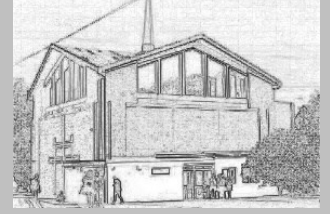




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**2nd March 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

Sat 1st March	SH	5.00 pm	Tom Donnelly ((P & C. Fairlie)
Sun 2nd	SH EM	9.30 am 11.00 am	People of the Parishes Valerie Perry RIP <b>Enrolment of First Communion Candidates</b>
Mon 3rd			No Mass
Tues 4th			No Mass
Wed 5th	EM SH	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Mahon Family RIP (R.Mahon) <b>Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and Abstinence</b> Iain Atkin RIP (Barnes)
Thurs 6th	SH	10.00 am <b>Mass</b>	David Mahon RIP (Clarke) <i>(Refreshments in the hall afterwards)</i>
Fri 7th	SH	7pm	Sick and Housebound <b>Stations of the Cross after Mass</b>
Sat 8th	SH	5.00 pm	Eileen Deery RIP
Sun 9th	SH EM	9.30am 11.00 am	People of the Parishes Brendan Costello RIP (Leonard) <b>Stations of the Cross before Mass</b>

**Loving and Merciful God, we come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom. We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always.**

<p><b>Sacred Heart</b>          Safeguarding Officer  <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  <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>
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Parish Team Canon Gerard Murray, Deacon Lionel Pelloquin, Fr Graham Venn IC (in residence)  
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**Offertory Collections last weekend:** Thanks for your generous support.

**Sacred Heart:** £332.22 + S.Os including DONA donations

**English Martyrs:** £200.65 + Standing Orders including DONA

**Second Collection this weekend for Cathedral Maintenance**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER :** We pray for Colettee Chitale ,Jean Bracken and Ewen Cameron RIP.

We pray Alan Parish, Mike Venn, Fr Michael White , and Pauline Brown, Della Russell , Pope Francis and all who are suffering in spirit, mind or body.

**English Martyrs— Refreshments after Mass this Sunday. Please come and join us.**

There will be Stations of the Cross before Sunday Mass beginning next Sunday.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES for children at non-Catholic schools:**

**First Communion programme—** The next session for children and parents is on

**Monday, 3rd March at 6pm** prompt. Children please bring your pencil case with you.

**Confirmation Programme - the next session is on Thursday, March 6th 6.30—7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Hall.** Please arrive promptly as we only have one hour and bring a pen with you.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ON FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH AT 10.30AM at Sacred Heart.** This year the service has been written by the women of the Cook Islands in the South Pacific. SH are hosting this so need the home team to support it! Please come along and share an hour with friends from other churches throughout Rugby. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you can provide a few small cakes please do. All are welcome men and women, young and old.

**SYCAMORE PROGRAMME on the Mondays of Lent— 7.15pm—8.45pm.** An opportunity to listen on video to Fr Stephen Wang, learn, discuss and share together. The topics are: 1. The Bible 2. Faith 3. Prayer 4. Finding true freedom 5. The meaning of love. Please make a note of the date and times. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you intend to come even to a few of the sessions. Starting on Monday 10th March in Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025— Lent Walk With Me Prayer Booklets and Calendars are available.** Several Jubilee events are being planned beginning with the Sycamore Course next Monday, a Family Fun Day in June and a Mass of anointing and afternoon tea for the sick and housebound in early September. There will be more events for us to share.

**New Provision for children and young people at Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart -** From 3rd March, **TODAY**, we will be offering a group for Secondary School pupils called 'Disciples' on a fortnightly basis. First and third Sundays of the month.

**PLAINCHANT WORKSHOP—**Saturday, March 8th. 10.45am to 4.00pm. There will be a workshop on plainchant at St. John's, Banbury. To cover expenses the cost will be £10.00 per participant. If you are interested please telephone St. John's on 01295 262073. Transport available see Fr Gerry.

**Job opportunities with the Archdiocese—** Director of Operations closing date 3rd March, IT Manager: closing date 10th March, Finance Manager: closing date 5th March, Gift Aid: closing date 5th March. Further details are available on the Diocesan Jobs page.

**SAFEGUARDING—**The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Any concerns please contact [sg.sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 . [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.