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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
22ND TO 30TH
MARCH 2025

**Welcome to this House
of God:**
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

**Today's
Mass Readings**
Exodus
3:1-8, 13-15;
Ps 102;
1 Corinthians
10:1-6, 10-12;
Luke 13:1-9
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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus was straightforward in his words when he said: "Unless you repent, you will perish." One might say that this is too harsh to come from Christ, who is merciful and compassionate. The truth is that when Jesus speaks this way, it does not diminish his compassion and mercy. Instead, he does so because he cares for us and sees what we cannot see. He simply warns us of the negative consequences of living a sinful life and wants us to repent and live a better life. The Good News is that we can learn from the failures and consequences of our ancestor's actions. God gives us another chance to call upon the Lord, who is "merciful, compassionate and love." Jesus wants us to take a bold and positive step towards amending our way of life. This is a call to repentance for the times we neglected and failed both God and our neighbours; for the times we chose evil over good, and for those moments, we despaired and displayed a remarkable lack of faith in God. The patient, compassionate and loving Father is ready to welcome us back. Hence, he says to us this season: "If my people, called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then...I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Ch 7, 14). Repentance attracts mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and salvation. It brings about healing and restoration of hope for a better future. So, if we sincerely repent of our sins, God will not only forgive us, but He will heal us. God's compassion and mercy for us are always associated with his love. Through our repentance, His compassion, mercy, and love, we would be healed and restored to life this season and beyond.

Fr. Kuriakose Thadathil

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Enid King, Joyce Finch, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield, Patricia Lacey and Bob Hennessey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently, especially **Catherine Mary Shilston, Theresa Hayward**. We also remember Dennis Dolan, Patrick Waldron, Dennis Haskey, Joe Riseborough, Kathleen Baker, Gerry Downes, Susanna Veevers, Andrew Hutchison, Kerin Moore, Robert Tonks, John Molloy, Lilian Levell, Joseph Ryan, Catherine Mulligan, Elizabeth Dalton, Bridget Russell, Florence McGovern, Edward Campion, Mary Cremin, Paul Dillon, Kathleen Gough, Steve Elrington, Mary Richards, Sheila Cremin and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Catherine Mary Shilston is on Monday 31st March 2025 at 9:30 am at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

Requiem Mass for Theresa Hayward is on Friday 4th April 2025 at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 12:00 pm followed by cremation at Sandwell Crematorium. Reception into the Church is on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 4:00 pm.

FUNERAL DETAILS

Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ

Reception Sunday 6th April - 4.00 pm at St John and St Martin, 31 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9RG

Funeral Monday 7th April - 11.00 am at The Friary, St Bernard's Road, Olton, Solihull. B92 7BL followed by Buffet

Burial Monday 7th April - 4.00 pm at Sacred Heart and St Catherine Alexandria, 208 Worcester Road, Droitwich Spa. WR9 8AZ

To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year (<http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year>)



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"



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This Week Saturday 22nd March – Sunday 30th March (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 22nd March Lent Feria	12:30pm Martin OConner	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 23rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am RIP Kitty Freeman 10:30am St Mark's School RIP Helen Nellist RIP Paddy Waldron	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 2:00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 24th March Lent Feria	11:30am RIP Fr Dominic & Fr Brian Boyal	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 25th March SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUN- CIATION OF THE LORD	9:15am Ints Pat Byrne	7:00pm Holy Hour and Rosary
Wednesday 26th March Lent Feria	11:30am Holy Name School Mass in Church Ints Mary & Stuart Spencer	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 27th March Lent Feria	9:00am St Mark's School RIP Kitty Freeman 9:15am Ints Charles Campbell	
Friday 28th March Lent Feria	11:30am Ints Sandra Pearson	11:00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday 29th March Lent Feria	12:30pm RIP John Joe Dowd	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 30th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am RIP Pat Conroy 10:30am Ints Ferriday Family	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by SVP 2:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£548.70**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£138.50**

**Mass Book
Donation:
£100.00**

**CAFOD:
£500.16**

**Standing Order for
the month of
August: £1,680.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 265**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Joshua 5:9-12;
Ps 33;
2 Corinthians
5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
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LENT 2025

In addition to the normal Masses and devotions, there will be additional prayer opportunities during lent. There will be **Holy Hour and Rosary on Tuesdays evening at 7 pm**. This consists of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with time for personal prayer, Rosary, a short scripture reflection, music and shared prayer. There will be **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 11:00 am and on Sundays at 2:00 pm** lead by different groups in our Parish.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Please take a card with details of all the Services for Holy Week and Easter.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We need Readers, Ministers and Church Wardens for the Services. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church if you can help. Thank you.

YOUTH CHOIR

We start Youth Choir for our Parish. Our Parish Youth Choir will lead the Choir on Saturday 12:30 pm Mass. There will be Choir practice at 11:30 am on that day. Those who play musical instruments or have the talent of singing can join the Choir. If you would like to join the Youth Choir or need more information, please contact Fr Jibu Mathew or Dr Sean.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE - REGISTER NOW

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. To be held on **Saturday 3 May**, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. **Please register by Sunday 13 April**. More details are available in the Diocesan Website.

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey, where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March.