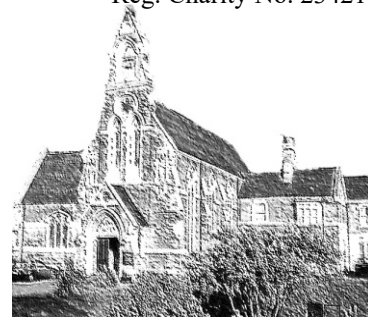


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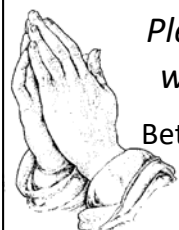
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Sunday 17th March 2019
 Second Sunday of Lent – Year C

Today we pray for...

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| Saturday 16 th | 12.30pm | Rachel Jackson – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i> |
| | 6.00pm | Cathy Franklin – Mass at St. Joseph's Church |
| Sunday 17 th | 10.00am | Tom Kennedy – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i> |
| Monday 18 th | 9.30am | Rita Rogers – Mass at St. Joseph's Church |
| Tuesday 19 th | 9.30am | Cathy Franklin – Mass with school in St. Joseph's Church |
| Wednesday 20 th | <i>No Mass</i> | |
| Thursday 21 st | 9.10am | Mary Doyle – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i> |
| Friday 22 nd | 9.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i> |
| | 10.00am | Nuala Doyle – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i> |
| | 11.45am | Eucharistic Service - at St. Joseph's Church |
| Saturday 23 rd | 12.30pm | Ken Levell – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i> |
| | 6.00pm | People of the Parish – Mass at St. Joseph's Church |
| Sunday 24 th | 10.00am | Sandra – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i> |
| | 1.00pm | Baptism – at St. Joseph's Church |



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in our Parish, especially...

Bethany Kerr, Rose McLoughlin, Shirley Davis,
 Diane Donaghue, Violet, Frank Lowry and
 James McLaughlin.

Parish Groups

Wed 12pm AA Group
 Fri 12.15 'Come as you are' Prayer Group
 7pm Church Cleaning (*Last Friday of month*)

Daily Exposition at Sacred Heart

In these days of political and economic uncertainty, it is important that all Catholics are praying for our country. Come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament any time between 10am – 5pm usually in the undercroft, or between 8pm – midnight in the Presbytery, 85 Prestbury Road.

Lent is a time for careful preparation to make your confession and renew your baptismal promises at Easter. The focus is on the Easter Ceremonies on Holy Saturday night when the catechumens will be baptised. Make a special Lent rule this year for fasting, prayer, almsgiving and if possible, attendance at weekday Masses and exposition.

The Kingdom Warriors

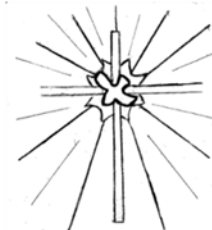
meet on Tuesdays at 6.30pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This a group for young adults (18+)

Come as You Are

Praise and Worship Prayer Meeting
12.15pm

Meets every Friday in the Community Room at St. Joseph's church, followed by soup and bread.

The meeting is preceded by a Eucharistic Service in the community room at 11.45am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



Weekly Collection

The collections for last weekend were:

First - £66.70

Gift Aid - £9.00

TOTAL - £75.70

This weekend there is a Second Collection for CAFOD following the Family Fast Day on Friday

Lent Stations of the Cross

takes place straight after Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart and at 5.30pm before Saturday Mass at St. Joseph's.

Second Saturday Convention

Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am - 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, B70 7JW

The Sower

Copies of The Sower are available free. Please take one. There are at least two articles in it of particular interest

40 Days for Life
started again on Ash Wednesday. Please keep it in your prayers and if you can help go to <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/birmingham-2/>

Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage
takes place on 11th May. Would anyone, especially servers like to go on this pilgrimage? Coaches going from Birmingham. See Fr. Stephen if interested.

The annual Diocesan Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi begins on Wednesday March 20th, concluding on Friday March 29. His Grace requests that we say this prayer: O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and to invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of Holy Hope: pray for us. Blessed Dominic Barberi: pray for us. Blessed John Henry Newman: pray for us.

Lent Retreat
Walking Together with Jesus You commit to 15-30 minutes prayer time a day using on-line resources, and a weekly group meeting. The local meeting will take place at St. Joseph's Presbytery on Mondays at 7.30 pm. Contact Ann Kelly at a.m_kelly@btinternet.com or 07890 066 309 or go to www.pathwaystogod.org

As you will be aware, Brexit is causing uncertainty and concern to many EU citizens living in the UK. Apart from those who are uncertain about their future, others are inevitably unaware that Brexit will affect their immigration status. In March 2019, the Government is due to launch a Settlement Scheme. All EU citizens living in the UK will be required to make an application if they wish to remain here after Brexit. However, Irish citizens will not be required to apply as their rights are separately protected. Many parishioners, priests and religious in our Diocese will be affected.

Every Life Matters
Every Life Matters – a talk by the Life Charity takes place on Saturday 23rd March in the Grimshaw Room of St Chad's Cathedral (B4 6EY). Arrivals are from 10.30am and the cost is a suggested donation of £5 (all monies will be given to Life Charity) For more info call 0121 475 1227 / 07767 457625

On Saturday 23rd March, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. For details see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Retreat
A Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Retreat afternoon takes place at St. Mary's Convent, 98, Hunters Road, Handsworth, B19 1 EB on Saturday 23rd March 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm.

The March for Life
this year is on Saturday 11th May in London. Coaches will be going from Birmingham and we need to book our places on them asap. Can we get a group going from our parishes this year? It is a wonderful day on which we are able to stand shoulder to shoulder with thousands of others proclaiming LIFE is from conception. See marchforlife.co.uk

Feast Days
Two very important days for us to attend Mass are coming up. On Tuesday 19th March there will be a special Mass at 9.30am in St. Joseph's Church with the children and staff of the school to mark St. Joseph's feast day. After Mass the children will process back to school with the Blessed Sacrament and there will then be a day of adoration held there. Please come along and share this very special day with us, either at the Mass at 9.30am or you are most welcome to drop into school during the day (between 11.00am and 2.30pm) to spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is on Monday 25th March. Mass will be in St. Joseph's school at 9.30am on this day.

Click to Pray
is the Pope's new app. Go and download it, it may help you to pray. Also Catholic Mega App is a gateway to lots of Catholic resources on the internet.

RCIA
The RCIA group meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Presbytery at Sacred Heart. You are welcome to join in even if you are already a Catholic.

Parish Census
Following the new Data Protection Act we need to renew our parish data. If you had a form last week, I hope you have remembered to bring it back. If you didn't get one, please make sure you take one. This is important. Thanks.

Tabor House
Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in finding out more why not go along to an Open evening on Wednesday 20th March 2019 6pm - 8pm at St Anne's Training Room, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham, B12 0PY. Please contact Sharon McCall: 07387 418319

First Fridays for Faith
The next meeting is on 5th April. We shall watch the film "The Passion of Christ" to help prepare us for celebrating Our Lord's passion in Holy Week. It will start promptly at 6.30pm (not 7.30pm) so that we can finish by 8.45pm. You need to be 15 or older to watch it.

Lourdes Pilgrimage
The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place in May. If anyone who is sick who would like to go, please ask Fr. Stephen.