

Parish Of St Joseph's Catholic Church, Nechells

Parish Priest: Fr. Solomon Ghebray

Telephone: (0121)3270235

Stjoseph.bham@rcaob.org.uk

Safeguarding Representative: Rodah Nyakudya: 07882638922

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No: 234216

Mass Times and Intentions for week

Commencing Sunday 20 MARCH 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

Sunday: 9.45am (The people of this Parish)

THURSDAY 2.00pm (School Mass)

FRIDAY: 12.00pm (Michael's Special intention)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday : 9. 25 – 9.40am

ROTAS

Week commencing 20 March 2022, 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.45 am Mass

READER : Anne McCleary/Danny Delaney

Week commencing 27 March ,2022, 4th Sunday of Lent

9.45am Mass

READER : Anne McCleary/Danny Delaney

NEW COVID GUIDELINES

- If you are attending an act of worship you may wish to continue to wear a face covering.
- It is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches.
- Please be sensitive to the needs of others around you, and where possible, try to leave a free seat between you and other people not known to you. The sign of peace is being offered again but please note that not everyone around you may feel comfortable with this. Holy Water stoups are being used again. Do not come into the Church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 or have been asked to self-isolate

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) is taking place before the Mass in school next week at 1.40pm.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will now take place on Sunday 12th June at 12.20pm.

Each Sunday after the Mass there is an opportunity to get together parishioners over a cup of coffee or tea. This is an important way of building and strengthening the parish community, so please join us, whether you are a regular member of the congregation or a visitor. Refreshments are served in the Community room and we look forward to getting to know you better – all welcome!

Diocesan Vision Prayer – Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others. Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE: Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for the entire world. Amen.

The Columban Lay Missionaries: On behalf of the Parishioners I welcome the Columban Lay Missionaries who have taken up residence in the parish house at St. Joseph's.

Support CAFOD's work in the Ukraine: This Sunday there is a second collection in support of CAFOD's work with Caritas Ukraine and the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. More information about how CAFOD is assisting the humanitarian work on the ground, as well as an online donation portal, can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

Please be as generous as you can be in support of this humanitarian crisis, and continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine: **O God, author and lover of peace, to know you is to live, to serve you is to reign; defend against every attack those who cry to you, so that we, who trust in your protection, may not fear the weapons of any foe.**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Hospital Chaplaincy: If you or a family member is in hospital and would like a visit by a Priest please inform Fr. Solomon as the Hospital staff will not automatically let us know.

BIBLE STUDY of St. Luke's Gospel will start on 14th March. I hope many people will join in. Please contact George on 07870 153066 or at georgeswisoba@live.co.uk to register. You have to register to get in.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP You are welcome to come to the Friday Prayer Group in the Community Room at St. Joseph's following the 12 noon Mass. For further details contact Geoff on 07477024137 or Mike 07901833048.

A.A.Group: The Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet every Wednesday at St. Joseph's Parish room at 12.00noon. Please contact Mike on 07901833048.