



"Charity is the soul of faith, makes it alive; without love, faith dies." St. Anthony of Padua

Saint Anthony of Padua

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Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday 15th Mar—Lent Feria

9 am Adoration 9.30am Holy Mass Malayalam
6 pm Holy Mass—Bernatte Canning Intention

Sunday 16th Mar

10am Holy Mass—Bernatte Canning Intention

Monday 17th Mar—Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
No Mass

Tuesday 18th Mar—Lent Feria

Perpetual Novena of St Anthony of Padua

9.30 am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass CP Intention

Wednesday 19th Mar—Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Thursday 20th Mar—Lent Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Friday 21st Mar —Lent Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass
3.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday 22nd Mar—Lent Feria

9 am Lenten Retreat and Holy Mass Malayalam
Parish visit by Rt. Rev. Timothy Menezes Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham
6 pm Holy Mass—People of the Parish Main celebrant: Bishop Timothy Menezes

Sunday 23rd Mar

Parish visit by Rt. Rev. Timothy Menezes Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham
10am Holy Mass—People of the Parish Main celebrant: Bishop Timothy Menezes

Dear Parishioners,

With profound joy and gratitude, the Parish of St. Anthony's Church welcomes Bishop Timothy Menezes, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Birmingham on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd March 2025, on the occasion of his Parish visit.

I am happy that Bishop Timothy has consented to officially install the first-class relic of St. Anthony of Padua for public veneration on Saturday during Holy Mass.

This sacred moment deepens our devotion and strengthens our faith as we honour the life and intercession of St. Anthony, whose presence now resides among us in a special way. We entrust this holy relic to our church, praying that it may be a source of grace, inspiration, and blessings for all who seek St. Anthony's intercession. I am inviting all our parishioners to this special and graceful occasion. Your presence on this special celebratory occasion is what makes it gracious. Please come and join with Bishop Timothy to celebrate this historic event together with the parish visit.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Fr.George Thomas, Parish Priest.

Parish Finance SO Feb £541.70		50/50 Club February Winners—Congratulations to you all.	
Gift Aid	£ 97.00		
Cash	£140.60		
Total	£237.60		
Cathedral Maintenance £53.02			
CAFOD collection 15/16th Mar			
		£100	M Knight £50 M Evans £50 V Leighton
		£25	R Brandon £25 M Huntbatch

Please pray for the sick and those who care for them especially

Janet Cooper, Chris & Mary Scott, David Walsh, Trevor Quinton, Julie Kendrick, Margaret Smith, Harminder Luis, Martyn Davies, Mary Therese Richard, Doris McShane, Maura Gallagher, Carole Mountford, Mary Doll Gallagher, Robert and Eileen Palmer, Ann O'Rourke, Margaret Clemson, Maureen Tannian. *Names may be added to the list with the consent of the person concerned*

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Owen, Edward Carroll, Helen Fieldhouse, Thomas Barlow, Annie Jones, Sarah Washington, Alfred Turner, Harry Sacrisbrick, Julia Broks, Maria Rusyn, Micheal McEvery, Margaret McEvery, Christopher Evans, Patrick Malone, Lucy Browne, Joseph Moore, Winnifred Hughes, Assunta Cacciatore, Margaret O'Shea, Angelia McBrien, Silvestro Skapas, John McCormack, Davina Cooper, Reno del Bollo, Kenneth Kelley, Guiseppe Cacciatore.

Rota	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Counting Team
Sat	Lewis	Martyn	
Sun	Sandra M	Gail	Anne, Wendy, Marie, Donna
Sat (Next weekend)	Dan	Richard	
Sun	Harriet	Debra	Liz, Gail, Anne

If you have a child attending a non Catholic School and would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please see Martyn or Fr George with proof of the child's baptism.

Preparation for Confirmation for Children attending non-Catholic schools

Dates will be as follows: Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May and 6th June. 4pm in St Anthony's Sacristy. Archbishop Bernard will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 12th June.

Frugal Lunches in Lent are as follows:

20 March - Baptist Church - Thursday 12 noon
29 March- St Paul's Pendeford - Saturday
3 April - St Anthony's - Thursday
10 April - St James - Thursday

We need volunteers for 3rd April at St Anthony's - to make soup & help to set up the sacristy and run the Lunches.

All monies go to the Good Shepherd. Please support us.

Don't forget to bring a can of soup/beans or a box of cereal for the school or the Good Shepherd next weekend.

Important Dates for your diary

22nd & 23rd March	Parish visit Bishop Timothy Menezes	Sat/Sun Masses
13th April	Palm Sunday	10am
17th April	Maundy Thursday (Thursday of Holy Week)	7pm
18th April	Good Friday	3pm
19th April	Easter Vigil	8pm
20th April	Easter Sunday	10am

Second Reading, Philippians 3:17-4:1, explained: Among early Christians in several places there was a controversy about whether one had to keep the old Jewish law in order to be a follower of Christ. Saint Paul argues forcefully here that one does not have to do so. Those who say one must, are really "*enemies of the cross of Christ*," because they're acting as if the death and Resurrection of Jesus are not what save us; rather, they hold that keeping the Mosaic Law is what saves them. In particular, the Law required eating kosher food and having males circumcised. The food is what Paul alludes to in ridiculing their devotion to their stomachs, and the circumcision is what he means when he says they glory in their "*shame*." St. Paul reminds us that the Christian journey of transformation is radically initiated at Baptism, but needs to be perfected day by day, until the end of time when "*Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body*" Transformed by love, grace, and Faith, Paul emerges from his conversion experience with a new heart, mind, and will. Totally given to Christ, he helps others to welcome that same transforming power of God into their own lives. St. Paul tells us that by Baptism we have become citizens of Heaven, even though we live as expatriates here. When the Lord comes again, he will transform our mortal bodies into glorified bodies and complete the work begun in his death and Resurrection. The reading challenges us to welcome the transforming power of God's love and to cooperate with the transforming power of God's grace.