Sunday 14th March 2015
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today we pray for...

- Kitty McManus - Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Saturday 14th, 12.30pm)
- Dennis Seery - Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Sunday 15th, 10.00am)
- Stations of the Cross – at St. Joseph’s Church (11.15am)
- Joseph Wall - Mass at St Joseph’s Church (12.00pm)
- Stations of the Cross – at Sacred Heart Church (6.00pm)
- Mandy Burnett’s Intentions – Mass at St Joseph’s Church (Monday 16th, 9.30am)
- Lucie’s family - Mass at St Joseph’s School (Tuesday 17th, 11.30am)
- Mass in Sacred Heart Club (Wed 18th, 9.30am)
- Sr. Aloysius O’Sullivan - Mass at St Joseph’s Church (Thursday 19th, 7.00pm)
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – at Sacred Heart Church (Friday 20th, 9.30am)
- Nancy Lynch – Mass at Sacred Heart Church (10.00am)
- People of the Parish – Mass at St. Joseph’s Church (7.00pm)
- Ken Levell - Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Saturday 21st, 12.30pm)
- Stations of the Cross – at St. Joseph’s Church (6.00pm)
- Special Lenten Vigil Service – at St Joseph’s Church (6.30pm)
- Peter McKernan - Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Sunday 22nd, 10.00am)
- Stations of the Cross – at St. Joseph’s Church (11.15am)
- Winnie O’Brien’s Intentions - Mass at St Joseph’s Church (12.00pm)
- Legion of Mary Acies including Benediction– at Sacred Heart Church (3.00pm)
- Stations of the Cross – at Sacred Heart Church (6.00pm)

Parish Groups

- Wednesday 12pm AA Group
- Friday 12pm ‘Come as you are’ Prayer Group
- 7.00pm (Last Friday of every month) Church Cleaning
- 8.00pm Family Music Group
- (after Mass) Choir Rehearsal
- (new members always welcome!)
- (after Mass) Credit Union

Feast/Saint Days

- Tuesday 17th St Patrick
- Wed 18th St Cyril of Jerusalem
- Thursday 19th St Joseph

Weekly Collections

The collection from last weekend was

- Loose £79.85
- Gift Aid £35.00
- TOTAL £126.43

- Cathedral Maintenance £49.69
- Cake Sale £10.00
- Donation £550.00

Sick of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in our Parish, especially... Yvette Scandrett, Pete Rodway, Ellen O’Brien, Sarah Cummins, Bethany Kerr, Rose McLoughlin, Shirley Davis, Christopher Brown, Teray McTerran, Harry Murphy, Michael Duddy, Mary Freeman, Anne Doyle, Tony & Diane Donaghue, Mary Parsons, Violet, Leo O’Gorman, Kay Healy

Please pray for Father Gerry McCrindle, the former Parish Priest of St. Joseph’s, who is particularly unwell at this time.

St. Joseph’s ‘Come as You Are’ Prayer Group would like to welcome you to come and pray with us at our Friday meeting, between 12.00pm and 1.00pm. The Prayer meeting takes place at St. Joseph’s Church, with a Eucharistic Service beforehand at 11.45am if you wish to attend that too. We look forward to welcoming you.

Another SPECIAL VIGIL SERVICE will be held on Saturday evening 21st March at 6.30pm at St. Joseph’s Church to help you prepare for Holy Week & Easter. It will be preceded by Stations of the Cross at 6pm.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be on Sundays during Lent at 11.15am. The Easter Triduum

Lent is our preparation for celebrating the Easter Triduum. This year we shall do it the opposite way round to last year. Maundy Thursday & Good Friday will be at St. Joseph’s and Easter at Sacred Heart.

Maundy Thursday (2nd April)
Mass of Last Supper - 7.30pm (St. Joseph’s)

Good Friday (3rd April)
Good Friday Liturgy - 3.00pm (St. Joseph’s)

Holy Saturday (4th April)
The Easter Vigil - 8.30pm (Sacred Heart)
Confirmation - Thursday
Bishop Robert Byrne, our auxiliary Bishop will be coming to St. Joseph’s to celebrate our patronal festival and for the Confirmation of our school and parish children on Thursday 19th March at 7pm (the feast day of St Joseph). It would be lovely if you can come and support our children on that very special day in their lives.

St. Patrick’s Day
There will be a Mass in St. Joseph’s school at 9.30 am to which you are welcome and then a Mass at 11.30 am in the Sacred Heart Church, celebrated by Fr. Mark with refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Saturday 9th May 2015. Led by Bishop Kenney C.P. Coach - £30.00 per person (includes a Pilgrimage Booklet, a cooked evening meal and the Diocesan Levy). The coach will leave: The Oratory, Plough and Harrow Road at 7.15am; St Catherine’s, Great Colmore Street at 7.30am and St Chad’s Cathedral at 7.45am. Please contact Mrs Anne Roe buck to book a seat on the coach. Her contact details are: Tel: 0121 454 0130. Email: anne.roebuck@btinternet.com

World Youth Day 2016 Now is the time to be thinking about going on World Youth Day. It is 19 July – 2nd August 2016 at Krakow in Poland. Minimum age 17 at departure. It costs £1150, but don’t be put off by this; talk to Fr. Stephen or Sr. Catherine if you think you might be interested in going.

Dementia Prayer Week
12th-19th March. Please pray for people with dementia and their families and carers, especially during this week by coming to Mass, attending the Exposition or the Prayer Group at St. Joseph’s

Going Into Hospital?
Please do let the parish priest know if you are going into hospital. Furthermore, it is ESSENTIAL that you ask for the Catholic chaplain when in hospital. Chaplains are often no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients. You are actually doing the Church a favour by requesting the chaplaincy and sacraments whilst in hospital

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaile helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This programme has helped 1000s of couples. For confidential information or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 20th - 22nd March 2015 email info@retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 07887 296983 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Lenten Alms
In view of the appalling suffering of so many Christians in the Middle East, Archbishop Bernard suggests that we make “Aid to the Church in Need” the recipient of our Lenten alms this year

40 Days for Life
A prayer vigil is kept outside the Marie Stopes Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8am until 8pm every day during Lent. Please see if you can help. Either just turn up there or better book in a slot on their website so that they know that there will be someone there during that time.

Legion of Mary Peregrinatio
The Legionaries arrived on Saturday and will work through the week visiting the homes of the parishes. Please welcome them and pray for their work.

The week will finish with a special Mass on Friday evening at 7.00 pm at St. Joseph’s. The people they visit will be invited to this and we need as many parishioners as possible from both parishes to attend.

Confessions before Easter
Friday 27th March after Mass
Saturdays 11.45am
Monday in Holy Week after 10am Mass
Good Friday after the Liturgy
At St. Chad’s every weekday after the 12.15pm Mass

Services of Reconciliation
Kingstanding, Maryvale & Perry Common
Tuesday 24th March 7pm
Perry Barr
Monday 23rd March 7pm
St Nicholas, Boldmere
Wednesday 25th March 7pm
Erdington Abbey
Tuesday 31st March 7.30pm

After St. Patrick’s Festival Parade Birmingham on Sunday 15th March: Music and Song in St. Anne’s Church, Alcester Street from 1.45pm, and throughout the afternoon, with St. Anne’s Catholic Primary School Choir: Song and Dance from Birmingham Slovak Community; some Eritrean Culture and Music; from the Keelan family, Mary Leonard and St. Anne’s Parish Choir a variety of Irish Music and Song, with some Classical pieces to relax the mind and body. Tea and coffee available throughout the afternoon.

Aston & Nechells Food Bank require the following items: Sugar, Tinned fruit & vegetables, coffee, tinned meat & fish, Milk (UHT/powder), Pasta Sauce (Jar), Tinned rice pudding, Packet soups, Toilet rolls, Hand soap, Toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, deodorants, washing up liquid, nappies, chocolate snacks. If you would prefer to give cash donations to the food bank, this is very helpful as it supports running costs and enables us to bulk purchase items. Cheques should be made payable to “CanDo 4:13” and posted to ANFB, St Matthews Church, 63 Wardlow Rd, Nechells B7 4JH

St Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre wish to appoint 2 Teaching Assistants to start as Level 2 (unqualified) and progress to Level 3 Raising Achievement Assistant positions on completion of their NVQ Level3 training. This training is essential and will be fully funded by the school. Applicants must have GCSE Grade C or equivalent in Maths and English. Closing date: Friday 20th March 2015. For more details call 464 5368.

There will be an EVENING OF RECOLLECTION for Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist at Maryvale Institute on Thursday 26th March 7-9.30pm. Please see Fr. Stephen if you are interested in going.

Birmingham Taizé Pilgrimage 2015
Next summer 1st Aug - 10th Aug, there will be an ecumenical Birmingham pilgrimage to Taizé aimed at those aged 17-29. For more information email taizebirmingham@gmail.com