

PARISH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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



SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Christ has risen. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the joy of Easter. Today, with the Holy Church of God throughout the world, we proclaim and celebrate the truth which is foundational to our Christian faith, that on the third day Christ rose from the dead. And Christ, the Risen One, does not depart from us but returns to greet us with his peace and to remain with us until the end of time. And we share his peace and rejoice in his presence in the Mass.

Easter Offering Thank you for the collection today which is the customary Easter offering to your priest. I am grateful for the generosity of spirit which is shown in so many ways in the life of the Parish.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025 An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd May at 12 Noon**, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass or scan the QR code to confirm your attendance by 13th April.

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.

Vacancies at Kenelm Youth Trust KYT are seeking committed Catholics for senior leadership positions at our retreat centres based in Alton, ST10 4TT. Please visit our website to apply: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html or call to discuss with us on 01538 703 224.

Vacancy The Trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust are looking to recruit a skilled, Catholic volunteer with professional experience of safeguarding to join the Board of Trustees and chair the Safeguarding Sub-Committee. We'd welcome discussion with anyone interested in this important role - Further details available here Safeguarding | Birmingham Diocesan Trust or copy and paste this link www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding

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

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

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 19 Apr	6.00pm Mass – Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Walter Burke (RIP)
Sun 20	11.00am Mass – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Pat Doyle (RIP)
Wed 23	9.00am Mass – Easter Wednesday, Solemnity <i>(followed by Holy Rosary)</i>
Thurs 24	9.00am Mass – Easter Thursday, Solemnity <i>(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i>
Fri 25	9.00am Mass – Easter Friday, Solemnity
Sat 26	6.00pm Mass – Second Sunday of Easter
Sun 27	11.00am Mass – Second Sunday of Easter Pat Doyle (RIP)