MASS TIMES	Ss Peter & Paul	Holy Cross	Intention
Saturday 29 Auguust Behaeding f John The Mass of Sunday.		12noon	for the Repose of the Soul of Fr Pat Nicholson RIP
Sunday 30th August **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORD.TIME**	8.30am 11am		Pro Populo Graham & Ratcliffe
Monday 31st August St Aidan and Companions		10am	Special Int
Tuesday 1st Sept. St Giles			NO PUBLIC MASS
Wednesday 2nd Sept. Feria			NO PUBLIC MASS
Thursday 3rd Sept. St Gregory the Great		7pm	
Friday 4th Sept. St Cuthbert		10am 3pm	Divine Mercy Rosary
Saturrday 5th Sept. Mass of Sunday		12noon	
Sunday 6th Sept. **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORD.TIME**	8.30am 11am		Pro Populo Daphne Keane

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HOLY CROSS and SS PETER & PAUL, LICHFIELD

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th August, 2026

My mind is sundered and torn to pieces by the many and serious things I have to think about. When I try to concentrate and gather all my intellectual resources for preaching, how can I do justice to the sacred ministry of the word? I am often compelled by the nature of my position to associate with men of the world and sometimes I relax the discipline of my speech. If I preserved the rigorously inflexible mode of utterance that my conscience dictates, I know that the weaker sort of men would recoil from me and that I could never attract them to the goal I desire for them. So I must frequently listen patiently to their aimless chatter. Because I am weak myself I am drawn gradually into idle talk and I find myself saying the kind of thing that I didn't even care to listen to before

from St Gregory, Apostle of England

SAFEGUARDING: our Parish Website has a dedicated page which provides links to Safeguarding. Our Parish Safeguarding lead is Stephen Wordsworth who can be contacted at sg.holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk

Prayers & Resources
www.universalis.com has the **mass readings for the day**. It also has all the Offices from Matins to Compline.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK
Jonathan Dick, David Clough, Tamara Murtagh, Ellen Russell, Patrick Glendon, 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, Philip Flahive, Mike Kilgallen, Jean Watson, Maria Huong Huynh, Rohan Jenkins, Oscar Wordsworth, Mary Rowe, Eddie Ryan, Angela White, Terry Finn, Hazel Kenny, Mavis Thompson, Rebekah Birch, Sue James, Father John Hancock, Peter Keane, Mgr David Cousins, Marilyn Lynch and all those known only to you.
Hear us, O Lord, from heaven thy dwelling place and have mercy on us.

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Coffee in the Community Room
Every Friday 10.30am-Midday
In the Community Room
@ Holy Cross
ALL WELCOME

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

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

HOLY CROSS: as far as possible the Church is open for Private Prayer and Meditation from 8 am until 6 pm

URGENT!!! ASSIST US TO LIVE NOT TO DIE: there will be some cards in the Narthex at each Church for you to collect at this weekends Masses. relating to the opposition to the Assisted Suicide Bill. Please send this to our MP Dave Robertson

SVP AFTERNOON TEA: will be held on Saturday 12th September after the 12noon Mass in the Community Room at Holy Cross. All welcome. I am sure that you will all remember what a lovely afternoon this was last year and the members of the SVP give a great commitment to this. I look forward to seeing you there

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, PLEASE!!!: we are looking for some volunteers to help with the Church cleaning at SS PETER & PAUL. We need to get a couple of teams together on a monthly rota. Please contact myslf in the Office(01543 257930 holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk) if you can help. Many thanks

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 1st September 10.30am in the Community Room @ Holy Cross

A FAREWELL TO FR ANTHONY: I did ask Father if he wanted me to put a comment in the Newsletter about his departure to which I got a few choices but I decided on going with my own!! I m sure that you will all join me in thanking Fr Anthony for being our Parish Priest for the past 10plus years, he is a character that we will all remember. We wish him all the best as he focuses on his Academic Life and cares for Mrs Dykes, who we will all miss. All the best wishes for the future Fr, you will be missed as will Mrs Dykes

A WELCOME TO FR JAN: this time I hope that you will all join me in welcoming Fr Jan as our new Parish Priest. I am sure that I speak for everyone when I say that I hope you settle into Parish Life in Lichfield and I am sure that you will be warmly welcomed. A very big welcome to the Parish Fr Jan

KALEIDOSCOPE CHOIR, SEPTEMBER SONGS: Wednesday 9th September 7.30pm at St Giles Church, Whittington in support of St Giles Hospice. Tickets are priced at £12 each and are available from TICKETSOURCE or call 07768 325606

HARVINGTON HALL PILGRIMAGE: the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the beautiful Shrine of the English Martyrs **SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**. Please see the noticeboard at each Church for details. It is **essential** that you bring your own chairs and a packed lunch

REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE MRS GUSSIE FINN RIP: will be held at Holy Cross Church 12noon on Thursday 10th September

GIFT AID: for any Parishioner that makes an Offering to the Church on a regular basis please let us know if you are eligible to Gift Aid your donation, by doing so we will be able to claim for the full amount of your kind Offering. Also if there are any Parishioners that wish to start making a regular Offering please get in touch ga.holycross@rcaob.org.uk