



"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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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—**Francisca Mbzibain (Birthday)**

Main celebrant: Bishop Timothy Menezes

Monday 24th Mar—Lent Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 25th Mar—Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Perpetual Novena of St Anthony of Padua

9.30 am Silent Adoration

10am Holy Mass

Wednesday 26th Mar—Lent Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration

10am Holy Mass

Beryl Hancock RIP

Thursday 27th Mar—Lent Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration

10am Holy Mass

Friday 28th Mar —Lent Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration

10am Holy Mass

The Holy Souls

3.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday 29th Mar—Lent Feria

9 am Adoration 9.30 am Holy Mass Malayalam

6 pm Holy Mass—**Andy Curran RIP: Barbara Kocan RIP**

Sunday 30th Mar

10am Holy Mass—People of the Parish

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 this weekend, 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 and enjoy refreshments after Mass.

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

Parish Finance SO Feb £541.70 Gift Aid £ 80.00 Cash £253.28 Total £333.28		Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently and their family and friends at this sad time. Julia Kendrick RIP	
CAFOD collection £143.10		Julia's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 9th April at 10.30am Followed by cremation at Bushbury Crematorium West Chapel at 12 noon.	
<i>Please pray for the sick and those who care for them especially</i> 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. <i>Names may be added to the list with the consent of the person concerned</i>			
<i>We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:</i> William Gnosell, Grace Fincher, Harry Banks, Marjorie McManus, Edward Lowe, Elise Jones, Elizabeth Bohdanowicz, Michael Brown, Mary Pendeford, Gen Ivanauskas, Margaret Banks, Peter McMahan, Walter Moore, John McAndrews, Marie Proudman, John Keenan, William Sutton, Robert Jackson, George Dodd, John Loftus, Kevin McGrath, Joan Monahan, Mabel McShane, Phoebe Clayton,			
Rota Sat Sun Sat (Next weekend) Sun	Reader Dan Harriet Phil Y Phil C	Eucharistic Minister Richard Debra Martyn Sandra M	Counting Team Liz, Gail, Anne Anne, Wendy, Marie, Donna
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: 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.		EASTER RAFFLE (for Church Funds) £ 2:00 a strip . Raffle Tickets on Sale 29th / 30th March for the next 3 weekends up to Easter Weekend 19th / 20th April. Draw will take place on Easter Sunday 20th April.	
<u>Important Dates for your diary</u>			
22nd & 23rd March 13th April 17th April 18th April 19th April 20th April	Parish visit Bishop Timothy Menezes Palm Sunday Maundy Thursday (Thursday of Holy Week) Good Friday Easter Vigil Easter Sunday	Sat/Sun Masses 10am 7pm 3pm 8pm 10am	
<u>The first reading</u> (Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15) explained: This reading explains how God, speaking from a burning bush, called Moses to leave the tending of his father-in-law's flock for a challenging role as liberator of God's Chosen People. Moses was to free the Israelites from enslavement by their Egyptian rulers who were systematically persecuting them, seeking to exterminate them. The reading contains the call of Moses, the greatest Jewish liberator and law-giver, and the explanation of God's proper name: <i>Yahweh</i> . God not only trusts Moses enough to share His Name with him, but He also explains what it means. " <i>I AM Who AM</i> ," Yahweh proclaims. " <i>This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.</i> " YHWH (without vowels, as it is written in Hebrew), means " <i>I am Who am</i> " (St. Jerome, <i>Vulgate</i>) or " <i>I am He Who is</i> " (<i>Septuagint</i>) or " <i>I am Who cause to be</i> " (modern Bible scholars). God also insists that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Israel's ancestors, in order to prepare the freed Jewish slaves to reclaim their noble heritage. This reading is appropriate for Lent, because it begins the story that will reach its climax so dramatically on Holy Saturday with the reading which explains how Moses finally led the Israelites out of Egypt. Though God's salvation is always available, only those willing to change their core lives ever notice it. Repentance is the first step in our redemption. That is why Jesus gives the strong warning in today's Gospel, " <i>If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.</i> " We are called to abandon our false gods of money, power, and pleasure and return to the one God, <i>Who "secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed."</i>			
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