

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR Peter, Raghad & Baby	SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR Thomas Orton
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturday 10.30–11am & 5.15–5.45pm & *by appointment*
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Friday 6.00 - 6.30pm & Saturday 10.30 - 11am.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - Sunday at 3.00 p.m.
PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. *Everyone welcome!*

FINANCIAL MATTERS - 4th February 2024		Lucky Number Draw	
Gift Aid	£175.95	Standing Order	£261.00
Non-Gift Aid	£144.19		Last Week Winner
Total	£320.14	Second Collection	£160.66
			No. 88 - £30.50
		<i>for the Parish Maintenance.</i>	
Thanks for your generous offerings!			Rita Wall

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE SVP OF OUR PARISH

PARISH GIVING

The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a **Standing Order** using the following bank details:
NatWest Bank - Account No: 02272016 - Sort Code: 60 - 07 – 41
 or you may contact the Parish Office for a set of **Gift Aid** envelopes.

Useful Information

◊ **Sick List** - If you would like to add yourself, a relative or friend to the sick list you must complete a consent form, you can find them in the porch, and return it to the office.

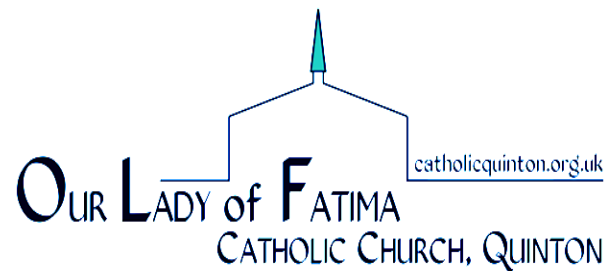
◊ **Baptisms**: Please complete the request forms and send to the office. You will be contacted to book a date.

◊ **Parish Hall** – Please contact the parish office via email olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk or telephone 0121 422 4865 to make an enquiry.

◊ **Safeguarding** - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Irene Byrne & Georgina Wakeman. They can be contacted at: sg.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Parish Administrator: Mrs Jackie McGuinness
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
 Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30p.m.
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11TH FEBRUARY 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Saturday	10	6:00 p.m.	Michael Harrey RIP
Sunday	11	9:00 a.m.	Michelle Cronin RIP Mary O'Brien RIP
		11:00 a.m.	Con & Michael Collins Anniversary
Monday	12	10:00 a.m.	Steby Joseph
Tuesday	13	10:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Ash Wednesday	14	10:00 a.m.	Mona Dessie Riley
		7:00 p.m.	Leo Wall RIP 1 st Anniversary
Thursday	15	10:00 a.m.	Margaret Kirby RIP
Friday	16	6:00 p.m.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		6:30 p.m.	Mary & John O'Brien RIP
Saturday	17	10:00 a.m.	Pray for Peace
		10:30 a.m.	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>

18TH FEBRUARY 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

Saturday	17	6:00 p.m.	Linda Stephenson RIP Dell Sheppard RIP
Sunday	18	9:00 a.m.	Christine Alan RIP
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Kirby, Janet Jones, John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Mary Basterfield, John McCallion, Mary Davitt, Donna Walsh, Bridie Kinsella, Mali Piggott (child), Issac Justin (Child), Robert Kirby, Shellie Kerr, Dean Evans, Angela Kinsella, Anne Madden, Kun Cheong Leung, Kay Hegarty, Hermenegilda Binayug, Christina Patterson, Len Mills, Rona Gibson.
May the Lord grant them consolation, peace and healing. May God give all involved in health care in hospital or in the community, grace, strength and perseverance.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD - Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time. We pray also for those in whose anniversaries occur at this time.
*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Pope's Prayer Intention for February: For the terminally ill
 We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Today is a special day of prayer for those who are sick. In a special way we ask the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for those who are ill. We also remember that Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of February is for all those who are terminally ill. At this time of great challenge for the health service, let us remember all those in the medical and caring professions who assist those who are sick.

LENT SEASON 2024

As we begin the sacred Season of Lent with ashes on our forehead, we are reminded that our lives here on earth are merely a journey with an ultimate goal of eternal life which we all share. So, now is the time to assure that we are prepared for that moment when the Lord calls us to himself and judges in love and mercy. Thus, Lent is a special invitation to deepen our commitment to daily conversion so that we are living with integrity and holiness of life. With the help of our Lord, we achieve this radical transformation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. First is prayer, reminding us of our complete dependency on God. Secondly, fasting allows us to let go of the things that weigh us down and that we do not need, and to remind us that only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts. Finally, our recommitment to 'love your neighbour as yourself' transforms our hearts, as we grow in generosity. It is my hope and prayer that this Lent is a source of abundant blessings for all the people of our parish and school and a time of recommitment to the Lord and His call to conversion.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday 14th February with blessing & imposition of ashes at 10am & 7pm Masses. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence – All those 14 and over to abstain from meat. For all adults between ages of 18 & 60 you are required to fast with one meal and only two other light portions during the day. Those outside of these ages restriction may of course engage with the fast.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday evening (from 23rd February) at 6pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.30 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING LENT

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays @9.30 - 10am & Saturdays 10.30-11am. Sacrament of Reconciliation Confession will be available at the above times.

Walk with Me Booklets & Calendars are available this weekend. We would welcome a donation £1 for each booklet.

A VISITATION FROM BISHOP DAVID EVANS

We are very fortunate to be having a visitation from Bishop David Evans on 17th and 18th February. There will be an opportunity to spend time with Bishop David which he is very much looking forward to. Bishop David will be leading all masses during his visitation. However, in order for him to meet as many Parish groups and parishioners as possible we are having a gathering in the hall after 6pm Mass with food and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your views and talk with Bishop David. I urge you to come along and join us at 6pm Mass on 17th February, followed by a social gathering in the hall.

DEANERY PROPOSALS AND SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE FUTURE

Some of you will recall a recent letter from the Bishop explaining the Church in our Diocese is about to change. Whether it is for the better will depend on us. We know that we face declining numbers of priests. In our parish, thank God, we still have a strong community but how will we manage in the future with one priest and, maybe, another parish to cover? The opportunity here is to be creative, less dependent on priests and enable lay people to fulfil their baptismal calling. It is an opportunity to return to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus, something we may have partly lost sight of? For many years, we have, as a parish, been trying to organise ourselves to do this. We are all witnesses to how challenging this has been, but it has also born fruit. This also fits in with what Pope Francis is calling us to, a renewed Church in which we are mission focussed and respecting the calling of every baptised person.

We held a meeting last Tuesday to discuss the Deanery Proposals and gather feedback and suggestions. This was really helpful so we agreed we should obtain the views of many more of our Parishioners. After each Mass this weekend, we will ask everyone if they could complete a short questionnaire. There is a QR code on the newsletter which you can scan to access the questionnaire. There is also a link on our website. Finally, paper copies will be handed out as people leave the Church after Mass. Please help us by taking 2-3 minutes to complete this online or return your paper form next weekend.

Deanery Proposals QR Code



Deanery Proposals Link

<https://forms.office.com/e/zgk0RcaKc0?origin=lpLink>

PARISH SAINT VINCENT THE PAUL SOCIETY

SVP members are always willing to visit those in need, especially elderly and housebound and families in need. If you know of anyone in any need, please contact us 0121 422 4865.

The second collection this week is for the SVP of our parish.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 17th & 18th February: Visitation from Bishop David Evans @ 6pm Mass

Tuesday 19th March: Father Longs 10th Anniversary at 7.00pm

Friday 12th April: Parish Quiz Night @ 7pm

Tuesday 23rd April: Confirmation Mass @7pm

Saturday 11th May: Multi-Cultural Evening @ 7pm.

Monday 13th May: Parish Feast Day @7pm

AND FINALLY

It was a lovely Mass for the sick with the Sacrament of Anointing yesterday.

Thank you to the parish social committee and all the volunteers.

May God bless you and your families in the week ahead.

Fr Long Nguyen