

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
28 April 2024**



12<sup>th</sup> Century apse mosaic (detail) with inscription: ECCLESIAM CRISTI VITI SIMILABIMUS  
ISTI (We represent the Church of Christ as this vine) Basilica of San Clemente, Rome

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**Office – Open Monday 10am – 3pm**

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# MASS TIMES



		<b>St Mary Immaculate</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b>
Sun 28	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	6pm (Sat) <i>Peter Lorimer</i> 11am <i>Sarah</i>	9am <i>Private int.</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon 29	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor	9.30am <i>Sylvester A.anak Ahoi</i> (In primary school)	10am <i>Private int.</i>  7.30pm Bible Study (Zoom)
Tue 30	St Pius V, Pope	9.30am <i>Kath Solan RIP</i>	10am <i>Private int.</i>
Wed 1	St Joseph the Worker		12pm <i>Private int.</i> <i>Melvyn Shuster</i> <i>followed by soup</i>
Thur 2	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor		12pm <i>Private int.</i>
Fri 3	St Philip and St James, Apostles	6pm <i>Rose Collette Tully</i> followed by Benediction	10am <i>Private int.</i>
Sat 4	The English Martyrs	6pm (Sat) <i>Edward Manning RIP</i>	10am Adoration 10.30am <i>Private int.</i> <i>followed by Confessions</i>
Sun 5	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	11am <i>Pro Populo</i>	9am <i>Private int.</i> <i>Joan White RIP</i>

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

The Gospel passage today is taken from another of Jesus's discourses but unlike last week's it is given to his disciples, at the Last Supper. It is part of an answer to the apostle Judas (not the Iscariot) who asked, in a sentiment we could well echo, Lord, what is this all about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world? Jesus's words are familiar from other parts of this and other Gospels, about the consequences of not bearing fruit. But these other passages are generally parables about growing plants; here Jesus takes it a step further and identifies himself as the 'true vine', a beautiful metaphor, with the word true showing that he is claiming to replace the imagery of the vine as applied to the house of Israel (e.g. Isaiah 5:1-7).

## GENERAL NOTICES

**SVP Easter Appeal** Warwick Foodbank's urgently requests any donations of basic household cleaning items and toiletries – soap, toothpaste, etc. A collection box is in the Martyrs' room over the Easter period.

**Archbishop's Visit:** Archbishop Bernard is visiting the Lord Leycester Hospital on Weds 1 May. There will be Morning Prayers at 9.30am in the chapel followed by a reception in the Great Hall where he will meet various civic leaders. If you would like to come, please be seated in the chapel before 9.30am.

**New Bishops:** It was announced by the Holy See on Thursday, that Mgr Timothy Menezes (Dean of the Cathedral) and Canon Richard Walker (Vicar General) have been appointed by the Holy Father as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese.

**Annual Eurovision Party:** taking place in the parish hall 11 May, with doors opening at 7pm. For £10: the show will be aired, pizza provided, and there will be the usual competitions for those in attendance. BYOB and snacks welcome. See parish website for link to buy tickets, or speak to Christian Frank (cmfreading@gmail.com)

**Singing at 11am Mass:** Our 11am Mass is very diverse, if any ethnic or language grouping would like to contribute by singing something at Mass, please let Fr Patrick know

**Retreat** on Sat 25 May, 2 - 5pm. Join us for an afternoon of post-Pentecost reflection on the Holy Spirit, in the Parish Hall, St Mary's. We'll listen to readings in companionable & reflective silence, with some optional sharing, and end with tea and cake. email [smiwarwick.retreats@gmail.com](mailto:smiwarwick.retreats@gmail.com) by midday the day before if you can come (no charge).

**Free books:** the bookcase in the entrance to the church holds a number of books on religion and spirituality for which we no longer have storage. Please help yourself!


**Rainbows and Brownies** Brownies (7-10 yrs) require adult help on Mondays 5.30-7pm and Rainbows have vacancies for 4–7-year-old girls, Tues 5.30-6.45. They both currently meet in the parish hall. Contact Maria Burton 495735

**Bard's Ride and Walk** Please join us for a spectacular bike ride or walk starting from Cherington Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May in support of the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust. Follow the link or talk to Angela Everitt to find out more [About Bard's Ride | Warwickshire & Coventry \(warwickshirechurches.org.uk\)](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk)

**Book Club:** the next meeting is 7 May, 7pm, Martyr's Room - Clare Keegan, Foster. Book Club is a friendly 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)

**'Book Swap':** bring in a copy of a book you have enjoyed and borrow another from the shelf in the Martyrs' Room—when you return it you can either take your book back or borrow another.

**Parish Hall:** The hall at St Mary Immaculate will be closed to outside hirers from 15 July. The cost of cleaning, heating & lighting outweighed the amount coming in from hirers by £4000 last year. The hall will be available to the parish with the proviso that a team of volunteers can keep the place clean and compliant with H&S. There will be a meeting in the hall on Sun 28 April, after the 11am Mass. This is an opportunity for to show your support towards the parish use of the hall and to join the hall management group. For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Beaumont at [cbeaumont@gmail.com](mailto:cbeaumont@gmail.com)

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	28 April Cafod - emergency collection for Sudan 12 May Catholic Communications	28 April Cafod - emergency collection for Sudan 12 May Catholic Communications
Counting	This week group 6 Next week group 1	More counters required at St Charles, please contact Angela.
Sick & Housebound	Gill Bonehill, Christopher Browne, Eileen Checkley, Colin Docker, Wendy Fitzpatrick-Ellis, Annie Gleason, Anne Gunthorpe, 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.	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><u>£350 paid in prizes each month.</u></b> There is plenty of room for more members, or existing members to take additional numbers, contact the office £5 per No. Per month. April Winners: 1 <sup>st</sup> C Nemeth, 2 <sup>nd</sup> H Connor, 3 <sup>rd</sup> H Brennan. Next draw 20 May.	<b><u>St Charles Tote</u></b> Next draws: 14 Apr and 12 May.  Contact Paul & Helena
The lamps in our churches	Sanctuary lamp:	
Rosary group	The Pope's intentions for May: For the Formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns, & Seminarians. The Pontiff urges prayers "so that religious, monks, nuns, & seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel."	

**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.