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Baptisms: Second and Fourth Sundays at 11.30am Mass. Please pick up a form after any Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: on Fridays at 5.30pm & Saturdays at 9am.

Rosary: every Tuesday–Thursday at 8.40am.

Confession: Fri 6pm, Sat 9-9.40am & 6pm, Sun 9am and on request.

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We celebrate the *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)*

14th/15th March 2026, Yr A. (Day for the Candidates for the Sacraments)

Sunday readings: *New Sunday Missal p.137 (Blue), p.171(Red)*

Please see the Missalette for readings or go to <http://universalis.com/>

Our Holy Father Pope Leo's intention 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.

PARISH MASS	SCHEDULE	TIME	INTENTIONS
SAT	14	6.30pm	Holy Mass – St Anthony thanksgiving; Bill & Bridie Cantillon RIP; Rose Trill RIP
SUN	15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Mac & Mae Ibarreta thanksgiving; Mary Graham; Desmond Quinn Holy Mass – Margaret Lyons RIP; Jack Moran RIP; Catherine Sandra, James Howie Sommerville, German Cartagenas, Gloria Balazo RIP <i>Please pray for Zayn who will be baptised after Mass today.</i>
MON	16	5.45pm <u>6.30pm</u>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass – Jackie Smith RIP; Fr Joseph Narikuzhi RIP
TUE	17 FEAST OF ST PATRICK	9am	Holy Mass – Mary O'Reilly RIP; Bridie Morton (very ill)
WED	18 ST CYRIL	9am	Holy Mass – Seamus Daniel Corcoran ; Colette Kane RIP
THU	19 SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH	9am 12.30pm	Holy Mass – C. J. Mathew RIP; Anna Thomas RIP <i>Funeral of the late Anna Thomas</i>
FRI	20	5.30pm 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass – Eileen Joyce
SAT	21	9am 10am 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Holy Mass – Pro Populo (For all Parishioners) Holy Mass – Mathew Jones; Mary Taylor; Mary & James Howard, Eileen & Maureen Moher
SUN	22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Mathew Joseph RIP; Mary & Hugh Graham Sp Int Holy Mass – Danny Kidney RIP; Joe Buckley RIP; <i>Please pray for Jia who will be baptised after Mass today.</i>

- > Today's Retiring Collection: -
- > Next Sunday's Retiring Coll: -

8-DAY CANDLES (now £5)

To request a candle, please fill in an envelope at the back of church, thank you!

SHRINE	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
<i>Our Lady's</i>	Pat Smith & Ollie W	Pat Smith & Ollie W
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	Cathy Family & Friends	Aaron
<i>St Joseph's</i>	Hastings Family	Mary Taylor
<i>St Anthony's</i>	Jean Flannigan	-

SJF Parish Collection

GAD £438.00 Loose £377.90 Total: £815.90
Cathedral Maintenance GAD £ 145.00 Loose £44.00

We remember and pray for all those who have died recently:

Anna Thomas (19th Mar at 12.30pm),
Mary Commane (24th Mar at 9.30am), **Scott Humpston**,
Valerie Ahern (31 Mar at 10am), **Dermott Barnes** (7 Apr at 10.30am)
and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Please pray for the Sick: Elaine Watkins, Arthura Bernadette Watkins, Derek Coyle, Kristy Ward, Cathy O'Toole, Daryl Talbot, Robert Freeman, Kathleen Freeman, John McCann, Aneta Luc-Kocur, Cathy Grant, Ian Connell, Margaret Buckley, James Lockyton, Winefride Dorrington, and Jean Flannigan.

Welcome to St John Fisher!

If you are new to St John Fisher or visiting us this weekend, a *very warm welcome to you!* Please make yourself known to our welcomers and stay for refreshments in the parish centre after the 9.30am or 11.30am Sunday Mass if you are able!

Regular Notices

- Drop-in Session:** Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm in the presbytery, to speak with Fr Marco about any issue. Just drop-in!
- Cuppa & a Chat:** on Mondays in the parish centre, 12noon – 2pm. Lifts available and all are welcome!
- Crafty Fishers:** Crafty Fishers group every 2nd & 4th Thursday 6pm-8pm in the parish centre. All are welcome and please bring your own projects to share!
- Know someone interested in becoming a Catholic?** Please speak to Fr Marco for more information.
- Prayer in church:** coming to church is a good opportunity to catch up with friends but please do be mindful of those who try to pray in church before the Blessed Sacrament, both before and after Mass. If possible, please conduct conversations to the narthex, thank you.
- WhatsApp Community:** Please scan the QR code in the narthex to join our WhatsApp Community to be informed of latest parish events and news, and to get involved in any of our groups!
- Gospel Fire** 🔥: The Word of God is a guide for our daily lives. Join our WhatsApp group to receive one chapter of the New Testament a day, finishing by end of 2026. To join, scan the QR code in church!
- Know someone in need? Call the SVP!** We are very blessed to have an active SVP Group here. 'SVP' stands for 'St Vincent de Paul Society' which helps all parishioners in need of a personal visit or support of any kind. If so, the parish SVP group can be contacted at anytime by phone on 07774 842943 or email sjfcovsvp@gmail.com - membership enquiries also welcome!

Recent News

- Catechesis for children in non-Catholic schools:** Confirmation classes on Saturdays at 10.45am with Fr Marco, First Holy Communion on Sundays at 10am with Stephen N. (Enrolment now closed.)
- Diocesan Fundraising Appeal:** A big thank you to all who have helped with this and to those who have switched to Standing Order and Gift Aid, it is a great help! Please note that, as well as increasing

- income, we are also trying to reduce expenditure. Just two examples: we are especially hoping to reduce our heating bills with a more efficient boiler in the presbytery and better insulation on our buildings, and also switching website provider to a cheaper rate. Please note that lamps are now a £5 suggested donation and Masses a suggested £10 donation (this is the figure recommended by the Archdiocese). Many thanks again for your generosity!
- Generous donations:** We would like to thank those who have recently given some very generous donations to the parish of £5000, £2000, and someone who has paid for a new garage door. These are very gratefully received!
- Parish Archivist:** Interested in history? Organised? We are looking for a parish archivist! This involves collecting material of parish events throughout the year and sending it annually to our diocesan archive in Birmingham. If interested please speak to Fr Marco!
- Kneeling for Communion:** Pope Benedict XVI was very keen that Catholics should be given the opportunity to kneel for Holy Communion due to its precedence both in the Catholic Tradition and in the Bible (a common posture before the presence of the divine cf. Ps 95). For this reason we are now using the prie-dieux (kneelers) for Holy Communion at weekday Masses. No-one is under any obligation to receive the Blessed Sacrament on their knees (standing is still fine!), but it is good that we make provision for those who wish to do so.
- Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum:** These are the most important ceremonies of the year as we accompany our Lord from the Last Supper to His rising on Easter Sunday. Times are: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm; Good Friday 3pm; Easter Vigil 8.15pm. For Maundy Thursday we need up to 12 members of the parish to have their feet washed: men and women, young and old, all are welcome! Please speak with Fr Marco if you would like to be involved (NB. pedicures are not necessary)!

Outside the Parish

- Rosary at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry:** During Lent the Holy Rosary is prayed at the Statue of Our Lady of Coventry in Priory Gardens near Broadgate. Fridays in Lent at 1.40pm. All welcome!
- Veneration of St Carlo Acutis' Relics:** lovely to see our parishioners there, what a blessing for Coventry! We will continue to turn to him as a guide as we seek to grow in our love for the Eucharist, may he be our good friend and intercede powerfully for us!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, First of all a **Happy Mothering Sunday** to all mothers! They are such a blessing to us and a real gift from God. We thank them for all the love they have given and sacrifices they have made for us over the years. We also remember those mothers who are now with God and pray that they are enjoying their eternal reward. Let us also remember **our blessed Mother Mary** as the best and sweetest of all mothers! We wish her a happy Mothers' Day too and pray that we may honour her with a virtuous and holy life. It is interesting to look into the history of Mothering Sunday: originally a day when we thank **Holy Mother Church** for the gift of our baptism. Many would visit their church of baptism on this day to say a prayer of thanksgiving before the font in which they were baptised. If you were baptised here at SJF, perhaps you may wish to do likewise! Let us also pray especially for those who will be receiving Baptism this Easter: may they always treasure the Catholic Church as their mother and home. A happy Laetare Sunday to everyone! *Fr Marco*

DATE	TIME	1 st Reading & Psalms	2 nd R, GA & Bidding Pr.	Eucharistic Ministers
SAT 14 th Mar	6.30pm	Cyprian M	Veeda M	Nacey A & Victoria A
SUN 15 th March	9.30am	Michelle S	Felicia B	Moira T & Luise I
	11.30am	Susan O'G	Joe G	Bernadette N & Litty S
SAT 21 st March	6.30pm	Nigel Mc	Nesty DR	Mary C & Terry B
SUN 22 nd March	9.30am	Dominic B	Ngozi O	Brid C & Niall M
	11.30am	Charlie F	Bernadette N	Susan O'G & Halina G

Upcoming Events

Stations of the Cross: will be prayed on Mondays in Lent starting on 2nd March at 5.45pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Mothers' Day: Afternoon tea on Sunday 15th Mar. *Calling all bakers, could you donate a homemade cake, (costs reimbursed) for our parish please?* This is for fundraising for the roof. Please sign the list in the porch. A few tickets left £12pp available after Mass. Many thanks.

Lenten Walk: A group of parishioners from "Cuppa and a chat" are doing the Big Lent Walk. This involves walking 200km during Lent to raise money for CAFOD particularly for life-saving water. For more details, please see the noticeboard. All are still welcome to join!

