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



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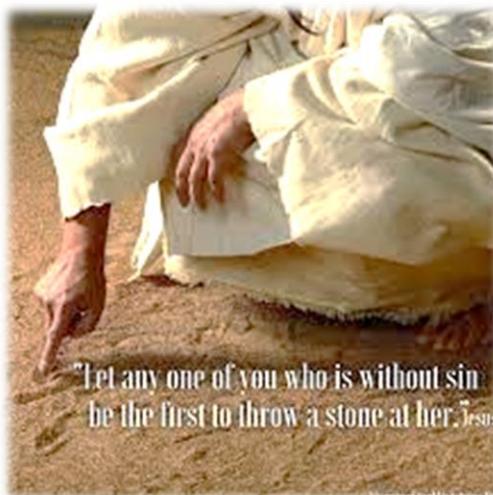
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“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. John 8:7-9

This passage comes from the story of the woman caught in adultery when she is dragged before Jesus to see if He would support her stoning. His response is perfect and, in the end, she is left alone to encounter the tender mercy of Jesus.

But there is a line in this passage that is easily overlooked. It is the line that states, “...beginning with the elders.” This reveals an interesting dynamic within human communities. Generally speaking, those who are younger tend to lack the wisdom and experience that comes with age. Though the young may find it hard to admit, those who have lived a long life have a unique and broad picture of life. This enables them to be far more prudent in their decisions and judgments, especially when it comes to the more intense situations in life.



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In this story, the woman is brought before Jesus with a harsh judgment. Emotions are high and these emotions clearly cloud the rational thinking of those who are ready to stone her. Jesus cuts through this irrationality by a profound statement. *“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”* Perhaps, at first, those who were younger or more emotional did not allow the words of Jesus to sink in. They probably stood there with stones in hand waiting to start throwing. But then the elders began to walk away. This is age and wisdom at work. They were less

controlled by the emotion of the situation and were immediately aware of the wisdom of the words spoken by our Lord. As a result, the others followed.

Reflect, today, upon the wisdom that comes with age. If you are older, reflect upon your responsibility to help guide the younger generation with clarity, firmness and love. If you are younger, do not neglect to rely upon the wisdom of the older generation. Though age is not a perfect guarantee of wisdom, it may be a far more significant factor than you realise. Be open to your elders, show them respect, and learn from the experiences they have had in life.

<https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series/lent-and-easter-reflections/6-fifth-week-of-lent/#Sun-C>

INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory: **£1010.65 (Standing Orders: £805 Offertory Collection: £205.65).** Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance: £78.30, **Counting:** This Sunday - Team A, Next Sunday – Team B.
- **Fr. Cornelius Ibeh, SDV, and the Vocationist Mission Appeal:** Rev. Cornelius Ibeh, SDV, the General Councillor for missions in the Vocationist Order, will be visiting our parish this weekend (2nd & 3rd April). He will be at all Masses, requesting prayers and material help to support the formation of Vocationist candidates to the priesthood amongst poor families in Madagascar, South Africa, Nigeria, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Philippines, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador. We would be very grateful for your generous support.
- **Weekly Offertory Envelopes:** The new weekly numbered offertory envelopes are available at the back of church for the new tax year. Please note that envelope numbers have been reallocated, which means that you may not have the same envelope number as in previous years. Please carefully check your name against the label to ensure that you have the correct box. Please do not use envelopes from the previous year, once the use of the new envelopes commences, as your donation will not be allocated correctly, and this may result in an incorrect claim.
- **Lenten Retreat:** Our Lenten Retreat will be next Saturday, 9th April, from 10am – 1pm at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church (WS3 1SP). The retreat will be preached by Rev. Mgr. Mark Crisp, parish priest of St. Michael's Church, Wolverhampton. He is also a former rector of Oscott Seminary. You don't have to register for the retreat. ***Please note that there will be no Mass, Adoration or Confessions in our church on the morning of 9th April.***
- **Walsall Music Hub Senior Wind Band Concert:** Walsall Music Hub will present a beautiful concert in our parish hall on Tuesday 5th April from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Entry is free, but donations are welcome; they will be divided between maintenance of the church organ and the music department. All are welcome.
- **Easter Craft Work for Children:** There will be a fun and exciting Easter Craft session on Wednesday 13th April between 1-3.30pm in our parish centre. Please come along and join in. There are crafts to suit children of all ages, an Easter Egg raffle, games to win prizes and refreshments (including Easter cakes). The cost is £2 per child and all proceeds will go to charity. The creative crosses which the children will create will be blessed during Easter services, so please bring them along with you to church. We look forward to seeing you and sharing the joy of Easter.
- **Confession & Penitential Rite:** As Catholics, it is very important for us all to make an annual Confession in preparation for Holy Week celebrations. Priests will be available to hear Confession on Monday 11th April from 5.30pm till 8.30pm.
- **CAFOD Collection:** The parish collected £720.96 in donations for the CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day appeal. With gift aid declarations, this will increase by a further £56.25, to give a total of £777.21. Thank you for your generosity in support of the appeal.
- **Stations of the Cross:** There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:15pm and on Sundays at 6:00pm during Lent.
- **Holy Mass:** There will be an additional Holy Mass on Fridays at 10am during Lent.
- **Mary's Meals - Parish Lent Charity:** We will be supporting the *Mary's Meals* charity during Lent, as part of our Lenten sacrifice, through a loose change collection. Free loose change collection mugs are available for you to take home and return the mugs after Easter. More information about *Mary's Meals* can be found on the leaflet provided with the newsletter.
- **Walking the Way of the Cross:** On Good Friday morning this year, we will be Walking the Way of the Cross through Walsall Town Centre again, for the first time since 2019. We need volunteers to help steward the event. If you can help out, please contact Father Jobin or Malcolm Rose.
- **Responding to the Crisis in Ukraine:** <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis> There have been requests about how we can support our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine. There are two ways you can support people in Ukraine: one way is through CAFOD's appeal for relief work in the war region, by visiting <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis> or you can contact one of the priests.
- **Preparation for Canonisation:** In preparation for the canonisation of Blessed Fr. Justin, we are providing the opportunity to learn more about the life, spirituality and charisma of Blessed Father Justin and the Vocationist Congregation. There will be a video presentation in our parish hall during the coffee morning on the **1st & 2nd Thursdays of each month**. On the first Wednesday of each month, we will also dedicate Adoration for the canonisation of Blessed Fr. Justin; we invite you all to come and join with us.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Janice Cooper who passed away on 22nd March. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 21 April at 11.00 am in our church followed by a burial at Willenhall Cemetery. She will be received into the church on the night before at 4pm. Let us pray for her sorrowing family.

- **Joseph Leckie Lecture:** The delayed Joseph Leckie Lecture, organised by 'Churches Together in Walsall' will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th June in Central Hall Methodist Church, Ablewell Street. The speaker will be Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and the topic will be '*From Choir boy to Cardinal - From Walsall to the Vatican*'. Please keep this date in your diary.
- **Food Bank:** At the moment, we are running short of tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tea, sugar, UHT milk and long -ife juice. If you are able to donate, please leave items in the basket in the church porch. We are now supporting 4 families, so your donations are more valuable than ever. If you know of another family in need who would welcome support from our SVP Group, please contact Father Jobin. Thanks again for your continued support and your generous donations.
- **School News:** I want to tell you about a couple of little projects that are under way in school: Year 4 have cleared the garden area outside their classroom and have a greenhouse, bird boxes and an area to sit and pray. They have been so enthusiastic! The exciting part is that we now have a little family of blue tits nesting in one of the boxes. The children are also taking part in the *Message in a Bottle Top* art project, in the hope of winning our school a £5000 playground makeover. This project asks children to repurpose plastic waste into something beautiful. They plan to add murals, statues and artwork to the newly designed garden area. This all needs to be made from plastic bottle tops. Please can you save all your plastic bottle caps and bring them into school to help us create something amazing to wow the judges. God bless you all - keep us in your prayers please. (Catherine Amos Headteacher.)

Does your child need a place in the school nursery from September 2022? Will they be three by 31st August this year? Please complete a nursery application form and return it to school, or to Fr Jobin, who will pass it onto school. Perhaps you might like to email: postbox@st-marymount.walsall.sch.uk or phone 01922720711 for more information. We will pass on some nursery application forms to Father Jobin to give out from the church - so just ask. ***We need our Catholic children in our Catholic school and what better place to start than in the school nursery.***

- **Refreshments:** Refreshments are available in the parish hall on Thursdays (following 10am Mass) and on Sundays (following 9am Mass). We will continue to follow social distancing and other safety measures.

Let us pray for those who are sick

Mary Grace Meneses, Faisal Kazilbash, John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, James McGeough, Bernadette Duggan, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Lee Chit Wei, Susan Naughton, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Josie Kelleher, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.

Following recent changes to government guidelines, we highly recommend that everyone continues to wear face coverings inside church.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for April: Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 2nd	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Stanley John Davis – RIP <i>Success in Exams</i>	Anne F Kazmie
	6.30pm	St. Patricks (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6.30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 3rd <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	M & M Williams
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Peggy McGill – RIP, B	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Stations of the Cross	
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
Monday 4th St. Isidore	9:15am	St. Patricks (BD)	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
Tuesday 5th St. Vincent Ferrer <i>Priest</i>	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	Parish Memorial John Heavin
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Christine Mary Slater – RIP Rev. Tim Burke – RIP, DA	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 6th	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Adoration for Vocations	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
Thursday 7th St. John Baptist de la Salle	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	Catenians
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass for Vocations	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Friday 8th	9:15am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	Francis & Kelleher Family
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Sacha Kelleher – TH, B	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	6:15pm	St. Mary's	Confession & Stations of the Cross	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Thressiamma Mathew – RIP	Mary & Family
Saturday 9th	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass & Lent Retreat	Pauline Shepherd
	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Blessing of Palm Branches near the Parish Centre then Procession to the Church for the Holy Mass John Palari – RIP	
	6.30pm	St. Patricks (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6.30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 10th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:00am	St. Mary's	Blessing of Palm Branches near the Parish Centre then Procession to the Church for the Holy Mass	Josie & Michael Norman
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Blessing of Palm Branches near the Parish Centre then Procession to the Church for the Holy Mass Janice Cooper – RIP	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Stations of the Cross	
	7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, SCH=School, BP=Baptism, BD= Beechdale