

# OUR LADY'S AND ST JOHN FISHER RC CHURCHES – Newsletter

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21st April 2024.

Readings: Acts 4:8-12-; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; St John 10:11-18

**Psalm Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone**

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Baptism Preparation Session	4:00 pm Our Lady's 5:30 pm Our Lady's	For Stacy Collins - Health Intentions Baptism Preparation Session
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter <b>Vocations Sunday</b> Baptism	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 1:30 pm St John Fisher	Henry Family – Newly Born Baby Dedication For Joe O'Connor Intentions Lewis Alexander Millward
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>Funeral Service</b>	12:15 pm Lodge Hill Crem	<b>+Mr Bernard Joseph Walton</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April Solemnity of St George.	7:00 pm Our Lady's	Stephen McNamee (RIP)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April St John Fisher School <b>Praise and Worship Evening</b>	10:00 am St John Fisher <b>7.30 pm Our Lady's Hall</b>	Carol Gardner (RIP) - Anniversary Praise and Worship Evening.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>11:30 am St Brigid's</b>	<b>+ Mrs Susan Cassidy (RIP)</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April St James School <b>Funeral Service</b>	9:15 am Our Lady's <b>2:00 am Our Lady's</b>	Souls in Purgatory <b>+ Bill Lees</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April Baptism 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00am St John Fisher 4:00 pm Our Lady's	Jade Avery Tagabubin +Maureen Dolan
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's	In Thanksgiving John Haddon (RIP) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: 20 Peter Fitzgibbon, Tom & Mary Domachi, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Dean, Ellen Malone, 21 James Sheridan, Brian McDermot, Brian Gardner, 22 Michael Skelly, Jacque Blakeley, 23 Kathleen Martin, George Wright, Lucy Lehane, Maria Borg, Ellen Leek, Irene Lindsay, 24 Mary Neville, Anne Rich, Malcolm Langham, 25 Eileen Donnelly, Angela Daly, Doreen Madden 26 Sheila Scantlebury, John Friel, Ken Dowling, Michael Madden, Bridget Galbraith, 27 Rose & Albert Davis, Mary Giles, Kathleen Hinson, Thomas Byrne.

Please Pray for those who are Sick: Margaret Owen, Carol Spooner, Dave McGrath, Mary Smallwood, Margaret Cooper, Trisha Forest, Fr Tony Rohan, Ann Docherty, Nancy Witcomb, Maz Boyce, Lily McKenna, Mary and Victor, Margaret Izon, Carl Brookes, Sheila Cox, Peter Flanagan, Pat Farrell, Jan & Mark Hurley, Peter Rafferty, Jackie Hurley, Helen Ingram, Mary Molloy, Andrea Byrne, Linda Simms, Rita Fitzpatrick, Christina Cooper, Fr Gerry Lennon, Ann Glenn, Mary Markley, Pat Curly, Linda Bennett, Jo MacAleenan.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS)		St John Fisher (SJF)	
Gift Aid £133.00	<u>Total £593.18</u>	Gift Aid £ 189.00	<u>Total: £438.85</u>
Loose Money £460.18 Contactless £0.00		Loose Money: £249.85	
Heating Fund £65.58. This week Clergy Training Fund		Building Maintenance Fund: £123.78. This week- Clergy Training Fund.	

**Deaths:** Pray for **Mr Bernard Joseph Walton** (known as BUN) whose Funeral Service will be on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 12:15 pm at Lodge Hill Crematorium**. Pray for **Mr William Alexander Lees (Known as Bill)** whose Funeral Service will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 2:00 pm in Our Lady's Church** – Rednal and followed by committal at Redditch Crematorium. Pray for **Mrs Susan Cassidy (Sue)** whose **Funeral service will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11:30 am in Our Lady and St Brigid Church** followed by interment at Waseley Hills Cemetery. Pray for **Mrs June Catherine Hurley** whose **Funeral Service will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00 am in St John Fisher Church** and followed by Burial at Kings Norton Cemetery. Please pray for **Mrs Sophie Ann Masterson** who will be **received into Our Lady's Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 4:00pm** and followed by **Funeral Service on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 12:00 pm**. Please pray for Maureen Dolan who died recently. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

**Baptism Dates:** The fourth coming **Baptism Preparation sessions** will be on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 5:30 pm in Our Lady's Church – Rednal** and **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 5:00 pm in St John Fisher Church – West Heath**.

**Parish Social:** - Come and join us at OLPS Social evening in the parish centre on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.30-10.30pm**. A night of fun with music, dancing, a raffle and bingo, starring our very own Rob McMillen on vocals. Bring Your Own drinks and snacks. Tickets £5 adult, under 16s free. All money raised to Parish funds.

**SVP:** Dear Friends, many thanks as always for your generous donations of non-perishable food items **OUR NEXT FOOD PARCELS IS ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL**. Please, drop off your donations to your usual drop off point or bring them to Our Lady's Parish Hall on **THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL** between 10:15am and 11:15am Please donate any new/ used carrier bags for the food parcels. (One of our parishioners is happy to take broken bags for life back to supermarkets to exchange for new ones!) It is by working together that we can make a difference. We take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and happy Easter. If you have any queries, please contact Pauline on 07810 557197.

**First Holy Communions: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – St John Fisher School**

**First Holy Communions: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Children from Non – Catholic Schools**

**First Holy Communions: Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – St James's and St Columba School Children**

**Annual 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 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass).

There is a Pilgrimage to Fatima 10-17 October, flying from Birmingham, fare £855, (single room supp. £190). Anyone who is interested in joining the Pilgrimage or booking a seat should contact Fr. Gerard Kelly on 07894427648.

Have you heard about a weekend for all the family? **Celebrate Joy** is to be held on the weekend of 21/22 September. It is a national event being at St Thomas Aquinas School. Its focus is on family with specific activities for children and young people. The weekend will include worship, prayer and reflection, children and youth groups, mass each day, and various talks to support us with our faith journey. For further details and to book go to: - [www.celebratetrust.org/joy](http://www.celebratetrust.org/joy) As there will be many volunteers to facilitate this event, we have been asked to support the accommodation for the weekend. Have you a spare room to offer a bed to someone? If you could or would like some more details, please contact Angela Vince on 07958 726783.

Everyone is invited to the **AGM of God's Heart for Longbridge** which is being held in the church hall of Our Lady's on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am until 12.00 noon. Refreshments from 09:30am. Find out about the activities over the past year and enjoy prayer and singing. Further details Ann Smith 0121 445 1374 & 07946366326 & email: [Nooey98@gmail.com](mailto:Nooey98@gmail.com)

**Parishes Day Out Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June:** Barnsdale Gardens (BBC Gardeners World) plus cruise on Rutland Water with cream tea. Estimated total cost per person £52.00. This includes everything except lunch, which can be purchased at Barnsdale for about £12.00. Please book as soon as possible (to secure our cruise slot) with £15.00 pp deposit. Michael Neillis 079447075

**Everyone has questions.**

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**ALPHA introductory session on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at 7:00pm. Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall on Leach Green Lane, B45 9BQ.**

Thank you everyone for all your support and help. God bless you. Have a lovely weekend.