

MASS TIMES	Ss Peter & Paul	Holy Cross	Intention
Saturday 31st January St John Bosco, Priest		12noon	Christy Barry-Anniversary
Sunday 1st February FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORD.TIME	8.30am 11am		Fiona Maher Pro Populo
Monday 2nd February the Presentation of the Lord CANDLEMAS(please bring a Missal)		7pm	J&W Dykes
Tuesday 3rd February St Werburg, Abbess	10am SCHOOL MASS		Deirdre Smith&Smith family
Wednesday 4th February Feria		8am	Floss, Harold, Anna
Thursday 5th February St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	6pm Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Timothy Menezes		
Friday 6th February St Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs		10am 3pm 7pm MASS IN LATIN-Sacred Heart-First Friday	Swann family Divine Mercy Rosary
Saturday 7th February Our Lady on Saturday Mass of Sunday		12noon	Mr Francis McCabe RIP
Sunday 8th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD.TIME	8.30am 11am		Noel Maher
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, Charity No. 234216			

HOLY CROSS and SS PETER & PAUL, LICHFIELD
UPPER SAINT JOHN STREET, WS14 9DX AND DIMBLES LANE , WS13 7NH

Priests : Fr Anthony Dykes, Fr John Hancock, Mgr Anthony Wilcox.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Septuagesima Sunday 1st February 2026

I celebrate the glory of Jesus Christ as God, because he is responsible for your wisdom, well aware as I am of the perfection of your unshakeable faith. You are like men who have been nailed body and soul to the cross of Jesus Christ, confirmed in love by his blood.

In regard to the Lord, you firmly believe that he was *of the race of David according to the flesh*, but God's son by the will and power of God; truly born of the Virgin and baptized by John, *that all justice might be fulfilled*; truly nailed to a cross in the flesh for our sake under Pontius Pilate and the Tetrarch Herod, and of his most blessed passion we are the fruit. And thus, by his resurrection he raised up a standard over his saints and faithful ones for all time (both Jews and Gentiles alike) in the one body of his Church. For he endured all this for us, for our salvation; and he really suffered, and just as truly rose from the dead.

Sr Ignatius of Anrioch on. 108 AD.

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 . 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, 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.

To receive the Newsletter by e mail please contact the Parish Office:
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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

SECOND COLLECTION: Sunday 1st February for Racial Justice

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF FATHER DAVID KENIRY(9TH DECEMBER 2025) RIP

KNIT & STITCH: Monday 2nd February 2-4pm in the Community Room@Holy Cross. All welcome for a cuppa&natter

PRISON PRAYER: Monday 2nd February 7.30pm in the Community Room@Holy Cross

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 3rd February 10.30am in the Community Room@Holy Cross. All Welcome

FRIENDS OF THE HOLYLAND: will be holding a quiz on Saturday 14th February at Holy Cross Hall.

Teams of 6, tickets cost £12, including fish and chip supper. Tickets go on sale after weekend Masses from this week. Thank you

ADULTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLICS: we plan to hold a series of talks for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. There will be an introductory first meeting at Holy Cross at 6.15pm(before Mass) on Thursday 12th February

CHILDRENS PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION: will start on 25th January. The lessons will be held at Ss Peter & Paul Church on a Sunday morning at 10.15am before the 11am Mass. Would any parents of year 3 children who do not attend a Catholic Primary School please get in touch with Igna Evans, our Catechist, on 07808 963352

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2026: please see the poster in the Narthex at both Churches. The Pilgrimage will take place from Friday 7th-Sunday 9th August. All information is detailed on the poster. Many thanks

OSCOTT COLLEGE TOURS & RECITAL: please see poster in the Narthex at both Churches which list the dates of all upcoming tours of Oscott College.

The next Organ recital will be on Sunday 8th February at 3pm. Booking can be done online <https://www.oscott.org/events> or in person on the door

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