

MASS TIMES	Ss Peter & Paul	Holy Cross	Intention
Saturday 29th March LAETARE		12noon	Robert & Dorothy Hodson(Anniv)
Sunday 30th March LAETARE SUNDAY	8.30am 11am		Pro Populo Tony Graham RIP
Monday 31st March Lent Feria		7pm	Albert & Evelyn Lilly Sharpe
Tuesday 1st April Lent Feria	10am Ss Peter & Paul School Mass		Liz & Mac Baird, M Biston RIP
Wednesday 2nd April St Francis of Paolo, Hermit		8am	Kilgallon, Maundrell family&friends K Larkin, S Jones
Thursday 3rd April Lent Feria		7pm	Simon Loveland RIP(1st Anniv)
Friday 4th April St Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church		10am 3pm 7pm	Ints of SB Divine Mercy Rosary Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5th April St Vincent Ferrer, Priest		12noon	Liz & Mac Baird
Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8 30am 11am		Pro Populo Nancy Graham RIP

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, Charity No. 234216

HOLY CROSS and SS PETER & PAUL, LICHFIELD  
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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Laetare Sunday

30th March 2025

If you love me, follow me. "I do love you," you protest, "but how do I follow you?" If the Lord your God said to you: "I am the truth and the life," in your desire for truth, in your love for life, you would certainly ask him to show you the way to reach them. You would say to yourself: "Truth is a great reality, life is a great reality; if only it were possible for my soul to find them!" You ask how to follow him? Listen to what he said before anything else: "I am the way". So before he told you where to go, he told you how. "I am the way," he said. The way where? "The truth and the life". First he told you how to go, then where you were going. "I am the way, the truth and the life". At one with the Father, he is the truth and the life; taking on flesh, he becomes the way. You are not being told, "Labour to find the way by which you can come to truth and life". That is not it at all. Do not be sluggish! Get up! The way has itself come to you, it has woken you from sleep. So since you have been woken from sleep, get up and walk. Or perhaps you are indeed trying to walk but cannot do it, because your feet hurt. Why are your feet hurting? Has avarice caused you to run over rough ground? The word of God heals even the lame. Or perhaps your feet are sound but you cannot see the way to follow. Even so: he gives sight even to the blind.

ST AUGUSTINE

**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](http://romancatholiclichfield.co.uk/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, Fr Anthony Dykes, Eddie Ryan, Angela White, Terry & Gussie Finn, Hazel Kenny, Mavis Thompson, Rebekah Birch 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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[holycrosslichfield@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:holycrosslichfield@rcaob.org.uk)

Coffee in the Community Room  
at Holy Cross every Friday  
10.30am-12noon  
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 during the day

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLYLAND:** are holding a quiz on Saturday 10th May at Holy Cross Parish Hall, 7pm.

Teams of up to 6 people. Tickets cost £12.50, which includes pizza and will go on sale next weekend. If you need further information please e mail [fhl.lichfield@gmail.com](mailto:fhl.lichfield@gmail.com)

**SVP LENTEN LUNCH:** the SVP and Mini Vinnies of Ss Peter and Paul School would like to invite you to a Lenten Lunch of homemade soup and bread on Sunday 6th April, 2025 after the 11am Mass, @ Ss Peter and Paul School. All monies from the event will go to Lenten Charities chosen by the SVP and the Mini Vinnies. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, an envelope will be available at Masses that weekend to put donations in labelled SVP

**BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday 1st April 10.30am in the Community Room at Holy Cross

**KNIT & STITCH:** Monday 31st March 2-4pm in the Community Room at Holy Cross. All welcome to join in for a cuppa and natter

**CARDINAL GRIFFIN RC COLLEGE, CANNOCK:** are seeking to recruit Teaching Assistants. Please contact the school directly for information 01543 502215

**WEBELIEVE:** 25th-28th July 2025. A festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with Parishes & Families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & Worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (Daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the full weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievofestival.com](http://www.webelievofestival.com)

**YOUNG DISCERNERS GROUP:** the Diocesan Vocations Office is starting a Young Discerners Group for young men in School Years 9-13 who want to explore a vocation to the Catholic Priesthood. The first meeting is on Saturday 5th April 2025, 10.30am-4pm at St Mary's College, Oscott in Birmingham

**NEWS & EVENTS WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM:** for all of the latest news please visit [birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**OSCOTT SEMINARY:** keep up to date with what's going on by signing up for the Newsletter and updates on the College website [www.oscott.org](http://www.oscott.org)

**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 Ong. 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)