## The Parish of Our Lady & St Hubert Parish Newsletter



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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	Patrick Allen RIP					
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Sunday Mass	Anahita Birthday					
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass Today							
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Ordinary Time	Margaret Kelly RIP					
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am		Alfred Luckman RIP					
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday	Sawford Family					
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass Today							
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration						
	7:00pm	Weekday of Lent	William Cockrell					
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Weekday of Lent People of the Paris						

First Sunday of Lent 17th/ 18th February 2024

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	Myles Doyle	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Sunday Mass	Zofia & Pawel Bajorek	

2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for Pro Life.

There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next week.

Confessions available Saturday 10:30am & 5:30pm

Offertory Totals for 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2024									
Gift Aid	£148.50	Non GA	£151.92	Standing Orders	£229.00	Totalo	£643.16		
Racial Justice			£113.74		101015	2043.10			

<u>APF Red boxes</u>: Please return your boxes for counting.

<u>**Parish Tote 2024**</u>: Why not join in the parish tote, which is a good way of raising funds for the parish. It is  $\pounds 24$  for a number which covers the 12 monthly draws, with 4 prizes each draw.

<u>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm</u>: You are all invited to a meeting on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Conference room to discuss possible changes to the parish Sunday services and to provide an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on the issues raised recently by Archbishop Bernard & Bishop David Evans. See below for Bishop David's letter.

The Annual World Day of Prayer **organised by women of the Church** will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00 pm at Warley Baptist Church, Castle Road East, B68 9BJ. This year the service focuses on (and is organised by) the Christian women of Palestine.

<u>Care for the Sick</u>: If you know of anyone who lives in the parish who is sick, infirm, or housebound and is unable to get to mass and would like regular communion to be brought to them - or who might like an occasional visit - please pass on their details to Fr Roger. Also please let Fr Roger know if there is someone who is going to hospital who might like a visit there.

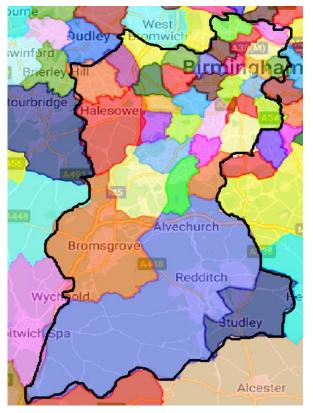
**Parish Census** forms are available at the back of the church, they need to be handed to Ann Williams, our safeguarding officer, to comply with the general data protection rules (GDPR).

**Security:** Please ensure that you take care of your own property (handbags, phones etc.) always, while at the church

**Collection for the Food Brandhall Pantry**: Here is a list of the most wanted items; UHT Milk semi skimmed, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Sweet Corn, Tinned Peas, Sugar, Small jars of Coffee, Biscuits, Frey Bentos Pies, Savoury Rice Packets, Corned Beef, Squash/Cordial, Cooking Oil, Tinned Steak/Minced Beef Letter from Bishop David Evans read at mass on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

My Dear Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

As Pope Francis has reminded us we live in age of change, more rather a change of the age.



In our Deanery there are thirty nine parishes currently served by twenty four priests and their average age is 64. It is estimated that in a decade this number may diminish to as low as six.

Furthermore, we currently celebrate 84 weekend masses in the deanery, all more or less at the same time, and often within less than two miles of each other, particularly in the city.

With this in mind as Christians it would be irresponsible to not discern and move towards a model for our parishes which is sustainable but also outward focused and missional, this is a moment to rediscover our shared identity as disciples.

Change is inevitable, but this is an opportunity to shape that change rather than wait until it is forced upon us. In the coming months, you will be invited to gather to consider proposals which will

enable an appropriate response to these changing circumstances. I would like now to encourage parishes, and the deanery as a whole to be part of this conversation and to do so in a generous prayerful spirit.

With my prayerful best wishes for the New Year,

(signed Bishop David Evans)

Our Deanery as it is now came into being with the merger of the old Cathedral Deanery and Birmingham South, as well as embracing parishes from Northern Worcestershire and towards the Black Country.

In total there are 39 parishes, many of them within the Birmingham City Ring Road but also including Bromsgrove, Redditch and Studley to the South.

At the moment we celebrate 84 Sunday masses, and a cursory glance at timings reveals an almost identical pattern across the deanery which means of course that active serving priests cannot support neighbouring parishes in the event of illness, holiday or other weekend commitments.

The Dean is Fr Gary Buckby, supported by Mgr. Timothy Menezes and Fr John Peyton as Vice Deans.

Deanery meetings usually take place on the second Tuesday of each month, usually hosted by a deanery parish. At these meetings priests and deacons meet for mutual support and fellowship, as much as to discuss and plan strategically, or reflect on

issues of concern, within parishes, within the deanery, within the diocese and indeed globally.

With an aging presbyterate, and an awareness of a need to proactively respond to changing circumstances, the faithful of our deanery are being encouraged to engage with the ongoing conversation alongside their clergy about how we might all play our part in building up the life of our parishes moving into a challenging future.

## Please Pray for...

Sick Clergy of the Diocese: Fr Alan Bell CHS, Fr Anthony Dykes, Fr Brian Wall, Fr Bruce Dutson, Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ, Fr Fred Sheldon, Fr Jacob Lewis, Fr John Baggley, Fr Michael Ho, Fr Peter Blundell, Fr Roger Peck, Fr Tony Rohan, Fr Walter Bance, and Mgr Graham Wilkinson.

The sick of the parish. Especially:- Evelyn Knight, Teresa Stanley, Pat Walsh, Gabrielle O'Grady, Roberta Crowther, Lilly Rogers, Edna Edwards, Barbara & Chris O'Brien, John Sawford, Terence Rose, Marion King, David Walter, Howard Knight, Barbara Powell, Martin Thomas, Peter Brewer, Anna Cartlidge, Christine Connolly, Jawed Akhter; John Southall; Joe O'Grady; Terrance McDonagh; Maureen McCamley; Mary McDonagh; Philip Williams; Janey Heanue; Pauline Bill; Veronica Kelly; Lourdes; Sandra Wood; Mary Williams; David Quigley

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Wallace; Kate Redford, Fr Sandy Brown; Fr Chris Greaney; Fr Paul Lomas; Fr John Lungley; Valarie Drew

For those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Joseph Peters; Bridget Casey; Elsie Corfield; Gary Spiller; Anthony Nocon, Betty Trickett; Mary Redfern; Leslie Ward; Peggy Martle; Michael Allen, Anne Clifford; Thomas Wood, John Vincent Wood, Michael Cull; Hannah Allen, Michael Harnett; Marie Letts, Nell Olivers; Catherine Cull, Reg Bethel; Valerie Pearce, Carmen Williams; Patric Tacgatt; Robert Wallace, Mary Abbotts; Ruth Mason; Nellie Rock; Bridget Garvin. Charles Robert Edwards, Philippa Teresa Jordan, Francis Paul Wood, Thelma Havelin, Ronald Joseph Redfern, Ronnie Hall, Helen Walter; Maria Garofalo; Alfred Hayes; Kath Sugrue; Stephanie Kuczerawy; John Husband; Olive Harper; Maria Garofalo; Laurence Patrick O'Brien; Barbara Ann Mason; Carmel Hemming; Bernard Abbots