

PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Confession: 5.15-5.45pm Saturday at St Francis church or by arrangement



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel Christ calls us to repentance. It is a call for us to come to our senses - to realise who we really are and to be those people - and through Baptism we are children of God. Repentance is about turning away from all that prevents us from realising our true identity and a turning towards the God who wants us to live in a loving relationship with him and with one another. Repentance is about us realising the abundant life God created us for. It's the reason Christ came to proclaim his message of repentance - for as he said: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" and to that end he calls us to, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

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 the Annunciation of the Lord** will be celebrated at Mass at BRG on Tues 25th March at 7.00pm. Mass will be followed by Stations of the Cross.

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.

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

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!

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.

Line dancing evening on Saturday 24th May 2025 at Lapworth Village Hall, Old Warwick Road, Kingswood, B94 6LD. 7.00-10.30pm. Learn to line dance! Set to be a great evening and fundraiser for St Francis Church. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets: Adults £10, children £5 and available from Pat Holliday 0777 941 9994 Email: pat.holliday@outlook.com and Sandra Smith 0772 531 2831 Email: sundial26uk@aol.com

Big Church clean Thanks to all those that helped to clean the church this weekend. Your help is very much appreciated.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Iain Butlin-Moran. They can be contacted at: butlinmoran@icloud.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Masses at St Francis this week

Sat 22 Mar	6.00pm Mass – Third Sunday of Lent Sara Stevens (ints)
Sun 23	11.00am Mass - Third Sunday of Lent Kathleen Quinn (80 th birthday)
Wed 26	9.00am Mass <i>(followed by the Holy Rosary)</i> Vocations
Thurs 27	9.00am Mass <i>(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> Holy Souls
Fri 28	9.00am Mass <i>(followed by Stations of the Cross)</i>
Sat 29	6.00pm Mass – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sun 30	11.00am Mass - Fourth Sunday of Lent

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

At Blessed Robert Grissold, Balsall Common (BRG) and

St Francis, Baddesley Clinton (SF)

Palm Sunday Saturday 12th April **SF** 6:00pm

Sunday 13th 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 19th April **SF** 6:00pm

BRG 7:30pm

Easter Sunday 20th 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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