

Fr Anthony and Fr John will be saying Mass for the following intentions this week:

Holy Cross

Mrs Nora Green
Salthouse & Cooper family & friends
Fr Jean-Baptiste Brossier, Nicole
Chavelet, Vincent O'Brien
Di, Mick & Sid Heath
Marie Driver
People of the parish

Ss Peter & Paul

McGowan, O'Sullivan, Kilgallon &
Kelly families
Chapman family & friends
John Pender
Jean, John & Mair families

Thank you for your donations at Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Helen Reeves, Jonathan Dick, Sally Fell, Marguerite Mulcahy, Paul Howells, Tamara Murtagh, Piper Brown, Ellen Russell, David Clough, Vinny Pallett, Patrick Glendon, David Greatrex, Tom Ellis, Brian Haynes, Molly Haynes, Marjorie Kimber, Anna Nicholls, Terry Hazell, Mary Price, Carlos Wright, Matthew McCleod, Pat Curran, Barbara Cleaver, Sulamith Corbett, Tony Corbett, Jayne Wright, Kathy Coy, Fr Michael Stack, David Finnemore Wain, Rosemary Thompson, Colette Thorne, Pamela Burton and those known only to you.

Hear us, O Lord, from heaven thy dwelling place;

Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.

**For all government advice about Coronavirus, please visit:
www.gov.uk/coronavirus
Stay Alert to save lives**

For Newsletter notices & Mass Intentions, please contact Teresa Walters:
email: holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk

HOLY CROSS and SS PETER & PAUL

Priests: Fr Anthony Dykes & Fr John Hancock

Presbytery Tel: 01543 263234 Parish Office: www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk

1st Sunday of Advent 29th November 2020



Plans for Advent & Christmas

We are making plans to be able to provide as much as possible to the parishioners of Lichfield for Advent and Christmas during this difficult year. Although it will be very different to what we have previously experienced, we hope it will bring you a joyful and holy Christmas.

Advent Mass Times:

During Advent we shall be including an extra Mass into the usual schedule and keeping Holy Cross open for Mass. From 2nd Dec the Mass schedule will be:

Saturday	10am	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday	8.30am	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday	11am	Ss Peter & Paul
Tuesday	10am	Holy Cross
Thursday	7pm	Ss Peter & Paul

Christmas Mass Times:

We are planning on 5 Masses over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. These times and locations will be confirmed on Friday 4th Dec. We are introducing a booking system for these Masses. Details on how to book will be on next weeks newsletter. The booking system will open on Monday 7th December.

Journey of the Kings

We would like to continue the tradition of the Journey of the Kings this year - but this time we're going virtual! We shall be recording 12 short videos to be emailed over the 12 days of Christmas. We have 2 volunteers lined up already, but need 10 more! If you would like to take part, please contact Teresa: holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk

Prayers & Resources

www.universalis.com has the **mass readings for the day**. You can also find there the Divine Office.

Important information for all parishioners attending private prayer & Mass:

Please stay at home if

- You are required to self isolate
- You have a pre-existing condition or are immuno-compromised
- You are feeling ill
- You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19
- You have a sick family member at home

The use of face coverings is compulsory in church for all persons over 5yrs. We have a limited supply of disposable masks but do ask that parishioners provide their own face coverings. Further information is available on the parish website.

Christmas Offering

Fr Anthony was not able to receive an Easter offering this year. We do not want Christmas to go by without being able to show him our appreciation. If you would like to give cash or cheque, you can hand envelopes in to stewards at either of our churches during opening times, or post through the presbytery door. If you would like to gift over the phone/online, please contact Dave Brown: 07411628240 or Teresa: holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk for advice. Many thanks.

Volunteering at church - we are now allowed to accept volunteers over 70yrs.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who are giving up their time and working hard to keep both Ss Peter & Pauls and Holy Cross church open and safe.

We need more volunteer stewards in order to be able to stay open. We no longer have any age restrictions for our volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to be a steward, please get in touch with Andrew at: aobodger@hotmail.com

Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who supported Angel Tree this year in buying and wrapping gifts. We have had a letter from the managing chaplain in Swinfen thanking us for arranging Angel Tree despite the restrictions. The presents will bring smiles on the faces of many children this Christmas.

On-line Mass

During this time we are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion when we desire to be in union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. A full list of parishes live-streaming Mass can be found here:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-with-live-streams

This weeks opening times:

Saturday 28th Nov	10-11am	Private Prayer	Ss Peter & Paul
Tuesday 1st Dec	10-11am	Private Prayer	Holy Cross
Thursday 3rd Dec	7pm	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul
Saturday 5th Dec	10am	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday 6th Dec	8.30am	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday 6th Dec	11am	Mass	Ss Peter & Paul

Candles and Mass intentions

Fr Anthony can light a candle in church on your behalf.

If you have a particular intention, you can send it to holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk or put a note through the Presbytery letter box.