

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A
SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020

“My house shall be called a House of Prayer”

Please be sensitive to those who want to pray in silence before Mass.

Before Mass *talk to God.*

During Mass *Listen to God.*

After Mass *talk to each other.*

The Newsletter this weekend, and for the foreseeable future, looks a little bit different. In an attempt to reduce the amount of wasted paper created whilst we cannot use the hymn books and Mass cards, I have decided to print the hymns inside the Newsletter. The usual “News” page of the Newsletter is available on the Parish Website and on the Noticeboards in both of our churches. I ask that you **take this Newsletter home with you**, as we cannot reuse them at the moment!

There is a notice on the internal doors of both churches of the new measures in place to restrict the spread of the Coronavirus. But we have been asked to emphasise the following from the Bishop’s Conference: “5. *The most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and longer-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) should refrain from parish gatherings and stay at home.* 9. *In line with current government guidance, anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from attending Mass and public events (it may be an ordinary cold, but equally it is important to ensure a precautionary approach)”*

The situation is changing frequently, and I will aim to keep the parish website updated should things change in the coming days. We need to pray for those affected, and for those working within the NHS, so, for the next few weeks, instead of praying the *Anima Christi* after Holy Communion, we will pray together for those who are suffering from Coronavirus, and also for those who are working tirelessly on the frontline of our NHS.

We continue to pray for each other! God bless, Fr Craig.

WE PRAY TOGETHER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION...

Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our communities. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease, and assist those whose skill can put an end to this affliction. Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body. Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift, and sustain them daily in your service. May their hands may bring to others the comfort of your healing touch. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)**

St Christopher

Saturday 4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

St Thomas of Canterbury

Saturday 10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

And by appointment

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
St Christopher**

Monday & Friday 6.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Saturday 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

St Thomas of Canterbury

Saturday 10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

HYMNS FOR HOLY MASS

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.*

By my sins I have deserved
Death and endless misery,
Hell with all its pains and torments,
And for all eternity.

By my sins I have abandon'd
Right and claim to heav'n above.
Where the saints rejoice forever
In a boundless sea of love.

See our Savior, bleeding, dying,
On the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

Jesu, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, oh, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
Vile and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water.
And let the ones who are laden,
Let them come to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand hast made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die-I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
when shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art!

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Saturday	14	St C	5.30 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sunday	15	St C	9.15 a.m.	Ed Kirkhope RIP
		St T	11.15 a.m.	Bill Bennett RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
Monday	16	St C	7.00 p.m.	Michael Wolverton RIP - Birthday
Tuesday	17	St T	10.00 a.m.	Michael Powell RIP
Wednesday	18	St C	10.00 a.m.	Pray for the soul of Eugene Healy
Thursday	19	--	-- --	<i>See local parishes for Mass Times</i>
Friday	20	St C	10.00 a.m.	For the intentions of Roger and Jane Page
		St T	1.30 p.m.	Funeral Service: Maureen Phillips RIP
		St C	7.00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	21	St T	10.00 a.m.	Albert Birch RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

22ND MARCH 2020

Saturday	21	St C	5.30 p.m.	Sheila and Tony Gallagher RIP
Sunday	22	St C	9.15 a.m.	Pro Populo
		St T	11.15 a.m.	John Joyce RIP

DIARY DATES...

Wed 18 March	Day of Adoration and Prayer for Vocations	St C	10 am–4 pm
Thurs 9 April HOLY THURSDAY	Mass of the Lord's Supper, <i>Watching at Altar of Repose until 11pm</i>	St C	7.00 pm
Fri 10 April GOOD FRIDAY	Children's Stations of the Cross	St C	10.15 am
	Walk of Witness (<i>starting at Holy Cross, Bilbrook</i>)		10.30 am
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St C	3.00 pm
	Stations of the Cross	St T	7.00 pm
Sat 11 April HOLY SATURDAY	Easter Vigil	St T	8.30 pm
Sat 17 October	Holy Mass to celebrate the Opening and Consecration of St Christopher's	St C	5.30 pm

LITURGICAL NOTES...

Monday	Lent Feria
Tuesday	St Patrick
Wednesday	Lent Feria
Thursday	St Joseph
Friday	Lent Feria
Saturday	Lent Feria

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Fri 3 April	<i>St Michael, Coalway Rd</i>
Mon 6 April	<i>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road</i>
Tues 7 April	<i>St Christopher, Codsall</i>

All start at 7.00 p.m.

FINANCIAL MATTERS...

7/8 March	Loose	Gift Aid	Gift Aid Standing Orders	Total
St Christopher	£207.05	£168.00	£488.00	£863.50
St Thomas	£149.90	£148.50	£110.00	£408.40

CAFOD St Christopher's £397.77

Thank you for your ongoing support!

THE CONFITEOR (*when used*)

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.