



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

Saint Anthony of Padua

Catholic Parish

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Fourth Sunday in Lent—Laetare Sunday—Mothering Sunday

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

Monday 31st Mar—Lent Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 1st Apr—Lent Feria

9.30 am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Perpetual Novena of St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 2nd Apr—Lent Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Thursday 3rd Apr—Lent Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass

Friday 4th Apr —Lent Feria

9.30am Silent Adoration 10am Holy Mass
3.00 pm Stations of the Cross
6.30pm-8.30pm Night Vigil Malayalam

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday 5th Apr—Lent Feria

6 pm Holy Mass—Julie Kendrick RIP

Sunday 6th Apr

10am Holy Mass—People of the Parish

Dear Parishioners, I would like to thank you all for your wholehearted support for the success of our parish visitation. It was a nice opportunity for all of us to join with our Bishop Rt Rev Timothy Menezes and to worship the Lord for all His blessings.

Your Excellency, we were deeply honoured and grateful for your presence at our parish. Your visit was not only a blessing but a beautiful sign of your love and pastoral care for our Parish community. As you placed the relic here among us for public veneration, we are reminded of the deep connection we have with the saints, the universal church, especially with St. Anthony, whose powerful intercession and example of humility, charity, and faith inspire us all. Thank you for your excellent homily.

St. Anthony of Padua has long been a beacon of hope and guidance for so many throughout history. His relic now graces our church, and we pray that it may become a source of great blessings and grace for all who visit, pray, and seek his intercession. May it deepen our faith and draw us closer to God, just as St. Anthony's life did for so many.

As we gather in the love and unity of Christ, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who have worked so diligently to make the event possible. Your contributions, both seen and unseen, have helped bring us to this moment of great blessing.

With prayerful regards, Fr. George.

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| Parish Finance SO Feb £541.70 | | Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently and their family and friends at this sad time. Julia Kendrick RIP | |
| Gift Aid | £214.00 | Julia's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 9th April at 10.30am Followed by cremation at Bushbury Crematorium West Chapel at 12 noon. | |
| Cash | £107.87 | | |
| Total | £321.87 | | |
| Please pray for the sick and those who care for them especially Janet Cooper, Chris & Mary Scott, David Walsh, Trevor Quinton, 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> | | | |
| We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William McKendry, Bernard Moore, Dennis McMillan, John Clifford, Brian Davis, Daniel Downey, Daniel Downey, William Campbell, Gwen Scott, Nora Scott, Doris Kilroy, Nora Jackson, Thomas Clarke, Frederick Dawson, Joan Wood, Elizabeth Handley, Alan Shields, Maureen Parkes. | | | |
| Rota Sat Sun Sat (Next weekend) Sun | Reader Phil Y Phil C Lewis Sue | Eucharistic Minister Martyn Sandra M Marlene Gail | Counting Team Anne, Wendy, Marie, Donna Liz, Cath, 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. 4.30 pm in St Anthony's Sacristy. Archbishop Bernard will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 12th June. | | | |
| Frugal Lunches in Lent All monies go to the Good Shepherd 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 | | EASTER RAFFLE (for Church Funds) Raffle Tickets on Sale 29/30th March £ 2 a strip. And 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> | | | |
| 13th April 17th April 18th April 19th April 20th April | Palm Sunday Maundy Thursday (Thursday of Holy Week) Good Friday Easter Vigil Easter Sunday | 10am 7pm 3pm 8pm 10am | |
| Lenten Confessions Tuesday 15th April 6.30-8.30pm During this time there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the churches listed below and a Priest/ Priests available to hear confession. St Joseph's, East Park, Wolverhampton St Michael, Penn, Wolverhampton St Chad & All Saints, Sedgley Sacred Heart, Tipton Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge St Anthonys, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton St Patrick's, Heath Town, Wolverhampton Our Lady's, Old Fallings, Wolverhampton Our Lady & St Kenelm, Halesowen St Mary's, Brierly Hill Other times for confession as advertised in local bulletins or by arrangement with your Priest. | | Candles About a year ago three ladies anonymously decided to supply the tea light candles themselves to save expense for the church. Amazingly in the past 12 months around £700 has been raised. St Anthony's parishioners are very generous in their offerings when lighting candles! One candle stand has been moved over to the new shrine to St Anthony. All candle offerings should still be put in the wall box at the back of church. Grateful thanks to the ladies who continue to supply the tea lights. Also thanks to other people who contribute by supplying various things they notice are needed. | |
| | | 50/50 Club The March draw will take place next Sunday 6th April. | |
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