



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT
7TH MARCH TO
15TH MARCH
2026**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings**

**Exodus 17:3-7;
Ps 94;
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;
John 4:5-42
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**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

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A SPRING OF WATER WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE

The Third Sunday of Lent brings us powerful readings that encourage us to deepen our faith and open our hearts to Jesus. In these passages, we see how Jesus reaches out to those in need, crossing boundaries and inviting them to new life. The story of the Samaritan woman at the well shows how a simple encounter with Jesus can lead to a life of faith, courage, and witness.

The Gospel reading invites us to consider how Jesus reaches across boundaries to show love and bring people to faith. When Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well, He crosses cultural and social lines. Jewish people at that time avoided Samaritans, and men generally didn't speak openly to women they didn't know. But Jesus doesn't let these divisions stop Him. Instead, He shows that God's love is for everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is the first response we can offer to God's gratuitous and astonishing love. The amazement of adoration, the wonder of worship, is something essential in the life of the Church, especially in our own day in which we have abandoned the practice of adoration. To adore God means to acknowledge in faith that he alone is Lord and that our individual lives, the Church's pilgrim way, and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of his love. He gives meaning to our lives.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Brendan Grogan, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Francis Carter, Micheal Carter, Enid King, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Purcell, Mary Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Janet Chamberlain, Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield, Patricia Lacey, Bob Hennessey, and Doreen Kingscott, Lynne Mary Allan and Christopher Robert Allan.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Rudolph Sampays, Patricia Richards, Michael Carey** and all those who have died recently. We also remember especially Margaret Haugh. Alice Flynn, Joan McCracken, Sinon O'Shaunessy, Jessie O'Neill, Ellen Winston, Patrick Noctor, Joan McGirr, David Mattock, Mamie Connors, David Emery, Robert Ahern, Audrey Edwards, Millicent Coppock, Jestina Alston, George Brudzunski, Margaret Slattery, Patrick McGrath, Alice Dunne, Marcus Munn, George Farrall, William Pike, Margaret Abbott, Bernard Finlay, Bridget Donaghey, Michael O'Connor, James Welford, John McGovern, Gertrude Lord, Mary Wheeler, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY - 2026

Saturday 21st of March 12.00 - Chamberlain Square by the fountain. We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations. Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant.

For more information contact Ben - 07885505116



<p>This Week Saturday 7th March – Sunday 15th March (Psalter Week 3)</p>	<p>Holy Mass Intentions</p>	<p>Devotions & Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 7th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Neil Chapman</p>	<p>12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>
<p>SUNDAY 8TH MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>8:30am Rudolph Sampays R.I.P 10:30am Ints of Bridie Farren</p>	<p>Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends 3:00pm Stations of the Cross Led by the Choir</p>
<p>Monday 9th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Patricia Richards R.I.P</p>	<p>10:30am Rosary</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am Ints of Dan Dillon <i>Note the change of time</i></p>	<p>9:45am Rosary</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am Mass in Holy Name School Thanksgiving Mass</p>	
<p>Thursday 12th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am St. Mark's School Mass Theresa Kavanagh & John Kavanagh 7:00pm Pro Populo</p>	<p>6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration</p>
<p>Friday 13th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>12:00 noon Deceased Lyons & Mullaney Family</p>	<p>11:00am Stations of the Cross 11:30am Divine Mercy</p>
<p>Saturday 14th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Catherine Campbell</p>	<p>12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>
<p>SUNDAY 15TH MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND</p>	<p>8:30am Ints of Jacinta, Anthony and Francis 10:30am Catherine Shilston R.I.P</p>	<p>Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by S.V.P 3:00pm Stations of the Cross</p>

Last Week's
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Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
1 Samuel 16:1b,
6-7, 10-13; Ps 22;
Ephesians
5:8-14;
John 9:1-14
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POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: For Disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

THE STATIONS OF CROSS

The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows or the Via Crucis, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The object of the stations is to help faithful Christians to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

We have this service on Tuesday 24th March at 7:00pm. For those who have not attended this service before, it consists of Scripture readings and reflections to remind us of God's loving mercy to all His children and our own weakness which we bring to Him for healing. After this time of prayer, we make our personal confession to the priest and receive individual absolution. Please come along to receive God's healing love.

CONFIRMATION

The children from St Mark's School will be confirmed on 18th March 2026. At 7pm. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. *Celebrant:* Bishop David Evans.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED FOR OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We need foundation governors to help our parish schools to continue to thrive! We currently have a small, but very welcoming governing body. To be a foundation governor you must be over 18 and attend mass regularly. As a governor you will be invited to attend two meetings per term / a total of six per academic year. Our meetings usually last between one and two hours and are held in school. You do not need to be an expert in any particular area of school life but to be faithful practicing Catholic. For more information please contact Fr. Christopher.