

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF WALSALL

St. Mary's, St. Patrick's & St. Thomas of Canterbury



Archdiocese of Birmingham

ST. MARY'S THE MOUNT

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St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE CHURCH

With the Apostolic Letter 'Patris Corde' ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis marks the 150th anniversary of the Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a '*Year of Saint Joseph*' from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, until 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021. In this letter, Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.



The Holy Father wrote 'Patris Corde' against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of 'ordinary' people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint

Joseph," on account of its closing words: "*My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.*"

At the conclusion of his letter, Pope Francis adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

(to be continued.....)

**INFORMATION**

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory – **£811.22** (Standing orders: £686, Offertory Envelopes & Loose change £125.22). **Counting: This Sunday – Team A, Next Sunday – Team B.** Next Sunday there will be a voluntary second collection for Racial Justice Sunday.
- **Holy Mass, Baptisms, funerals, & Weddings:** Our church is open for Holy Masses & funerals. As per the government guidelines, baptisms and weddings are paused until further notice. We are operating a booking system for weekend Masses; you will be able to make a booking online or by telephone. *All Masses will continue to be live streamed for the foreseeable future.*
- **RCIA Programme 2020-2021:** As the COVID situation in the UK is at a serious level and we are now in lockdown, the RCIA meetings will take place through a virtual zoom meeting on Mondays at 7:45pm. The topic on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January is “*Matrimony*”.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of **Kathleen Carter** who died on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021. She will be received into the church on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm. Her Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 10am, followed by cremation at Lichfield crematorium at 11.30am.
- **Expression of Thanks:** Carol Callaghan would like to thank everyone for the kindness and help extended to her during a very difficult time in her life. She very much appreciates the cards and finds comfort as she reads them. Carol thanks everyone for being helpful in so many ways.
- **Retreat for Care Givers:** Mini Retreat for Care Givers in the midst of the COVID pandemic prepared by Ben Bano at Welcome Me As I Am, a scripture based reflection every day for a week. For more info and the resources visit <https://www.welcomemeasiam.org/resources/resources-for-carers>
- **Counselling:** During these difficult times, ‘Black Country Innovate’ is offering a free 1-2-1 confidential counselling service, funded until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The service is available in other languages on request. For more information and to access a referral form, please visit the website: [Info@bc-innovate.co.uk](mailto:Info@bc-innovate.co.uk).

**GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING HOLY MASSES FROM 16/01/2021**

*Please make yourself familiar with the following procedures which must be followed when attending Holy Masses in our church.*

- *Do not come to church if:*
  - you are not feeling well.
  - you are vulnerable to infections.
  - you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID.
  - someone you have had contact with, or someone in your household, is isolating and waiting for a test result.
- *Cover your face (both nose & mouth) using a mask or face covering.*
- *Maintain a minimum of 2 metres distance from each person inside the church.*
- *Sanitise your hands on entry and exit.*
- *Strictly follow the instructions of the stewards.*
- *For track & trace purposes, provide your contact details; inform the parish office if you are tested positive after attending church.*

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for February: Violence against Women**

*We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*

**RESERVING YOUR SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

**Telephone Booking Times:** Telephone: 01922 622 633 (Ext 1)

**Wednesday: 10am – 12 noon, Thursday: 5pm – 7pm, Friday: 5pm – 7pm**

**Online Reservation:** You can reserve your seat online for Mass through the parish website: [www.stmarysthemount.co.uk](http://www.stmarysthemount.co.uk)

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Prayer at the Time of Distress

*Merciful God come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord.*

Prayer for Vocations

*Divine Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen. Hail Mary.....*

Prayer after Communion

*“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.”*

*Bl. Fr. Justin*



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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**Sunday and Weekday Masses**

**Psalter Week III**

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's	Danuta Szulkowska – <i>RIP, DA</i>	Steve & Domenika Hill
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Ann Redmond – <i>RIP</i>  Audrey Dilkes – <i>RIP, DA</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i> Anna Adamova - <i>H</i>	H Carroll  David Dilkes Kunnathoor Family Silvia Adamoava
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Conversion of St. Paul Apostle	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Lorraine Darby - <i>H</i> Novena Mass - <i>PI</i>	Stella Duffy
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Ss. Timothy & Titus Bishops	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	John Fonseca – <i>RIP</i> Martin Scully – <i>RIP, B</i> Novena Mass - <i>PI</i>	Hilary Val & Family
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> St. Angela Merici Virgin	10:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Adoration for Vocations Mass for Vocations Novena Mass – <i>PI</i> Kathleen Carter - <i>RIP</i>	Idah Chikuya
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> St. Thomas Aquinas Priest	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Novena Mass – <i>PI</i> Deceased of Sweeney Families	M Kenealey
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 6:15pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Confessions Thanksgiving – <i>B</i>  Novena Mass - <i>PI</i>	Yoong & Henery Families
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 10:30am 5:30pm  6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's  St. Patrick's St. Thomas's	Novena Mass - <i>PI</i> Adoration & Confession Francis J P Yoong – <i>RIP, DA</i> Margaret Greer – <i>RIP, DA</i>	I Yoong-Henery Kath Gerrett
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Novena Mass – <i>PI</i>  John Joseph Scanlon – <i>RIP, DA</i>	Angela Macintosh

**Let us pray for those who are sick:**

Lorraine Darby, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Peter Corrigan, Josie Kelleher, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.