

MASS TIMES	Ss Peter & Paul	Holy Cross	Intention
Saturday 23rd March <i>Palm Sunday from 12noon</i>		12noon	George Reed RIP(Worcs)
Sunday 24th March <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8.30am 11am		Pro Populo Jesus Vega RIP
Monday 25th March <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>		7pm	Glenys Smith
Tuesday 26th March <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	10am 7pm		Colette Thorne Service of Reconciliation (NOT a Mass)
Wednesday 27th March <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>		8am	
Thursday 28th March <i>Maundy Thursday, Procession to the Altar of Repose-watching until a suitable hour</i>	7pm		
Friday 29th March <i>Good Friday, Liturgy of the Passion. Mass of the Presanctified at SSPP</i>	3pm	7pm	Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross (English & Polish)
Saturday 30th March <i>Holy Saturday, Vigil Mass</i>	8pm	6pm	Blessing of Food (Polish, NOT a Mass) Arthur Piggott RIP
Sunday 31st March <i>Easter Sunday, Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8 30am 11am		Pro Populo Frank Cunningham RIP
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, Charity No. 234216			

HOLY CROSS and SS PETER & PAUL, LICHFIELD
UPPER SAINT JOHN STREET AND DIMBLES LANE

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Sunday 24th March, Palm Sunday

Words from the Early Church

True reverence for the Lord's passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognising in him our own humanity.

The earth - our earthly nature - should tremble at the suffering of its Redeemer. The rocks - the hearts of unbelievers - should burst asunder. The dead, imprisoned in the tombs of their mortality, should come fourth, the massive stones now ripped apart. Fore-shadowings of the future resurrection should appear in the holy city, the Church of God: what is to happen to our bodies should now take place in our hearts.

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance.

Ignorance has been destroyed, obstinacy has been overcome. The sacred blood of Christ has quenched the flaming sword that barred access to the tree of life. The age-old night of sin has given place to the true light.

The Christian people are invited to share the riches of paradise. All who have been re-born have the way open before them to return to their native land, from which they had been exiled. Unless indeed they close off for themselves the path that could be opened before the faith of a thief.

ST AUGUSTINE

SAFEGUARDING: our Parish Website has a dedicated page which provides links to Safeguarding, who to contact and details of our ongoing commitment to keeping everyone safe. Simply go to the parish website to find all the details.....romancatholiclichfield.co.uk/safeguarding

Prayers & Resources

www.universalis.com has the **mass readings for the day.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jonathan Dick, David Clough,
Paul Howells, Tamara Murtagh,
Ellen Russell, Patrick Glendon,
David Greatrex, Anna Nicholls,
Terry Hazell, Carlos Wright,
Matthew McCleod, Barbara Cleaver,
Sulamith Corbett, Tony Corbett,
Jayne Wright, Jean Christie,
David Finnemore Wain,
Christine Ratcliffe, Eileen Walmsley,
Liz Graham, Nigel Lewis,
Philip Flahive, Mike Kilgallen,
Jean Watson, Maria Huong Huynh,
Rohan Jenkins, Oscar Wordsworth,
Mary Rowe, Simon Loveland,
Fr Anthony Dykes, Eddie Ryan,
Angela White, Terry & Gussie Finn
Hazel Kenny.
and those known only to you.

Hear us, O Lord, from heaven thy
dwelling place;
Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT : Saturdays before 12 noon Mass in Holy Cross from 11.15

CONFESSIONS: Saturday from 11.15am Holy Cross & before any Mass & at any reasonable time by arrangement

HOLY CROSS: as far as possible the church is open for private prayer and meditation during the day.

CONTACT of a Priest during FR ANTHONY's absence : Fr Linh at Burntwood has kindly offered to assist if a priest is urgently needed. He can be contacted by email fr.linh.nguyen@rcaob.org.uk or by phone 01543 686266 BUT Fr Anthony is generally about and mildly vigorous Saturday to Wednesday.

SECOND COLLECTION: for Holy Places 29th March. CAFOD February £250.

EASTER OFFERING FOR YOUR PRIESTS : envelopes available at both churches.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday 26th March 7pm at Ss Peter & Paul's. There will be visiting Priests.

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 26th March in the Community Room at Holy Cross 10 30am. All welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS, Friday 29th March. The Walk starts at Whittington Pharmacy, 8.15am Join it at Boley Park 9.15am, Lichfield Shopping Centre 10am and then around the City Centre. The walk will finish at the Methodist Church in Tamworth Street, where there will be a service of worship and refreshments.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE : Good Friday 7.30pm Lichfield Cathedral.

FRIDAY COFFEE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM : on Good Friday we shall joining the Walk of Witness.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLYLAND: on the 6/7th April Peter Rand will be speaking at the Sunday masses about the work of the FHL. Peter has visited Gaza and brings first hand knowledge of the plight of the Christian Community There will be a retiring collection and leaflets will be given out about the work of the FHL. For more information please visit the website : friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

FRIENDS OF THE HOLYLAND: invite you to join them for some fun on 13th April entitled Beetles/Beatles evening. Curious? Buy a ticket for £12 including supper and come and support a worthy cause and revive the social life of the Parish. Adults only. Tickets available from next weekend.or contact fhl.lichfield@gmail.com

FLOWERS AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH : if you would like to help, please contact Rita 01543-253822