

MASS TIMES	Ss Peter & Paul	Holy Cross	Intention
Saturday 14th March Lent Feria FULFILS THE OBLIGATION FOR SUNDAY		12noon	Swann family & friends dec'd
<b>Sunday 15th March</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE</b>	8.30am 11am		Pro Populo Buckley family & friends
Monday 16th March Lent Feria		7pm	Swan & Byrne families
Tuesday 17th March St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	10am SSPP whole School Mass & Confessions		Sheila Hird RIP(4th Anniv.)
Wednesday 18th March St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church		8am	Cushen, Johnson, Harvey families
Thursday 19th March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary		11am ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL	Victoria Dumbell & David Shuck
Friday 20th March Lent Feria		10am 3pm 7pm	Stones, Burton f&f Divine Mercy Rosary Stations of the Cross
Saturday 21st March Lent Feria		12noon	Keenan, Quinn dec'd
<b>Sunday 22nd March</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30am 11am		Hamilton, Thorn dec'd Pro Populo

## HOLY CROSS and SS PETER & PAUL, LICHFIELD

UPPER SAINT JOHN STREET, WS14 9DX AND DIMBLES LANE , WS13 7NH

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### Fourth Sunday of Lent

### 15th March 2026

**Prayer is the offering in spirit that has done away with the sacrifices of old. *What good do I receive from the multiplicity of your sacrifices?* asks God.**

What God has asked for we learn from the Gospel. *The hour will come*, he says, *when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. God is a spirit*, and so he looks for worshippers who are like himself.

We are true worshippers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to him: it is the offering he has asked for, the offering he planned as his own.

We must dedicate this offering with our whole heart, we must fatten it on faith, tend it by truth, keep it unblemished through innocence and clean through chastity, and crown it with love. We must escort it to the altar of God in a procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God.

**from Tertullian, an early Christian writer from Africa**

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](mailto:sg.holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk)

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## 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, 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, Philip Flahive, Mike Kilgallen, Jean Watson, Maria Huong Huynh, Rohan Jenkins, Oscar Wordsworth, Mary Rowe, Eddie Ryan, Angela White, Terry&Gussie Finn, Hazel Kenny, Mavis Thompson, Rebekah Birch, Sue James, Father John Hancock, Peter Keane, Daphne Keane 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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**To receive the Newsletter by email please contact the Parish Office:**  
**holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk**

**Coffee in the Community Room**

**10.30am at Holy Cross**

**Every Friday**

**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

**SVP LANTERN LUNCH:** Sunday 22nd March 2026 12-2pm in Ss Peter & Paul School Hall. The SVP will welcome all to have a lunch of soup.

Donations to SVP. As this is the Visitation weekend Bishop Tomothy Menezes will also be enjoying some soup with you before he leaves the Parish

If any Parishioners are able to make some home made soup to bring on the day please contact myself and I will let the SVP know. Thank you

**SVP MEETING:** Tuesday 31st March 7pm in the Community Room @ Holy Cross. This is not just for members of the SVP but open to everyone who wants to know what the SVP are all about and anyone who is interested in joining us

**VISITATION FROM BISHOP TIMOTHY MENEZES:** we look forward to welcoming the Bishop into our Parish next weekend 21st-22nd March. Our planning is nearly complete and I will get the Agenda sent across to everyone this coming week. These will also

be available as paper copies in the Narthex at each Church. Lets ensure the Bishop goes away with many positive thoughts from our Parish

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS DEE McCLEARY(Headmistress @ St Joseph's School):** Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass at St Joseph's School at 11am on Thursday 19th March for the Feast of St Joseph

**GIFT AID:** I have been advised that a few Gift Aid forms were handed out at the 11am Mass last Sunday, thank you to everyone who has completed one of these. Unfortunately the incorrect Sort Code has been written. If you still have the form please take this with you to Mass this week or bring into the Office so that we can amend them. Apologies for any inconvenience

**KNIT & STITCH:** Monday 16th March 2-4pm in the Community Room @ Holy Cross. All welcome for a cuppa & natter

**BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday 17th March 10.30am in the Community Room @ Holy Cross. All welcome

**NOTICE OF DEATH:** we have been advised of the death of Elizabeth 'Bett' Sherrington(83years). Requiem will be held at Ss Peter & Paul & Paul 23rd March, 2026 @ 11am

**ASSISTED DYING BILL:** GOOD NEWS!! You may have heard in the news there is now every prospect the Assisted Dying Bill will be defeated BUT it is not over yet, so please keep praying

**ABORTION CLAUSE:** the House of Lords are expected to vote on Wednesday 18th March on an amendment to REPEAL the horrendous clause in the Crime and Policing Bill to allow abortion upto Birth. Please e mail or phone the Anglican Bishop of Lichfield to ask him to vote in favour of this REPEAL

**ASSISTED DYING BILL IN SCOTLAND:** the third and final reading of the Scottish Bill is scheduled for 17th March. Unlike England there is no House of Lords 'Safety Net'. HOWEVER there is still hope because it only needs, literally, a handful of SMP's to change their vote for the Bill to be defeated. If you have any friends or relatives in Scotland ask them to immediately contact their SMP to vote NO on 17th March(and ask their friends and relatives to do likewise). Two usefil links are [info@righttolife.org.uk](mailto:info@righttolife.org.uk) and [www.righttolife.org.uk/ScotlandFinalVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ScotlandFinalVote)

**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](mailto:ga.holycross@rcaob.org.uk)