an amendment to reduce the abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in the abortion law. You can go to the link below to support Right to Life and the unborn child by writing a letter to your local MP <https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters>

Tea & Coffee Sundays

Just a gentle reminder that after every Sunday morning Mass we have refreshments in Hibberts Hall, you are all welcome in for a warm drink and a chat. This is a great way if you are new to the parish to meet new friends and socialise together as a parish or to help out by serving.