

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour out your power upon all your children in the Middle East. Let hatred be turned to love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation. Grant that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces and peace and justice be experienced by all. Amen

Gracious Mary, Mother of God and Our Lady of Kiev, we humbly ask for you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for the people, their government, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood besides your son at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. Grant, through your prayers, that peace may come to that troubled land. Amen

We pray for our new Pope, Leo XIV

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favour, we pray, on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion.



Plate Collection/Offering at Our Lady's last Week

Last Sunday's Loose Plate collection: £248.33 plus special donation
Retiring Collection: £45.60
May God reward and bless you.

FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

We pray for the sick of our parish both at home, in hospital and in care homes: Joan Dykes, Ann Orchard, Teresa Gross and Barbara (Floss) Preedy, Sandi Bray.
We pray for those who have died, Robin David, Adrian Quinn and all those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH – Every Saturday morning (10.00am), we have Exposition and Benediction for the intentions of growing our parish and reaching out to those who need our prayers. There is an opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions). This is followed by the Mass at 11.00am. If you cannot be there in person, join us on the live stream. (see the parish website)

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass to be said for your intention, there are envelopes available at the back of church for you to use. Holy Mass makes present the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection. There is no greater prayer than the Mass, since it is the most perfect offering we can make to God. In offering Mass for a specific intention, we are asking that the fruits of Christ's redemptive power may be applied to the requested intention. The offering you make also helps support the clergy. I will try my best to accommodate your request however, if the date given is not available, the nearest possible date will be given. Please give a contact number so that I can ring you if need be.



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, YR C – 22nd June 25

Sunday, 22 nd June		10:00am	Nancy and Alan Harris RIP Ann
		6.30pm	Suzanne Domalik
Monday, 23 rd June	Feria	9.30am	In thanksgiving for favours received
Tuesday, 24 th June	Birth of St. John the Baptist	9.30am	Father Andrew's Intention
Wed, 25 th June	No Mass	No Mass	Mass at Belmont Abbey & SFX
Thursday, 26 th June	Feria	6.30pm	Val Woods RIP Anniversary
Friday, 27 th June	Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.30am	In honour of Saint José Maria Escrivia for favours received.
Saturday, 28 th June	Immaculate Heart of Mary	10-10.50am	Adoration and Confessions
		11:00am 2.00pm	Dorothy Vermeuleh RIP Memorial Service for Rosemary Pye followed by Burial of Ashes
Sunday, 29 th June		10:00am	Fr Andrew: John Woodward RIP Fr. Stuart: Bill & Ruth Harris RIP
		6.30pm	Pro Populo

Reminder for your Diary

On **Sunday 13th July**, in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass we are holding our Summer 'shared table' event. We want to make this event one that represents all the different communities that worship at Our Lady's. It would be wonderful if people could bring 'different food from different places.' So please bring a dish to share and let us enjoy each other's company coming together from our many nations and languages to praise the wonder of God's love. There will be Pimm's, strawberries and cream and who knows Fr. Andrew might be persuaded to cook his favourite dish, black pudding.



Longworth Catholic Chapel

We are very fortunate and grateful that His Grace Archbishop Mark O'Toole will be coming to celebrate Holy Mass in Longworth Chapel on Thursday 24th July at 11.00 am. The Chapel is on the road leading to St. Michael's Hospice, Bartestree. All are welcome

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WE BELIEVE, 25th-28th July 2025. A FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE

celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and 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 whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com



Sick and Housebound

If you are sick or housebound and would appreciate a visit then please let me know. Don't assume that I do already the chances are that I am in blissful ignorance. This also applies to those who are in a care home.

Second Collection:

Peter's Pence

Next weeks voluntary second collection (29th June) is the traditional one for Peter's Pence which goes towards the church's charitable endeavours.

Shroud Exhibition at St, Francis Xavier

Monday 16th-Sunday 29th June 11.00am-3.00pm with a Short talk every day at 1.30pm

Rosemary Pye

On **Saturday 28th June at 1.30pm** there will be a memorial service in honour of Rosemary Pye followed by the burial of her ashes in our cemetery. As many of you may remember Rosemary, along with her husband Tony were founder members of this parish and contributed greatly to the life and witness of the community here at Our Lady's. In recognition of their hard work they were both awarded the *Bene Merenti* for their services to the church. All are invited to join the family, as we remember and give thanks for the lives and witness of these two wonderful people.

First Holy Communions

Last Saturday we celebrated the First Holy Communion Mass for our children. It was a time of great rejoicing to see our children receiving our Lord for the first, but hopefully not the last, time. Please keep our children in your prayers that they may continue to spread the Gospel and praise God by their lives. A special thanks to Jan, Denise and Debbie for their hard work in preparing our children and for all those who contributed in any way to make it such a special day. Thank you.



PPC Nominations

The nominations for the Parish Advisory Council are still open so please take this opportunity to vote for those who you believe will represent your views and will glorify God by their lives and actions. Nominations will close on Sunday June 29th and the results announced soon after. The advisory council is a very important part of our parish life so please take this opportunity to vote.

Father Andrew

Spiritual Reflection

There can be no denying that we all struggle sometimes, and we can find ourselves praying out of sheer necessity, but how often do we just say 'thank you,' to Jesus? Whenever we feel low, down-beat or simply worn out, we have to remember that we have a lot to be thankful for. Perhaps that isn't always obvious? However, when we really think about the good things in our lives, we can always find something to smile about? Jesus ensures that there is some sunshine in our lives, even when storm clouds threaten the sky. Indeed, He always brings us comfort and He showers us with blessings daily. These may be the love and support of our families or friends, acts of kindness from strangers, or the answer to our prayers. It can be very easy to miss everyday miracles, and we can all be guilty of wanting more, but when we truly open our eyes we can see Jesus' love, light and power everywhere. So today let us pray, that we will not be blind to the Lord's many blessings and that, subsequently, we will feel happier and more grateful. Then let us smile, laugh and praise Him for His great goodness and limitless love. Louise Bowen