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Third Sunday of Lent

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Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 9AM - 7PM

Fri 6PM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

Confessions

Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM,

Sun 9:30AM



Seek Justice, says the Lord ... We are called to be fruitful in our lives, just like the fig tree in today's gospel. Every Mass was viewed by the early Christians as a victorious offering for the Kingdom of God, a truth that remains unchanged today. The martyrs of the Church were not seen as victims but as triumphant witnesses, conquering evil through their unwavering love for Christ. Today, the fight continues, albeit not in arena's of persecution but rather in the day-to-day challenges of life. Our homes may be battlegrounds where we resist the temptations of greed and selfishness, striving for balance and virtue. In the workplace or places of education, we may be called to stand against injustice and dishonesty, upholding integrity as faithful disciples. Society itself presents challenges, urging us to advocate for justice and extend special care to the poor and vulnerable. Yet, Jesus reminds us that there is still time. The fig tree has been given another season to bear fruit and so have we! There is still time to bring forth a harvest for the Kingdom of God, to bear fruit that will last. So, what kind of fruit are we bearing right now? What areas of our lives needs pruning in order for us to grow stronger in faith? Happy Lent! ...**and bear fruit.**

Parish Retreat

Half day parish retreat by Fr. Chris Fuse IC will be held on **Sat 5th Apr** starting with **9:30 AM Mass** and thereafter in Hibberts Hall until **12:30 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Meeting

There will be a parish meeting in **Hibberts Hall** on **Tue 8th Apr** at **6 PM**. Please attend if you can, to stay updated on parish events and for forming a parish action. group.

Lenten Penitential service

The Lenten Penitential service will be on **Tue 15th Apr** from **6 PM** to **7:30 PM**. Deepen the closeness to Jesus Christ by availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation where there will be a number of priests available to hear your confessions.

Sat 22 nd Mar 2025	Lent Feria	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Deceased members of Watts Family
Sun 23 rd Mar 2025	Third Sunday of Lent	10:00 AM 18.00 PM	Seamus Carr RIP June Hargadon
Mon 24 th Mar 2025	Lent Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	UCM John O'Byrne (Birthday)
Tue 25 th Mar 2025	The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Pauline McGloin (Thanksgiving) Teresa D'Arcy RIP
Wed 26 th Mar 2025	Lent Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Rose Lee RIP Dominic (Birthday & Thanksgiving)
Thurs 27 th Mar 2025	Lent Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Derek & Declan Larkin RIP (Anniversary) Special Intention
Fri 28 th Mar 2025	Lent Feria	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Patrick O'Neill RIP Gordana Was RIP
Sat 29 th Mar 2025	Lent Feria	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Armando Mascarenhas

This Week's Gospel – Luke 13:1-9
'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Catechism Classes for Children

Catechism classes for children will be held on **Sundays** from **11:15 AM to 12 noon, in Coach House**. Forthcoming classes,

Group 4 (ages 12 to 14) : **23rd March**

Group 1 (ages 3 to 5) : **6th April**

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Notice

The next meeting of the UCM will be held on **Mon 24th Mar** after 10 AM Mass in **Hibberts Hall**. Raffle prizes to be brought by Iris Edwards and Teresa Doolan.

MISSIO/ APF

The envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the church. Please return monies by **30th Mar**.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

As the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is now underway we will be looking to make a pilgrimage to Rome and enter through the Holy Door. We will be looking to put a package together for **Sun 26th Oct to Thurs 30th Oct**. We will confirm the approx. costs based on the number of people willing to attend. Please write your name on the list at back of the church as an expression of interest before **Fri 4th Apr**. Thank you.

Renewal of Commitment

As part of the renewal of commitment, all **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic** and **Lectors** shall attend the half day retreat on **Sat, 5th Apr**. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic may please collect the renewal form kept at back of the church.

Gift Aid

Those using Gift Aid Envelopes, please pick envelope box labelled with your name and start using from **Sun 7th Apr**. If you are a taxpayer and not part of Gift Aid, consider joining. The parish will receive 25% extra from the Government AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU! Please fill the Gift Aid form from back of church and pop it in Collections Box or contact Mike Borg.

Thursday Live Organ Recital

The monthly 40-minute live recital will be held on **3rd Apr** in **St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham** at **1:15 PM**. Admission is free.

THIS SEASON OF LENT

- ✓ Half hour **Adoration** before morning Mass.
- ✓ **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays after evening Mass.
- ✓ Take the '**Walk With me**' Booklet for daily readings.
 - ✓ Join the **Parish Retreat** on 5th April
- ✓ **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at **Lenten Penitential Service**
 - ✓ Choose a **Saint** to read about.
- ✓ Follow www.facebook.com/StMariesCatholicChurchRugby for '**40 Days at the Foot of the Cross**' reflections and prayers.

Fr Bill Curran IC RIP

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our dear Rosminian Father Bill Curran IC RIP on the 5th March peacefully in Derryswood aged 99 (he would have been 100 in April). Fr Bill joined the Rosminians in 1941 devoting 83 years to religious life, teaching at Ratcliffe College, Leicestershire and in Auckland, New Zealand. Returning to the UK to the parishes of St. Alban's Cardiff, Our Lady of Lourdes Swansea, St Joseph Neath and as Chaplain at RAF St. Athan's, retiring in 2008 to Derryswood. His Funeral will be held at Derryswood on **Wednesday 26th March**. The Rosminian family gratefully remembers Fr Bill and asks for you to join their prayers for him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Invitation to Mens' Spiritual Exercises

The Christian Heritage Centre invites men (lay and ordained) for a 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises from **Mon, 31st Mar to Sat, 5th Apr**, preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, France. For more details and to book visit christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/

Quiet Days of Prayer

The monthly Quiet Day of Prayer will be held on **2nd Apr** from **10:30 AM to 3:30 PM** at St Paul's Convent, **Birmingham**. Contact Sr Margaret margaret.mattison@sellypark.org/ 01214156100

Diocesan Day-Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Pilgrimage to Walsingham is organised on **Sat, 10th May**. The programme include Mass at the Chapel of Reconciliation followed by procession to the Priory Grounds for prayer at the site of Holy House. For more information contact Fr Philip Griffin [01384395308](tel:01384395308) / olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa Summersgill, Patrick O'Neill, Fr Bill Curran IC

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

William Williams, Mary Smyth, Denis Deery, Derek Larkin, Beatrice Potter, Janina Machnik, Christopher Smith, Elizabeth Bailie, Elizabeth O'Driscoll, Annabelle White, Patrick Moyney, Theresa Payne, Melvin Walker, John Kempton, John Maloney, Teresa Sharp, Cicely Friel

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Philomena, Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Smith, Michael Duffin, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Stuart Woodcock, Terry McSweeney, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza, Joseph Deery, Raymond Bunning, Filipa Faro