

MASS TIMES	Ss Peter & Paul	Holy Cross	Intention
Saturday 28th February MASS OF SUNDAY		12noon	Deidre Smith RIP and her mother Margaret Rice RIP
<b>Sunday 1st March</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30am 11am		Jesús Vega Pro Populo
Monday 2nd March St Chad, Bishop		7pm	Mary & Harold Dale
Tuesday 3rd March Lent Feria		8am	Holy Souls (Swan)
Wednesday 4th March Lent Feria			NO PUBLIC MASS
Thursday 5th March Lent Feria			NO PUBLIC MASS
Friday 6th March Lent Feria		10.30am Service 3pm 7pm Service	World Day of Prayer Divine Mercy Rosary World Day of Prayer
Saturday 7th March Saints Perpetua and Felicity		12noon	Maura & Walter Gillen
<b>Sunday 8th March</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30am 11am		Pro Populo Jesús Vega
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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## Second Sunday of Lent

### 1st March 2026

**Bishop Erik Varden OCSO - former Abbot of Mount St Bernard, and originator of Tynt Meadow beer. Now preacher of the Pope's retreat.**

“It is tempting to think we must keep up with the world’s fashions. It is, I’d say, a dubious procedure. The Church, a slow-moving body, will always run the risk of looking and sounding last-season. But if she speaks her own language well, that of the Scriptures and liturgy, of her past and present fathers, mothers, poets, and saints, she will be original and fresh, ready to express ancient truths in new ways, standing a chance, as she has done before, of orienting culture.

### ALMS GIVING

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

**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)

## 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 email please contact the Parish Office:  
[holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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

**SECOND COLLECTION:** for Lent Fast(Cafod) Sunday 1st March

**ADULTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLICS:** we plan to hold a series of talks for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic. Please speak to Fr Anthony after one of the masses if you are interested

**CHILDRENS PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION:**

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 contact Igna Evans, our Catechist, on 07808 963352

**DIVINE MERCY ROSARY:** join us during Lent to pray for the Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood. Friday's 3pm at Holy Cross. Everyone welcome

**KNIT AND STITCH:** Monday 2nd March 2-4pm in the Community Room at Holy Cross. All welcome to join us for a cuppa & natter

**PRISON PRAYER:** Monday 2nd March 7.30pm in the Community Room at Holy Cross

**BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday 3rd March 10.30am in the Community Room at Holy Cross. All welcome

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday 6th March. This year we are hosting the World Day of Prayer at Holy Cross. The service for 2026 has been written by the women of Nigeria. It is an ecumenical service and people from all the churches in Lichfield have been invited. Please come and join with local Christians and those all over the world in prayer and fellowship. Services are at 10.30am and 7pm with refreshments served after both

**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

**CAFOD: Family Fast Day:** Choose any day you like and have a day of fasting.

There are CAFOD envelopes at the back of church. You can return these next week in the collection.

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

**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)