



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

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Catholic Parish

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday 5th Apr—Lent Feria

6 pm Holy Mass— People of the Parish

Sunday 6th Apr

10am Holy Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 7th Apr—Lent Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 8th Apr—Lent Feria

9.00 am Silent Adoration **9.30am** Holy Mass

Perpetual Novena of St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 9th Apr—Lent Feria

10.30am Requiem Mass: Julia Kendrick RIP

Thursday 10th Apr—Lent Feria

9.30am Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass

Friday 11th Apr —Lent Feria

9.30am Holy Mass Lent Mass for the Children (school Mass)

3.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 12th Apr—Lent Feria

6 pm Holy Mass—People of the Parish

Sunday 13th Apr

10 am Holy Mass—People of the Parish

First reading: Is 43:16-21, explained: Today's Old Testament passage comes from the part of the Book of Isaiah that celebrates the permission from Cyrus the Great (538 BC), for Israel to return to Jerusalem from its exile in Babylon. After blaming the people, through His prophet Isaiah, for the unfaithfulness that had led to their exile, the Lord God assures the Babylonian exiles that He is going to end their prophesied 70 years' exile in Babylon. By having Isaiah remind them of how God had liberated their ancestors from their slavery in Egypt eight centuries earlier, (miraculously destroying the army of the Pharaoh and providing their food and water in the desert), the Lord God assures the exiles that He has forgiven their sins. Through His prophet, the Lord exhorts His people to look to the past and to remember the wondrous acts He has wrought for them through all the stages of their development as a people. He tells them He will provide for their return journey from Babylon to Jerusalem, giving them food, water, and protection from wild animals in the desert. The reading gives us the message that we, too, are forgiven, and we are, with His grace, walking His Way of Salvation away from our own sinfulness and toward Heaven. Today we hear the Lord God, through His Prophet Isaiah both reminding the exiled Jews of how God saved them in their Exodus from Egypt, and promising a new Exodus that will make the original pale by contrast. Paul tells us (in the second reading) that new Exodus is the death and resurrection of Jesus. We can be part of that new Exodus by following Christ in his suffering. We are already united with Christ but we are not finished; we must still run the race; we are called to deeper conversion, to more complete identification with him. It is like the woman caught in adultery. She was forgiven and given life, but she was commanded "Go, and sin more." Like us she embarked on a life-long commitment to Christ.

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| Parish Finance SO Feb £571.00 | | Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently and their family and friends at this sad time. Julia Kendrick RIP | |
| Gift Aid | £ 84.00 | Julia's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 9th April at 10.30am | |
| Cash | £199.05 | Followed by cremation at Bushbury Crematorium West Chapel at 12 noon. | |
| Total | £283.05 | | |
| 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: Christopher Kenny, Thomas Flynn, Jack Clemson, Frank Spencer, Sheila Maddocks, Barrie Kelly, Francis O'Byrne, Emily Kelley, Beatrice Darley, Bill O'Hara, Edna Stirling, Thomas Hands, Michael McGlover, Helena Scott, Lawrence Saeter, Patrick Harty, Betty Ryan. | | | |
| Rota | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Counting Team |
| Sat | Lewis | Marlene | |
| Sun | Sue | Gail | Liz, Kath, Anne |
| Sat (Next weekend) | Dan | Richard | |
| Sun | Jo | Dieudonne | Anne, 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. 4.30 pm in St Anthony's Sacristy. Archbishop Bernard will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 12th June. | | | |
| Frugal Lunches in Lent 10 April - St James - Thursday Thank you for everyone who helped - made the soup, bought bread and butter, set up the tables etc. AND donated. Everyone had a good, if frugal lunch. All monies to the Good Shepherd | | 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 | 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 | |
| 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. | | Safeguarding We are delighted to welcome Gerry Aston as our new Safeguarding Representative. Thank you Gerry for taking on this important role in the Parish. The safeguarding contacts for St Anthony's and the Diocese are listed at the bottom of the newsletters. St Anthony's Safeguarding Representative Gerry Aston: <i>sg.stanthony.wolves@rcaob.org.uk</i> Diocesan Safeguarding: <i>safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</i> | |
| | | 50/50 Club The March draw will take place next Sunday 6th April. | |
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