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**The Office is open Monday & Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm. Fr Jeremy is not normally available on Tuesdays.**

Sunday 14th April 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

Second Collection – Church Maintenance

Our Lady’s Lamp – Dennis & Marie Murray RIP

Masses

**School Masses at 2.30 pm in the School Hall followed by refreshments.**

**May 9th** - Ascension, **May 16th** - Mary, **June 20th** - Sacred Heart & **July 11th** - Leavers

* **Monday** & **Friday** - 9.30 am Masses are in the Presbytery Chapel - ***Adoration 9 - 9.25 am.***
* **Wednesday -**11.30amMass in St Joseph’s Rm in the Hall.

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| Sat | 13 Apr | 6 pm | Vigil - Easter 3 | RIP Joan Pinson.. |
| Sun | 14 Apr | 9.15 am | Easter 3 | Intentions Margaret Bombroff |
| Mon | 15 Apr | 9.30 am |  | RIP Mary & Joseph Beeson |
| Wed | 17 Apr | 11.30 am |  | Parish & People |
| Fri | 19 Apr | 9.30 am |  | RIP Eric, Mary & Thomas Caley |
| Sat | 20 Apr | 6 pm | Vigil - Easter 4 | In Thanksgiving |
| Sun | 21 Apr | 9.15 am | Easter 4 | Intentions Sr Elizabeth Walsh |

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| **Midweek Masses from Monday April 22nd**  As the weather has become milder I propose that, with the exception of Wednesdays in term time, **9.30 am midweek** **masses will again be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Chapel**. To repeat for clarity - **on Wednesdays in term time mass will be celebrated in St Joseph’s room in the hall** before the Forget Me Not Group. | |
| **Easter Raffle**  Prizes to be claimed are at the back of church: ***Alan & Jackie, Dianne Stokes and Mark Roberts.***  **Family Bingo Night**  **Friday April 26th 7 pm** in the Hall Admission Free. Tea, Coffee and squash on sale Donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated.  **Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage**  An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vocations.org.uk%2Fmarriage-mass&data=05%7C02%7Cfr.jeremy.howard%40rcaob.org.uk%7C359fe69d46424e075ec508dc596511ea%7Cf594e61c4546432cb248cacae233b935%7C0%7C0%7C638483538184540877%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=i4shWfpt%2BZUEXt3NnRo1%2BNkXnkYfg26zGD%2F980787Fs%3D&reserved=0). | **Vocations Sunday**  The Fourth Sunday of Easter is Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on Sunday 21 April, which marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.​ We will hear in the Gospel "Jesus said: 'I am the Good Shepherd'." The Second Collection in our churches over the weekend 20/21 April is for the **Clergy Training Fund**, which pays for the formation of future priests and deacons for our Archdiocese. The **Diocesan Vocations Office** asks all to pray for an increase in vocations for the Archdiocese.  **Responding to the call of Creation April Newsletter**  The latest edition of the Diocesan Responding to the Call of Creation Newsletter is now available. There are items on emissions from the aviation industry, the Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona and living *sustainably* and *in solidarity*. There are some copies at the back of church and are online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/responding-to-the-call-of-creation-newsletter>.  For more information or to get involved in climate action in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, please contact [climateaction@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:climateaction@rcaob.org.uk) |

**Financial Matters**

7/4/2024 Standing Orders £121.50. Gift Aid £47, other £124.62. Church Maintenance GA £17.50, other £55.07. Coffee Morning £25.50. **2nd Collections**: 21 April Clergy Training Fund. **Foodbank** 41 Kilos collected in both parishes. **Online donations** at <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-hednesford>.

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| The Feast of The Faithful Departed | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **14/4** | John Doolon 1989 | | **15/4** | Joseph Beeson 1989 | | **16/4** | Michael O’Sullivan 1987, Mary Thacker 1991, Tony Barnes 2016,  Doris Crabb 2022 | | **17/4** | Tomas Owen 1954, Tom Ricketts 2001, Christine Johnson 2006 | | **18/4** | Jim Maloney 1974, Richard Flynn 1978, Peter Wale 2012 | | **19/4** | Stella Lawrence 1996, Eric Caley 1997, Judith Parker 1999 | |

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| Salvatore Guarneri, Joan O’Sullivan, John Dewhurst, Anna Moorcroft, Margaret Phipps, Tom Poxon, Zorah McQuillan, Florence Craddock, John Martin, Den Owens, Helen Dale, Peer Mohammed, Sue Atkinson, Jane Seal, Sue Titley, Peter Woollaston, Margaret Wilkinson, Sue Green, James Hunt, Phyllis Michael, Bert Dodd, Míchael Liddy, Margaret Brown, Sylvia Hale, Henry & Josephine Kafwembe, Janet Barker, Mary Klek, Jack Kennedy, Jane Goodyear, Maureen Dewhurst, Mark Duffy, Christopher Allan, Dominic Mulchrone, Clare Murphy, Tess Dudley, Jean Bird, Sophie King, Oscar Wordsworth, Matt Twohig, Anne Conway-Jones, Peter Hawthorne, Kath Poole, Roy Cashmore, Christine Makinson, Michael M, Ivan Molyneaux, Russell Mackuin, Pauline March, Richard Sharp, Alan White, Margaret Reynolds. | Please Pray for the Sick | Our Lady &amp; St Joseph |

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| **Reflection on the 3rd Sunday of Easter**   |  | | --- | | We are his witnesses  In this Sunday’s Gospel from Luke when we hear Jesus say to his disciples “Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves”, we are perhaps reminded of John’s Gospel of the ‘doubting’ Thomas.  Wherever we find ourselves in our journey of faith, the invitation to a lively and fleshy faith is the same.  We are invited to a faith that is built upon the skin and bones of loving charity, of encounter with the Lord in prayer and in the poor, while keeping our feet firmly on the ground of the historical moment we are blessed to share in.  In Orvieto, Italy, there is a recently restored tabernacle made in the 17th century at the workshop of Ippolito Scalza. The tabernacle is remarkable for two reasons. One is that painted on the door is the gloriously risen Christ, holding his cross, and with a sun emblazoned above his head. Second, the keyhole to open the door is wonderfully placed at the side of Christ.  Through this artistic impression we learn how the risen Lord feeds us and that we are to break through the walls of our resistance to reach to him, touching his wounded side.  Perhaps there we will experience something of our woundedness and find that resurrection takes on a different and personal meaning. | |