

PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today in the Gospel we hear how the apostles Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the Mount of the Transfiguration - the same glimpse of glory that we are all given when we gather for the Mass, for in and through the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist we ascend to the heavenly places where, with Angels and Archangels and all the host of heaven, we worship the Beloved Son of God who sits at the right hand of the Father. God, the Holy Spirit, gathers us into the cloud of his glory. We listen to him in the scriptures. We feed on him in the Sacrament of the altar. No wonder the disciples "kept silence." "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here."

Weekday Masses and Devotions this week:

- **Stations of the Cross at BRG** will follow the 7.00pm Mass every Tuesday in Lent. All welcome.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Francis** will follow the 9.00am Mass on Thursday each week. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction at 10.00am. All welcome.
- **Stations of the Cross at Saint Francis** will follow the 9.00am Mass every Friday in Lent. All welcome.
- **Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be celebrated at Saint Francis this Wednesday 19th March at 9.00am. Mass will be followed by the Holy Rosary.

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

Prayer for Vocations Throughout March Masses and prayers will be offered up for vocations during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and at the Holy Rosary. This will take place at St Francis after the 9.00am Masses on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

2025 Year of Jubilee day pilgrimage to Walsingham on 10th May 2025. For further information please contact the pilgrim organizer, Fr Philip Griffin on 01384 395308 or email olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

Job vacancies The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions, which will all be closing for applications shortly: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs. If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

Unlock an Extraordinary Opportunity with Kenelm Youth Trust's Mission Team! Are you (or someone you know) aged 18–25 and ready to make a difference? KYT's Mission Team invites you to embark on a journey of impact and transformation! This is your chance to be part of something truly meaningful. Whether it's leading outdoor activities, empowering the next generation, or simply exploring your faith journey, there's a place for you on the Mission Team. Know a young person who might be interested? Please share this exciting opportunity with them and encourage them to apply today. Visit our website to learn more and apply now!

Deanery day to Littlemore on Saturday 22nd March. A pilgrimage to one of our Diocesan Jubilee churches in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. 10.30. Arrival and Mass, coffee and a talk, guided visit to the College, BYO packed lunch, Exposition with Indulgence prayers and ending with tea at 3pm. Ample car parking at church. No charge but a collection will be taken for the Sisters and the Parish. To assist the Sisters, please confirm attendance to peter.rand@btinternet.com as soon as you know or by 17 March latest. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Tues 24 – Sat 28 June SIX SPACES LEFT. Kenilworth Parish are organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes and welcome parishioners, family and friends from local parishes. Convenient flights from Birmingham. Price is £747.50p in a twin/double. Including flights, 4 star central hotel, all meals and comprehensive travel insurance. Limited single rooms available. For further details and a booking form, contact Peter Rand, pilgrimage organiser. peter.rand@btinternet.com 01926 852163. Booking date extended by 2 weeks to 24 March. Online and hard copy booking options available.

Second collection this Sunday for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

Big church clean Saturday 22nd March We would be very grateful for any support for our Big Church Clean at 10am on 22nd March, Many thanks in advance. Your support as always is much appreciated.

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Masses at St Francis this week

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| Sat 15 Mar | 6.00pm Mass – Second Sunday of Lent |
| Sun 16 | 11.00am Mass - Second Sunday of Lent |
| Wed 19 | 9.00am Mass – Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>(followed by the Holy Rosary)</i> For vocations |
| Thurs 20 | 9.00am Mass <i>(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> For the Holy Souls |
| Fri 21 | 9.00am Mass <i>(followed by Stations of the Cross)</i> Mark Ronald Bridger (RIP) |
| Sat 22 | 6.00pm Mass – Third Sunday of Lent Sara Stevens (ints) |
| Sun 23 | 11.00am Mass - Third Sunday of Lent |

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

At Blessed Robert Grissold, Balsall Common (BRG) and
St Francis, Baddesley Clinton (SF)

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| Palm Sunday Saturday 12 th April | SF 6:00pm |
| Sunday 13 th April | BRG 9:30am SF 11:00am |
| Holy Thursday | SF 7:00pm (followed by Watch) BRG 7:00pm |
| Good Friday | BRG 3:00pm SF 3:00pm |
| Easter Vigil Saturday 19 th April | SF 6:00pm BRG 7:30pm |
| Easter Sunday 20 th April | BRG 9:30am SF 11:00am |
| Stations of the Cross | BRG Tuesdays after the 7:00pm Mass SF Fridays after the 9:00am Mass |
| Holy Rosary | SF Wednesdays after the 9:00am Mass |

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction SF Thursdays after the 9:00am Mass

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