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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT
29TH MARCH TO
6TH APRIL 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
Joshua 5:9-12;
Ps 33;
2 Corinthians
5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. The focus is on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behaviour of the father. The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honours him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

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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 **Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ, Catherine Mary Shilston, Theresa Hayward**. We also remember Bernadette O'Flaherty, Christina McKenzie, Desmond Hopkins, Kathleen Connolly, Ellen Beresford, Helena Lawlor, Con Carew, Christina McGivern, Beryl Green, Jim & Eleena Brady, Sandra Eccles, George Coller, Maureen Ford, Harold Charles, John King 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

AFTERNOON TEA AT ST.MARK'S

St. Mark's School invites us to join for afternoon tea on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at St. Mark's Catholic Primary School. Please arrive at the main entrance.

This Week Saturday 29th March – Sunday 6th April (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
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
Monday 31st March Lent Feria	9:30am Requiem Mass for Catherine Mary Shilston	
Tuesday 1st April Lent Feria	9:15am RIP Kitty Freeman	7:00pm Holy Hour and Rosary
Wednesday 2nd April Lent Feria	9:15am Holy Name School RIP Theresa Hayward 11:30am RIP Catherine Shilston	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 3rd April Lent Feria	9:00am St Mark's School Ints Pat Tom Breunan 9:15am RIP Dennis McMahon	4:00pm Reception into the Church for Theresa Hayward
Friday 4th April Lent Feria	12:00pm Requiem Mass for Theresa Hayward	11:00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5th April Lent Feria	12:30pm RIP Mary Lynch	12:00pm Confession 1:30pm Senior Altar Servers Meeting
Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am RIP Noreen Kenny 10:30am RIP Kitty Freeman	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Hele- na, Marie and Friends 2:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£571.24**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£164.10**

**Parish
Maintenance:
£160.77**

**CAFOD:
£120.00**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 331**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Isaiah 43:16-21;
Ps 125;
Philippians
3:8-14;
John 8:1-11
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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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THIS YEAR

Our Parish is grateful to all who do Gift Aid their Offertory Donations. It is a great financial support to our parish. We encourage parishioners who pay tax to Gift Aid your offertory donations. We also encourage people to set up a standing order as this is easier for everyone. To set up a Standing Order and to Gift Aid please collect an application form from the Parish Office. Those parishioners who Gift Aid via the envelop boxes can now collect them from the Church Porch. Many thanks for your support to our parish.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

There will be Altar Servers Practice for Easter on April 19th 2025 at 11:00 am in our Church. All the altar servers are expected to attend this practice.

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.

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.

THANKS GIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE

Thanksgiving mass for marriage is held on Saturday 3rd May, 12 noon at St Chad's Cathedral. Please register by Sunday 13 April. More details are available in the Diocesan Website.