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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 26th February 2023

| Holy Mass | Intention |
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| <i>Saturday Evening for Sunday</i> | |
| 5:30pm Vigil Mass | Alice Simon & Santhamma Abraham |
| SUNDAY | |
| 9:00am Holy Mass | Patrick & Mary Conway RIP |
| 11:00am Solemn Mass | Patricia & Thomas Diver RIP |
| 12noon Holy Baptism | |

Weekday Masses

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| Monday 27th | |
| 9:30am Holy Mass | Sonia Beronio RIP |
| 5:00pm Reception | Michael Mullen |
| Tuesday 28th | |
| 12:15pm Requiem Mass | Michael Mullen |
| 5:30pm Novena & Rosary | |
| 6:00pm Holy Mass | Betty & Paul Cowman |

MARCH

Wednesday 1st Saint David, Patron of Wales

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| 9:30am Holy Mass | Teresa Noone |
| 6:00pm Saint Andrew's School | |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 2nd Saint Chad, Patron of the Archdiocese

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| 10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's School | |
| 5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration | |
| 6:00pm Holy Mass | Christopher Hughes RIP |

Friday 3rd

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| 9:30am Holy Mass | Tom Browne |
| 10:00am – 11:00am | |
| Eucharistic Adoration | |
| 6:00pm Holy Mass | Special Intention |

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 4th

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| 10:00am Holy Mass | Anne Joyce |
| 10:30am – 11:00am | |
| Eucharistic Adoration & First Saturday Devotions | |

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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| 5:30pm Vigil Mass | Kitty Gaffney 95 th Birthday Ints |
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SUNDAY 5th

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| 9:00am Holy Mass | Ian Salt RIP Anniv |
| 11:00am Solemn Mass | Canon Garry Byrne RIP |

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass
Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - During Adoration on Fridays



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & LENT

We may have asked ourselves, at one time or another, how we can correspond to the greatness of God's love. We may have wanted to see a program for Christian living clearly explained. The answer is easy, and it is within reach of all the faithful: to participate lovingly in the Holy Mass, to learn to deepen our personal relationship with God in the sacrifice that summarises all that Christ asks of us. *Saint Josemaria Escriva*

Jesus invites us to dwell within His Presence. And there to come to know the breadth and depth of His love, mercy and kindness that He shows to us. While it's nice to read or study about the love and mercy of God, how radically different it is from experiencing His love and mercy.

So I invite you this Lenten season to carve out a few extra minutes every week to be still before God at Eucharistic Adoration. Quiet your heart that you might hear His heart speak: Cor ad Cor. Heart to heart.

Yes, come with all your concerns and worries; come with all your hopes and desires; come with all your fears and unmet dreams; come with all your sin and what burdens you down; come as you are. But most importantly simply come with your heart. Place it all before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Quietly sit in His presence. Gaze upon Him as He tenderly gazes upon you. Listen to His quiet voice: Heart to heart.

How blessed to experience the love of God in so intimate a way at Adoration in our Church.

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

"Jesus went up on a mountain by himself to pray." (Matthew 14:22)

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with that person and they with me." (Revelation 3:20)

"My soul finds rest in God." (Psalm 62:1)

Yours faithfully in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Fr Christopher

SAINT CHAD, PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

As we celebrate the Feast of Saint Chad this week we ask his prayers that all things undertaken in the Archdiocese will bear fruit for the Lord. We pray also for the Archbishop, the successor of Saint Chad, that God may give him health and strength as he cares for this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Saint Chad, pray for us.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at [Prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Canon Garry Byrne, Brendan McCartney,
Christopher Hughes

Michael Mullen – Reception

Monday 27th February 5:00pm

Requiem Mass 28th 12:15pm

John Joseph McDonagh –

Requiem Mass 20th March 12noon

CANON GARRY BYRNE - RIP

Reception and Mass at Saint Joseph's Bidford-on-Avon
Monday 27th February 6:30pm. Requiem Mass at Christ
the Kind Coventry Tuesday 28th 12noon.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored in
memory of Ian Salt and Tom Egan.

**Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions
and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.**

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

19.02.23 – Gift Aid £153.78. Non-Gift Aid: £369.93
Total £523.71

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Syria-Turkey earthquake - £937.83

This Weekend – Pro-Life.

**Next Weekend – Retiring Collection for Priests Training
Fund.**

Office Hours; The Parish Office is open between 10:30am
and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism
Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc;
should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or
Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH DIARY

MARCH

Wednesday 1st Saint Andrew's School – First Confessions 6:00pm
Wednesday 8th Saint Thomas More School – First Confessions 10:30am
Monday 20th The Solemnity of Saint Joseph – Mass 9:30am
Saturday 25th The Solemnity of the Annunciation – Mass 10:00am

APRIL

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 6th

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday 7th

The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

Holy Saturday 8th

Solemn Paschal Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 8:00pm

Sunday 9th

Easter Day

Sunday 16th

Divine Mercy & Solemn Benediction 3:00pm

LENT "WALK WITH ME" BOOKS

These are available in the porch, please take them to prayerfully use during
Lent. They are free!

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have a child in year 3 or above **not at our Catholic Schools** who wishes
to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion there is a
Instruction Class in Church on **Tuesday 7th March at 4:00pm**. Please also if
you wish to have your child who is year 6 or above Confirmed please attend
this meeting. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy
Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 14th March**, at 6:30pm, after the
evening Mass.

LOURDES

Lourdes 2023 pilgrimage - Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June

Pilgrimage bookings are now open.

Official Diocesan Pilgrims:

To travel with the pilgrimage from start to finish, you can book your flight
or coach, plus preferred hotel via our tour operator Tangney Tours.

Contact:

Kath White: 0121 230 6288 (office hours 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday) or
via email admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

**ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARISH TOTE
JACKPOT £600**
Result for 22nd February 2023
Winning Numbers 13-19-18-16
No Jackpot Winner – 1 Winner with 3 Numbers
Next Draw Wednesday 1st March after Mass
1 play = £1.00 for 4 numbers - 5 plays = 1 FREE GO
Match 4 numbers = Share Jackpot £250+
Match 3 numbers = share £75+