



# The Catholic Parishes of

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As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasise "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

**ANIMA CHRISTI** Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

### Dates for your Diary

Thur 14 March	Sacrament of Confirmation	St Thomas's	7pm
Wed 20 March	Day of Prayer & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament	St Christopher's	10am-4pm
Sat 23 March	Lenten Retreat	St Christopher's	10am-4pm

<i>Weekly Collections 2/3 March</i>	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Gift Aid Standing Orders</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cathedral Maintenance</b>
St Christopher's	£190.62	£465.90	£784.00	<b>£1440.52</b>	<b>£261.23</b>
St Thomas's	£168.14	£200.25	£40.00	<b>£365.39</b>	<b>£139.90</b>

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2019			First Sunday of Lent
5:30 pm	St C	Sheila Gallagher RIP – 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pat Murphy RIP	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>			
9:15 am	St C	Julian Chalmers – Good Health	
11:15 am	St T	Kathleen McNally RIP Pelagie Corera RIP	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>			Lent Feria
7:00 pm	St C	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>			Lent Feria
7:00 pm	St C	Michael O'Hara RIP	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>			Lent Feria
10:00 am	St T	Tony McCormack RIP	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>			Lent Feria
10:00 am	St T	Mary Barker RIP Special Intention Gama Family	
7.00pm	St T	Sacrament of Confirmation	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>			Lent Feria
11.30 am	St C	Dave Chambers RIP	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>			Lent Feria
10:30 am	St T	Morning Mass: People of the Parish	
11:00 am	St T	Exposition and Holy Hour and Confessions	
4:00 pm	St C	Exposition and Holy Hour	
4:30 pm	St C	Confessions	
			Second Sunday of Lent
5:30 pm	St C	Patrick Murphy RIP	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March			
9:15 am	St C	Biddy Moore RIP	
11:15 am	St T	John Joyce RIP Tony Jones RIP	

**Remember in your prayers those who have died** Arthur Tidmarsh, Peggy Mee, Biddy Moore and Patrick Murphy.  
 Arthur's Funeral Service will be at Bushbury Crematorium West Chapel on Thursday 14 March at 1.30pm  
 Peggy's Requiem Mass will be at St Thomas's on Wednesday 20 March at 10am.  
 Biddy will be received into St Thomas's on Wednesday 20 March at 4.30pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 21 March at 11.30am.  
 Patrick will be received into St Christopher's on Wednesday 27 March at 4.30pm and his Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 28 March at 12.30pm.  
 May they rest in peace. We pray also for their family and friends at this time.

**SICKLIST** To comply with GDPR legislation, from Nov 2018, we started the parish sick list anew only those who have given consent will be on our sick list. A letter is available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Zofia Stanislawski, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap, PWB, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, Mr & Mrs JT Bogue, John Lewis, Margaret Waleczek, Peter Mason, T Hill, Alexandra Marshall, Jayne Wiggins, Anthony Jones, Betty Cotter, Joan Mullen, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME** Alice Chavasse, Christopher Hogan, Dennis Winspear, Mary Farbon, John Ashley, Christine Marchal, Wasyl Klatschok, Bobroboje Atanaskovic, Gertrude Johnson, Wladystaw Osiadaez, Evelyn Rush, Elizabeth Clare, James McDermott, Michael Ratcliffe, Emily Hickie, Lucy Tyson, Mry Hogan, William Biffin, Jan Bobrownicki, Dorothy Jacobs, Bernard Stanton, Thomas Mcgarey, Rita Garner, John McCloskey, Peter Oduoza, George Davidson, Terence Bosi, Bridget Jones, John Bowman, Damien Farrelly, Deacon James Rowe, Rev Christopher Thornton, Canon Gerard Hanlon, Rev Anthony Sims,

**Stations of the Cross** Sundays, 12.30pm at St Thomas's and Fridays, 7pm at St Christopher's.

**Lenten Devotions** During Lent during both Saturday Holy Hour's we will use the weekend's gospel as a sort of Lectio Divina read aloud 3 times by different voices to give a focus to the Holy Hour, and help us prepare ourselves perhaps more fully for the weekend's celebration of Mass. Volunteers to read would be gratefully received.

**Lenten Group** Thursdays, 7pm at St Christopher's. The theme: "The Sacraments" This will include a short DVD presentation followed by questions and discussion and refreshments.

**Lenten Retreat** on Sat 23 March, 10am-4pm at St Christopher's. The theme will be "God's Covenant of Love" and it will be led by the Rt Rev. Mgr Bruce Harbert, former executive Director of ICEL. A donation of £10 to include a light lunch. If you wish to attend please write your name on the sheet at the back of church.

**Penitential Services:**

Friday 12 April,	7pm	St Christopher's
Monday 15 April,	7pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road, WV10 8PG
Tuesday 16 April,	7pm	St Michael's, Coalway Road, WV3 7ND
Wednesday 17 April,	7pm	Holy Trinity, Oxford Street, Bilston, WV14 7EL

**Lent Lunches** All welcome. Charities supported this year: Local - Hope Community helps people in Heath Town, Wolverhampton. Overseas - Streetlight in the Philippines (Street Children)

16 March, 12:30-2:30pm, Tettenhall Wood URC

23 March, 12:30-2:30pm, St Michael's: Tettenhall Parish Centre

**30 March, 12:30-2:30pm, St Thomas: Newman Centre**

6 April, 12:30-2:30pm, St Columba's, Finchfield

13 April, 12:30-2:30pm, Good Shepherd, Castlecroft

**Second Collection Next Sunday for CAFOD** Envelopes for the Family Fast Day on Friday 15 March are available for collection this weekend.

**First Holy Communion at St Christopher's** Parents of children Year 3 upwards who don't go to a Catholic School but who want to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion please see Fr Paul or contact the office as soon as possible. Classes begin next Tuesday 12 March. Those wanting to receive the sacraments must attend all sessions.

**St Thomas's Easter Raffle** Prizes: gold ruby & diamond pendant, gold diamond earrings, modern silver bracelet, modern gents watch and bottle red & white wine. Tickets £5 in aid of church funds.

**Body In Balance** A gentle exercise class to promote fitness, balance & wellbeing with a cuppa & chat. Every Thursday (term time) in St Christopher's church hall. 1-2pm. All welcome.

**St Christopher's & St Thomas's Youth Group** next meeting 17 March, 5pm in St Christopher's Church Hall. Open to all aged 11-17.

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** Next Meeting at St Christopher's Monday 18 March at 7.30pm. If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc. **If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

**Women's Interfaith Meetings - Women Together** Margaret Holt has volunteered to be St Thomas's Women's Interfaith Link. Period Poverty if wish to donate sanitary products please leave in the GIVE BOX at the back of church.

**St Christopher's Tots** on Wed 13 March, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

**Confirmation at St Thomas' Thursday 14 March 7pm** Celebrant Bishop Pargeter. Our prayers are with the young people as they undertake their final preparations. The parish is invited to share in a celebration with the Confirmandii on Sunday 17 after Mass in the Newman Centre.

**Mass on Friday 15 March at St Christopher's will be at 11.30am** due to St Patrick's Day lunch. If you want to come for the meal please sign the sheet at the back of Church. There is no charge for this event but there will be a collection in aid of CAFOD Family Fast Day – please be generous.

**St Christopher's Day of Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Wed 20 March, 10am-4pm.** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church if you can spare the time so that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. Thank you.

**Baptism Preparation** Anyone wanting their child to be baptised please email Matthew Bradbury [1baptismclass@gmail.com](mailto:1baptismclass@gmail.com) Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 13 April, 9.45am  
**Every Life Matters Talk by Life Charity** Sat 23 March, 10.30am, Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral B4 6EY. Cost – suggested donation of £5 will be given to Life Charity. For info call 0121 475 1227 / 07767 457625

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage Lourdes 25–31 May** The cost will be around £900. I would be happy to do all we can to give assistance in financing this. For more info speak to Fr Paul.  
**We have noticed through the census forms that there are a number of people who are tax payers who have not yet signed up to Gift Aid their offerings.** If you are one of these parishioners please would you consider signing up as it costs you nothing and we get extra revenue. Forms are available from Fr Paul or either parish office.  
**Church Collections** If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not. Speak to Linda or Margaret Gallagher for more information.

**Job Advertisement for Senior Administrative Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General** Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week), £25,000 to £30,000 p.a., Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway, BIRMINGHAM. Closing date, noon, Fri 22 March. See noticeboard for details.

**Wolverhampton Church Shelter** Would you consider volunteering? Contact Jeremy Watson on 07970 778595, email [churchsheltermvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:churchsheltermvolunteers@gmail.com) for an application form or for more info. People can volunteer for one night a fortnight or even one night a month. All volunteers will be trained, must be aged over 18 with two character references.

**Good Shepherd Relief in Need** To collect large items tel Ann Reaney, 07845 003656, the shop 07510 618752, House clearance tel Peter 07889 786687. (Beds, sofas & chairs need fire labels).

**The English Way - Walking Pilgrimage** for young men aged 18-30, Ferrol to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. 3-10 July 2019 with Fr Michael Dolman and Fr Julian Green. Enquiries/bookings call Fr Green 01782 782121, email [pp.partnershipparishes@gmail.com](mailto:pp.partnershipparishes@gmail.com)

## **KENELM YOUTH TRUST**

**Fearless weekend retreat 22-24 March** at Alton Castle. Open to people in Years 5-9. Cost £75. Includes a stream for Young Leaders in Years 10-13 having their own accommodation and taking part in sessions suited just for them: designed to engage, inspire and build up their ability to lead and share their faith. Email [stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) for more info. for adventure, adrenaline, times of prayer, worship and entering in to the Sacraments.

**Proud to Profess at St Mary's College Oscott** on Sat 13 April 11am-6pm. For those aged 14-30 £5 per person. Workshops and live presentation of the Stations of the Cross, fresh look at Marian Devotion. Email [kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) for more info or to book.

**World Youth Day at Home** To keep that Panama feel, we're celebrating World Youth Day @ Home in the summer, and it's right on your doorstep! From the 7th-9th June 2019 World Youth Day @ Home will be running at Alton Castle for 16-25 year olds featuring world renowned music artists, international speakers. See website <https://wydathome.weebly.com> for more information.

**Summer Camp 2019** at Alton Castle You can book a place for Week 1: August 4th-8th or Week 2: August 11th-15th. Experience a life-changing encounter with God in a way like never before through powerful moments of prayer, crazy activities, exciting day trips, challenging talks and so much more... For info email: [beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

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