

Our Lady's and St John Fisher RC Churches – Newsletter

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 14th April 2024.

Readings: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5; St Luke 24:35-48

Psalm Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

Saturday 13 th April - 3 rd Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm Our Lady's	Stephen McNamee
Third Sunday of Easter 14 th April	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 1:30 pm Our Lady's	Shirley Ingram Intentions +William Alexander Lees (Bill) Poppy Davis
Baptism		
Wednesday 17 th April St John Fisher School	10:00 am St John Fisher	For Michelle Wright Health
Thursday 18 th April St Columba School	10:00 am St Columba	Linda Bennett Intentions
Friday 19 th April St James School	9:15 am Our Lady's 12:00 am St John Fisher	PH.C Intentions Fir Fr John Warnaby Health
Saturday 20 th April 4 th 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 st April 4 th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 1:30 pm Our Lady's	Henry Family – Newly Born Baby Dedication For Joe O'Connor Intentions Lewise Millward
Baptism		

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: 6 Cecilia Coshan, May Lyons, Anthony Hine, Ross McComb, Maria Domache, 7 Harry Rose, Marie Leeming, Dennis Brane, Michael Mullin, Michael Keel, Mark Randall, 8 Thomas Martin, Agnes Harrison, Katherine Gorman, Mary Flaherty, 9 Violet Gemmel, Monica Kelly, 10 Mary Doyle, 11 Patrick O'Keefe, William Coulson, Jim Collins, 12 George Jones, Marlene Miller, 13 Joe McGowan, William Nordhoff, Janet Hands, William Lees, 14 Jack Gaynor, Leonard Vogel, Madeleine Whitehead, Helen Smyth, Margaret Young, 15 Henry Rogers, Patrick McIntyre, Ernest Taylor, Ada Walker, John Kavanagh, Lilian Southall, John Czyz, Thomas Moten, 16 Pierce Dunne, John Carroll, 17 Joseph McMullan, Rita Anderson, Joan Dearn, 18 Roy Houghton, Patrick Whelan, Dan O'Brien, Thomas Regan, The Segadelli Family, Kathleen Coley, 19 Gerald Clossick,

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 £205.00	Total <u>£567.35</u>	Gift Aid £ 176.05	Total: <u>£420.54</u>
Loose Money £362.35 Contactless £0.00		Loose Money: £244.49	
Missio £115.89	Easter Dedications £821.00	Building Maintenance Fund: £144.70	

Deaths: Pray for **Mr Bernard Joseph Walton** (known as BUN) whose Funeral Service will be on Monday 22nd 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 26th 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 25th 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 29th April at 11:00 am in St John Fisher Church and followed by Burial at Kings Norton Cemetery. 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 20th April 2024 at 5:30 pm in Our Lady's Church – Rednal and Saturday 11th 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 11th 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, available soon. All money raised to Parish funds.

Easter Raffle: Sincere thanks to Jill Hartigan for donating a Cadburys Easter Egg hamper to be raffled for church proceeds. The raffle raised £130.00. The Lucky winners were John & Angela.

Easter Plants: Thank you as always for supporting our Easter plant appeal. We raised a fantastic £821.00.

SVP: Dear Friends, many thanks as always for your generous donations of non-perishable food items **OUR NEXT FOOD PARCELS IS ON THURSDAY 25th APRIL**. Please, drop off your donations to your usual drop off point or bring them to Our Lady's Parish Hall on **THURSDAY 25th 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.

Church Giving: We are doing the accounts for 2023 and will present these in due course. Thank-you for supporting the parish. 'Loose money' on the collection has increased. That is good news. But can people who give this way please swap to standing orders? It means no counting, banking and security issues. That way, it can also be gift aided (government adds 25% from taxpayers to increase the donation). If all our loose money was gift aided it would increase our collection by £7,000 per annum at no cost to you. That's a big increase and would cover a loss we made last year. Forms can be found in the church porch.

Parishes Day Out Thursday 13th 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 07944707591.

Responding to the call of Creation: Did you know... Emissions from the aviation industry are a significant contributor to climate change. CO2 is produced as aeroplanes burn fossil fuel which contributes to global warming. In addition to this, aeroplanes increase warming by releasing nitrogen oxides and vapour trails. These nonCO2 effects contribute twice as much to global warming as aircraft and were responsible for two-thirds of aviation's climate impact in 2018.

LIVE SIMPLY: Enjoy your surroundings. As we journey through spring and into the summer, trees are starting to blossom, flowers are opening up and days are longer. So make the most of it and go outside and appreciate the wonders of God's creation. You could try bird watching or have a go at identifying plants. Alternatively, just make a lovely cup of tea, find a bench and enjoy the view!

LIVE SUSTAINABLY: Reduce your use of aeroplanes. Aviation is the most polluting mode of transport. As you plan your holidays for the summer and the rest of the year, why not challenge yourself to avoid planes? You could make your trip into a road trip with stops along the way. Alternatively, consider using trains or coaches or holiday within the UK to reduce your environmental footprint.

First Holy Communions: Saturday 11th May 2024 – St John Fisher School

First Holy Communions: Sunday 12th May 2024 – Children from Non – Catholic Schools

First Holy Communions: Saturday 08th 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 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass.

Archbishop: The world is very noisy but we must listen for God's call

In his pastoral message for Good Shepherd Sunday, the Chair of the National Office for Vocation, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, has affirmed the value of being a good listener in order to hear God's call to holiness. **Good Shepherd Sunday is the day chosen for 'Vocations Sunday' and is celebrated this year on Sunday, 21 April.**

Thank you for letting parishes know about our Pilgrimage to Fatima 10-17 October, flying from Birmingham, fare £855, (single room supp. £190) I understand that some parishes are having difficulty in opening the attachment, unless they have Publisher. Could you send another email, just saying that anyone who wants to book a seat should ring: - 07894427648 (i.e. my mobile number) Fr Gerard Kelly

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

