



# Sacred Heart Parish Weekly Newsletter.

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Pascal and Sue O'Malley. They can be contacted at: [sg.sacredheart.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sacredheart.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

Parish Livestream: YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNXaa0PR2IIDQExUXhzN2lg>

Dear Parishioners,

Message of Pope Francis for Lent:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20250206-messaggio-quaresima2025.html>

The late Cardinal Martini wrote: *"When the Christian chooses to give his or her life, to serve others, to take up the cross, to wash the feet of his or her fellow human being, to accept a life transformed by the Gospel, when he or she accepts the suffering that is part of this life, and the solitude akin to Christ's that comes with it – that Christian does not do it out of some strange desire to suffer, but because he or she has discovered the face of the Father and has understood that the spring of life is found in doing the Father's will, even when that indicates a road of sacrifice and dedication unto death. It is in the Eucharist that we understand all these things and how Christ makes them present in our life. The Eucharist forms us for the great choices we must make in our life and in history, according to the will of the Father..The Eucharist is a revelation of God's love and His desire for a covenant with us today, now. This revelation comes about through Jesus' total dedication."*

God Bless, Fr. Tony.

9 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 First Sunday of Lent (C) CTS New Sunday Missal. Readings p207. Preface p157 Eucharistic Prayer 3 p613	
Saturday 5.00pm	Teresa, Joe and Paul McGreevy, R.I.P. (John McGreevy)
Sunday 10.30am	For all the people of the Parish.
Monday 9.00am	Mary, John and Marian Birrane (Jenny)
Tuesday 9.00am	Terry Baker, R.I.P. (Kevin Baker)
Wednesday 9.00am	Mary O'Malley, R.I.P. (Peggy O'Malley and Family) (Today, in St Chad's Cathedral, we have our Year Reunion of all the priests who were ordained in my year group. Thanks be to God this year will be our 45 <sup>th</sup> year as priests.)
Thursday 9.00am	Maisie and Lal for good health (Julie and John)
Friday 9.00am	Madeline Griffin, R.I.P. (Celine McCrea)
Saturday 8.15am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mary O'Malley, R.I.P. (Pascal and Susan O'Malley)
Confessions	Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am and 4.30pm – 4.50pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 Second Sunday of Lent (C) CTS New Sunday Missal. Readings p212. Preface p162 Eucharistic Prayer 3 p613	
Saturday 5.00pm	For all the people of the Parish
Sunday 10.30am	Gifty Poku and Family (Gifty Poku)



If you hear the fire alarm leave by the nearest exit following the instructions of the fire marshals. The Assembly Point is in the car park

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Retiring collection for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral £114.25

**Next weekend** collection for CAFOD Lent Fast please take home a CAFOD envelope.

**Counters this week:** Team D.

**500 Club February Draw.** Total income £290.00 Total prizemoney £145.00 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £85.00 No. 413 Mathew Daniel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £40.00 No. 726 J. Hogan; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £20.00 No. 949 Celine McCrea.

**Rosary Prayers. Every Friday in Lent,** at 'Our Lady of Coventry' statue, in Priory Gardens by Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate. Every Friday at 1.40pm. (Duration 30 minutes). Please invite others to come, all welcome.

**Come and See weekends** with the Cistercian Nuns at Holy Cross Whitland, Pembrokeshire. Friday 30th May to Monday 2nd June and Friday 8th August to Monday 11th August. Please see poster in porch for more details

**Pioneer Mass in honour of St Patrick** will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm in Christ the King Church and afterwards in the Parish Library. All welcome.

**Coventry Comhaltas St Patrick's Ceili** Friday 14th March 2025 8.00-11.30pm Christ the King Club, Westhill Rd, Coventry CV6, 2AA Dancing to Innisfail Ceili Band (with Caller) Adults £5.00 Children £2.50 For details please contact PRO Jarlath Mulhern on 07876 013590

**Charis** Every fourth Friday 6.00pm – 8.00pm in Corpus Christi Church, Langbank Avenue CV3 2QP. For more information please see poster in porch or contact Fr Stephen 07912643626 or Siju Simon 07983556834.

#### Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers 22<sup>nd</sup>

**March** 9.30am – 1.00pm in St Thomas More CV3 5DE. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Talks, soup and sandwiches.

**Caritas Social Action Network** (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey: [https://www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/?mc\\_cid=2cdc713595&mc\\_eid=169f78e483](https://www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/?mc_cid=2cdc713595&mc_eid=169f78e483)

The survey will close on 25th March

#### Quiz Night - Saturday 22nd March – 7.00pm

£2 entry. Food to purchase on the night. Bring your own drinks. Soft drinks and teas and coffees available to purchase.

**Monthly meeting on the third Sunday of the month** to support and accompany 18+ LGBTQ+ Catholics, family members, and friends at Diamond House, 13 Stoney Road, CV1 2NP. For more information, please contact Deacon Leo 07984 071124 [dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk)

**Sunday evening Mass in the Deanery.** There is a Sunday evening Mass in St Osburg's at 6.00pm.

#### 7-Day Candles: 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March

**Sacred Heart:** Jacob Family Special Intention; Alisha Family Protection.

**Our Lady:** Tincy Special Intention.

**By the small Crucifix:** Catriona Murphy, R.I.P.

**Please pray for** Pope Francis, Reeja Xavier, Adolfo Miralles, Lily Zuccarino, Jorge Miralles, Jose Luis Miralles, Patience Whittaker, Kathleen Griffin, Franc Bili, Eddie Cannon, Eileen Hardie, Joshua Hubert, Sue Thomas, Margaret Whittle and all who are sick, for the repose of the souls of Lilian Elwell and all who have died and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please keep in your prayers the families of those who have died.

**Sacred Heart Prayer group** meets every Tuesday evening in the hall at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome

**Offertory Donations to the Parish** The best way is by Standing Order (You can amend or cancel this with your bank at any time) **If you pay tax but don't yet Gift-Aid your donation, please ask for a form.**

#### **Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen