

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF WALSALL

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## St. Mary's the Mount Parish Family wishes You All a Warm Welcome

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**“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” [Matthew 10:37–39](#)**

Clearly, this saying is a play on words that is meant to make you pause and think. It's almost like a holy and sacred riddle, spoken by Jesus to get your attention and to communicate a very deep and foundational truth about how you are to live. Essentially, this saying teaches that those who live in a selfish, self-centered way do not accomplish their goal. The goal of those who are selfish is to elevate themselves with the thinking that this is what is best for them. But Jesus clearly points out that when you live selfishly, seeking to put yourself above others, you lose what is most important in life. You lose your very soul. On the contrary, if you live selflessly, putting others before you, it is in this act that you actually find your true purpose in life and fulfill yourself on the deepest level.

Think, for example, of Jesus. He is God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, existing for eternity in perfect union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. His soul radiates pure love. And for that reason, He chose to become human, suffer greatly and be killed. Was that fulfilling to our Lord? Most certainly. Why? Because His sacrifice went to the heart of Who He is. He is Love itself. And love is always self-giving. It is always fulfilling. It always seeks the good of the other. Love fulfills the lover when it is pure, holy, selfless and total. Jesus' sacrificial death on the Cross not only redeemed us, but it also manifested the Son of God's own perfect fulfillment and satisfaction in His human nature because His death was an act of pure love.

Sin confuses us. Selfishness especially clouds our thinking. As a result, it becomes difficult to clearly see that the way to fulfillment in life is by the complete and unwavering sacrifice of our lives given to others, in imitation of and in union with Jesus' perfect sacrifice. The moment that sin leads us to think first about ourselves, we begin to become blind to who we are and what makes us truly fulfilled.

Reflect, today, upon the divine mission you have been given to lose yourself for the sake of Christ, which is for the sake of true love. By loving God and others in this pure way, selflessly, you become who you are and who you were created to be. You find yourself only by choosing to lose yourself in this world. Ponder this deep mystery and believe it. Once you do believe it, commit to live sacrificially, casting aside every doubt, so that you will never hesitate to love everyone sacrificially. For in that radical act of selfless love, you will discover and become who you were created to be.

*My sacrificial Lord, You are not only the perfect model of human love, Your sacrificial love is the source of human fulfillment itself. Please give me the grace I need to love all people in a perfect and selfless way and, in that act, also discover and become who I was made to be. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**INFORMATION**

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory: £1217.36 (Standing Orders: £821 Offertory Collection: £396.36). **Overseas Charities: £8.31. Counting:** This Sunday: Team C, Next Sunday: Team D. *This Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.*

**Peter's Pence** is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. **Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea)** is the largest ship-visiting network in the world, and the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Across the world, Stella Maris aims to provide a 'friend in port' for seafarers and fishers, to provide practical, pastoral and spiritual support to them and to stand alongside them to ensure their rights are upheld.

- **Applications for Confirmation & First Holy Communion 2024:** Although we are not even halfway through 2023, it is time to start preparing the next group of children to receive the Sacraments in 2024. For First Holy Communion, this applies to children in Y3 or above; for Confirmation, this applies to children in Y6 or above. Application forms will be available from church and also from the parish website. **Please submit applications to Fr. Jobin or Fr. Fabien by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. It is most important that a copy of the child's baptism certificate is also provided. In addition, there will be two very important meetings for parents on 11<sup>th</sup> July: First Holy Communion parents at 6pm, Confirmation parents at 7pm.**
- **Clergy House Visits:** Fr. Jobin and Fr. Fabien would like to pay friendly visit to the houses of all our parishioners. We are available every Tuesday afternoon and we would be happy to join you for a chat, a cup of tea or to pray the Rosary/Divine Mercy with you and your family at your house. Please speak to one of the priests to make the arrangements.
- **Car Park Closure:** On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, we shall be having some essential work done to cut back the trees near the Glebe St. entrance. Consequently, there will be no access to the car park from 9am to 5pm those days. **Please note that Mass will be no morning mass on Monday and Tuesday instead mass will be at 7 in the evening.**
- **Vocations Month:** Walsall & Lichfield Deanery was given July to be a month especially dedicated to praying for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious life. There will be a special Holy Mass & Adoration to pray for vocations on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Holy Mass at 12.30 pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 3pm. There will be no Holy Mass and Adoration that morning.
- **Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall:** The diocesan annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. There will be a coach going from our parish - total seats available: 49. In order to secure your seat, please make the booking as soon as possible. £10.00 per person. The coach will leave from our church at 1.30pm and will be back at 6.30pm. There will be Holy Mass at 3pm in the grounds of Harvington Hall. Please register your name for the pilgrimage on the sheet provided at the back of the church.
- **Canon Michael Leadbeater's Silver Jubilee:** There will be a special Thanksgiving Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, to celebrate Canon Michael's silver jubilee. Mass will be followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. There is a sheet in the church to put your name if you are intending to attend.
- **Search for Trades People:** The church buildings, due to their age, require considerable ongoing maintenance. We are looking for parishioners who are qualified trades people who would be willing to provide commercial quotations for a variety of jobs. We are interested in any trade, but particularly plumbers, carpenters, electricians, or bricklayers. We are required to seek more than one quote for any project we plan to undertake but, ideally, we would prefer to use parishioners on any quoted job. If you are interested, please contact Fr Jobin.
- **Bidding Prayers:** The new rota begins on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Please collect your copy from the sacristy.
- **SHALOM WORLD TV:** Shalom Media Ministry aims to proclaim the Gospel through visual media around the world. Shalom Media is a Catholic media ministry with a vision to propagate the peace of Christ to all corners of the world through publications and television channels. It is a free 24/7 high-definition family entertainment Catholic channel. They are currently producing a series on the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales,

and they have recently completed the episode of St Philip Evans & St John Lloyd, which can be found at <https://www.shalomworld.org/show/40-martyrs-ofengland-&-wales>.

- **The Catholic Universe:** Those of you who used to enjoy reading the Catholic Universe, before it became a digital newspaper, will be pleased to hear that it is once again available in printed form. If you wish to take out a subscription, please call 07436 617650 or visit the website: <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk>
- **Refreshments:** Refreshments are available in the parish hall on Thursdays (following 10am Mass) and on Sundays (following 9am Mass).
- **Food Bank:** This week we are in need of tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, rice, and pasta. We are now supporting 4 families with your donations. 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.

**Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for July 2023: For a Eucharistic Life**

*We pray that Catholics may place the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way ad opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.*

**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.” (St. Fr. Justin)*

**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, Saint Justin Maria Russolillo 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....*

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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**  
**Sunday and Weekday Masses**

**Week I**

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Joseph Benzigar – <i>RIP, DA</i>	C Vijay
	6.30pm	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	St. Mary's	Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion	V Fenlon
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Thanksgiving	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. Thomas Apostle	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	B Naughton
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Josie & Michael Norman - <i>RIP</i>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Elizabeth of Portugal	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass/Adoration & Confession	R Keegan
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	SI – Mass for the Poor	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St. Mary's (SCH)	School Mass	Family Val Holdcroft
	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Adoration for Vocations	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Hilda Naughton – <i>RIP</i> Pauline Shepherd – <i>RIP, B</i>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Maria Goretti Virgin & Martyr	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	P Moore
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Faith Moore – <i>RIP, DA</i>	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> First Friday	9:15am	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	Parish Memorial
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	6:00pm	St. Mary's	Adoration & Confessions	
	7:00pm	St. Mary's	Christine Mary Slater - <i>RIP</i>	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:30am	St. Mary's	Holy Mass for Vocations	
	1pm-3pm	St. Mary's	Adoration & Benediction for Vocations	
	5:30pm	St. Mary's	Holy Mass	
	6.30pm	St. Catherine's (BD)	Holy Mass	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sea Sunday	6:30pm	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	Donna Baker
	9:00am	St. Mary's	Mary Stout – <i>RIP, DA</i>	
	10:00am	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St. Thomas's	Holy Mass	
	11:00am	St. Mary's	Private Intention	
7:00pm	St. Patrick's	Holy Mass	V Fenlon	

*C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, HE=Health, RC=Recovery, SI=Special Intention, M=Marriage, BP=Baptism, G=Guidance, SE= Success in Exams, WA=Wedding Anniversary, HS=Holy Strength, Ch=Church, SCH=School, BD= Beechdale, PC=Parish Centre*

**Let us Pray for those who are Sick**

Mary Powell, Martha Ekezie, Moira Law, Madeleine Holland, Anne F Kazmie, Patrick Kelly, Anne Dixon, Cliff Maybury, Anne Kinsey, Faisal Kazilbash, John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, James McGeough, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Lee Chit Wei