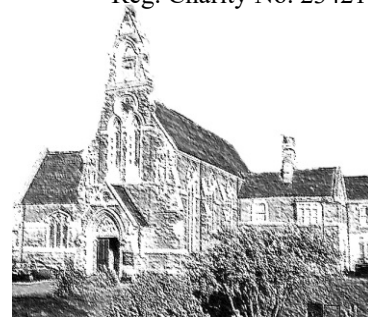


# St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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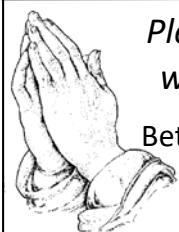


## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year C

## Today we pray for...

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| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> | 12.30pm        | People of the Parish – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>              |
|                           | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>Dailia's special intention – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i></b> |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>   | 10.00am        | Madge & Thomas Moore – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>              |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>    | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Pat Wall – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's School</i></b>                   |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | <i>No Mass</i> |  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.30am         | Sr. Dolores Murphy – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's School</i>                |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.10am         | Francis Charnock – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart School</i>                  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>11.45am</b> | <b>Eucharistic Service - <i>at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>             |
|                           | 1.45pm         | Funeral Mass for Madeleine Burley – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i>      |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 12.30pm        | Thomas Reed – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>                       |
|                           | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>Derek Smith – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i></b>                |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 10.00am        | People of the Parish – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>              |



*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

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| Wed | 12pm  | AA Group  |
| Fri | 12.15 | 'Come as you are' Prayer Group                  |
|     | 7pm   | Church Cleaning ( <i>Last Friday of month</i> ) |

### 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.

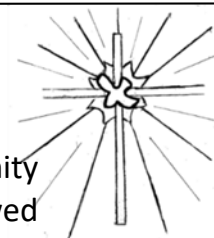
Lent is a time for careful preparation to make your confession and renew your baptismal promises at Easter. The focus is on the Easter Ceremonies on Holy Saturday night when the catechumens will be baptised. Make a special Lent rule this year for fasting, prayer, almsgiving and if possible, attendance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

### 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 - £78.75

Gift Aid - £9.00

**TOTAL - £87.75**

*Next weekend we shall have an emergency CAFOD Appeal second collection for the Cyclone disaster in Southern Africa*

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 8am - 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, B70 7JW

### 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/>

### The March for Life

this year is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

### 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.

### 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](mailto:a.m_kelly@btinternet.com) or 07890 066 309 or go to [www.pathwaystogod.org](http://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.

### 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.

### The Kingdom Warriors

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

### Holy Week Passion Play

Involving a diverse team of a hundred community actors, musicians and stewards alongside Saltmine Theatre Company, The Birmingham Passion Play 2019 is by the city, for the city. This unique contemporary retelling of the extraordinary Easter story will be performed live, processing from Birmingham Bullring, moving up along New Street to Victoria Square, and finishing at St Philip's Cathedral. On 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April, join us from 12:30 each day at the Bullring near Waterstones, finishing around 14:00 inside St Philip's Cathedral.

### 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.

### Parish Census

Following the new Data Protection Act we need to renew our parish data. If you had a form, 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 6pm - 8pm at St Anne's Training Room, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham, B12 OPY. Please contact Sharon McCall: 07387 418319

### First Fridays for Faith

On this coming Friday 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.

### The Sower

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