

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Mass intentions for all Parishes: As the months have passed, they will have been a back log of mass intentions yet to be fulfilled. I believe the fairest way to fulfil the intentions would be to take them one at a time from the mass intention book.

Father will accept mass intentions. On your envelope, please put which church you want the intention said at, who the mass intention is for and place the offering inside the envelope, no need to seal and please hand to Father personally.

The mass intentions will be taken from the requested intentions book as stated above.

St Gregory's Church:

St Gregory's		Time	Mass Intention
30 th	Saturday	5 pm	For the Sick and Housebound
31 st	Sunday	10 am	People of the Parish
1 st	Monday	10 am	Special Intention
2 nd	Tuesday	10 am	Geoffrey Rowe
3 rd	Wednesday	10 am	Jo Sheldon
4 th	Thursday	10 am	Departed of Hanson Family
		12pm	Funeral Service for Elaine Derbyshire
5 th	Friday	10 am	Holy Souls
6 th	Saturday	10.30-11.30	Holy Hour and Confession
		5 pm	For the Sick and Housebound
7 th	Sunday	10 am	People of the Parish

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

OLPS		Time	Mass
31 st	Sunday	8.30 am	Ken & Gladys Curl
6 th	Saturday	9 am	Mass
7 th	Sunday	8.30 am	William & Catherine Curl

St Maria Goretti:

St Maria Goretti		Time	Mass Intention
31 st	Sunday	12pm	Ethel Noden & Joyce Lewis
5 th	Friday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service
7 th	Sunday	12pm	Kelly Marie Poole

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Simpson, St Gregory's- Reception into Church Sunday 14th at 4pm. Requiem Mass Monday August 15th at 1pm.

Also Helen Elizabeth Kelly. Funeral service at St Gregory's, Wednesday August 17th at 1pm. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord

Diocese website is useful and is full of information, links and resources.

Attending Mass at All Churches:

- Hands will need to be sanitized both on entering and exiting the church
- Masks are no longer mandatory in Church, if you wish to continue wearing them, please feel free to do so.
- Holy water stoups are now in use, so you can bless yourself when entering and leaving Church.

Update from the Birmingham Diocese when attending Church:

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship.

Prayers:

We remember and keep in prayers all those who are sick and ill – and those who care for them. We especially remember those who have died in recent weeks, Elaine Derbyshire, Nancy Simpson and Helen Kelly along with other relatives and friends who have not been in touch with the parish office.

St Gregory's meeting room: Wednesday, Coffee and Teas will be served after Mass followed by a short time of prayer.

St Maria's Tea & Coffee this Sunday after Mass. Then on Sundays after that will be announced.

Prayer requests can be placed in the box at the back of church.

Foodbank:

If it is possible for you to donate any dry goods, etc then a shopping trolley will be in the porch for your donations.

This week they are in need of: Tinned Desserts, Tinned Vegetables, UHT Milk, Tinned Soup, Pasta Sauces and Biscuits.

A little update... from St Gregory's, donated the week **21st July 2022 30.28kg**. Thank you.

We are in the need of carrier bags. Please if you have any spare, please could you drop them off at the warehouse. Thank you.

St Maria Goretti will also take food donations. Thank you

Baptism:

For those parents seeking Baptism for their children, the church requires some preparation. At our lady's Fenton please speak to Deacon Paul. At St Maria Goretti's please speak to Ann Newman. For those at St Gregory's our new course will commence in September. Both parents should try to attend, and bring the little ones if you need to. For further details please speak to Fr David.

ST. MARIA GORETTI'S

Baptism preparation session, 1st Aug 5pm, please see Moir Hewetson or Ann Newman for details

St Maria Goretti's: Teddy bears picnic. An afternoon of fun and games Friday 12th Aug 11:00am till 3.00pm. All ages welcome but only with a teddy bear

A Date for your diary- Friday 19th August 2pm. A 'virtual' trip to the Zoo for all the family. St Gregory's Presbytery Garden. FREE- see posters for details.

Book tickets- 07834967175.

St Gregory's next Baptism course will be on the 28th September at 7pm.

A message from Bishop Stephen.

Having spoken with Archbishop Bernard and with Fr. Paul McNally this message is to give you advance notice that the North Staffs Deanery has been chosen for a Deanery Visitation in 2022-2023. There will be more information about the practicalities later in the summer.

Archbishop Bernard has agreed to have the opening liturgy on Thursday 22nd September at 7pm at Holy Trinity, Newcastle- under- Lyme.

Lourdes is coming to us

A pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Bernadette Soubirous, is coming to the Archdiocese of Birmingham this October.

The relics will be visiting *St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford* and the *Immaculate Conception in Bicester* over the weekend of 7 - 10 October.

Details can be found on the diocesan website, and it is hoped that we can organise a coach to the visit to Hednesford. More details later.



Details can be found on the diocesan website. We hope to visit the relic at the diocesan Lourdes shrine on the evening of Saturday 8th Oct 10pm to midnight. We are planning to hire a coach and want to know how many might be interested. Please put your name on the list provided at the back of all three churches. approx. cost £20 per person.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford (home of the Diocesan Shrine)

Saturday 8 October, In Church.

10pm - Prayers of Welcome

10.15pm - Midnight - Veneration of the Relics

Midnight - Night Prayer

Every Blessing. Fr David