

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

"Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts."

This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday, a Sunday of joy. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. The Church's liturgy, on this the fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the 'man born blind'. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ.

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MOTHERING SUNDAY: Traditionally the fourth Sunday of Lent was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother'

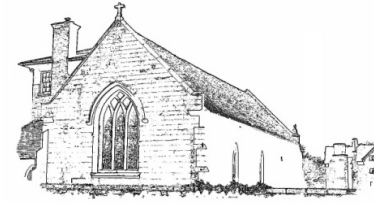
church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old. Most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

www.bbc.co.uk/religion

The parish thank the Co-Op Funeralcare Cluster for their generous donation of daffodils to be given to mothers at St Mary's today.

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions
(YEAR C Readings)**

Sunday 31 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -
5.00 pm -

Monday 1 April

9.00 am -

Tuesday 2 April

9.00 am -

Wednesday 3 April

9.00 am -
9.30 am -

Thursday 4 April

11.30 am -

Friday 5 April

11.30 am -

Saturday 6 April

10.00 am -

Confessions after Mass and on call.

Sunday 7 April

8.30 am -
10.30 am -
5.00 pm -

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Ernest Godwin R.I.P.

For the People of The Parish

Stations of The Cross

Lent Feria

Private Intention

Lent Feria

Commemoration of St Francis of Paola, Hermit

Maureen & Patrick Ribbins R.I.P.

Lent Feria

Private Intention

Discussion Group (please see note below)

Lent Feria

Commemoration of St Isidore, Bishop, Dr of the Church

Michael Bianco R.I.P.

Lent Feria

Commemoration of St Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Stan Robson R.I.P.

Lent Feria

Private Intention

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

For the People of The Parish

Laurence Rochford R.I.P.

Stations of The Cross



"Where two or three
come together in my
name, there I am
with them."
Matt 18:20

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the **GROUP DISCUSSION ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013), Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Bianco who died recently.
May he Rest In Peace.

Prayers for the sick: Denis Conway, Kathleen Clark, Anthony Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice, Michael Bird.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 31 March Stephen Fox, Bridget Robson
Jean Lloyd, Mary Meese
Sunday 7 April Eddie Picardo, Paul Walmsley
Elizabeth Mountford, Denise Grant

Readers:

Sunday 31 March Martin Dawson
David Lewis
Sunday 7 April Marian Trafford
Frances Rimmer

Church Cleaners:

Friday 5 April June & Robert Hall
Friday 12 April Maureen Brewer, Teresa Crane & Ann-Marie Robinson

Money Counters:

For the 31 March collection Andrea Barker & Marian Trafford
For the 7 April collection Dr M Bird & Mrs J Waterhouse

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 24 March

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes £234.00
Loose cash £266.45

Second collection taken for DEC/CAFOD's *Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal*: £798.84

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Mr M Dawson

EMERGENCY EXIT: Via sacristy and through the house

DEANERY SERVICES OF PENANCE all at 7.30pm:

Thursday 4 April - St. Ambrose's, Kidderminster.
Friday 12 April - The Sacred Heart & Catherine of Alexandria, Droitwich
Monday 15 April - St. Peter's, Bromsgrove.
Tuesday 16 April - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redditch.

*** Please note Fr John hears confessions every Saturday morning after Mass and on call.**



NURSES NEEDED TO SUPPORT SICK PILGRIMS



Do something really different and make a real difference. Every year the Birmingham Diocese take sick pilgrims to Lourdes, a pilgrimage that they cannot make without the support from the wonderful doctors and nurses who come with us. This year there is a particular need for extra trained nurses. If you are able to help it is an opportunity for you to do something new and to make a real difference for these travellers.

Can you help? The pilgrimage runs from **25-31 May**.

For more information please contact:

Lourdes Pilgrimage Office
Cathedral House
St Chad's Queensway
Birmingham
B4 6EX
Tel: 0121 230 6288
Email: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk



EMMAUS WALK on SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2019

Registration and Sponsorship Forms are now available from Gail and Stephen Brown or Anne and Jim Quinn



St Mary's Harvington Social Committee's 'BLUEBELL WALK' is on **TUESDAY 30 APRIL**. Leaving Harvington at 10.00am joining up with those who would rather start in Chaddesley at 10.45am, arriving at Rowberry's Tea rooms 12.30/1.00pm approx. when others are welcome to join the walkers for refreshments.

Mike Jones has offered to run a series of **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS** later this Spring. He will give a free 'taster presentation' on **Sunday 7 April** in the stable **after the 10.30 Mass**. The workshops are designed for everyone to enjoy - age and ability are no barriers. This is intended to be a social and an educational opportunity for all of us to learn how to take better photographs. All you need to bring to the taster

session is a device that can take photographs eg a camera, a phone, a tablet. **So that we can plan whether the stable's upstairs is large enough to accommodate numbers please sign one of the forms either on the porch table or on the stable notice board to register your interest.**