

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF WALSALL

St. Mary's, St. Patrick's & St. Thomas of Canterbury



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St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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St. Patrick's: Parish Administrator & Manor

Hospital RC Chaplain: Fr. Jobin Kollappallil, SDV

Community Members: Fr. Roy Kottakcupuram, SDV,

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St. Thomas of Canterbury: Priest in Charge & Manor

Hosp. RC Chaplain: Fr. John Villarete, SDV

Eucharistic Miracles that Left Physical Evidence

Catholics believe that *Jesus Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist*. There are many stories of miracles throughout Church history that seem to confirm this important teaching.

It's important to note that no Catholic is required to believe any of these stories. Even if they have been investigated and approved by the Church, the Church does not give any absolute guarantee to their authenticity. Nor does the Catholic dogma of transubstantiation depend on the authenticity of these stories (*it is based on Scripture and Tradition*). Nonetheless, these stories are particularly noteworthy since you can still go see evidence of the miracles today.

Miracle of Lanciano – 8th century

During the 8th century, a priest in Lanciano, Italy was experiencing doubts about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the middle of saying Mass, he said the words of consecration (“This is my body,” “This is my blood) and *saw the bread and wine transform into real human flesh and blood*. The blood coagulated into five globules (later believed to be representative of the five wounds of Christ). Word of the miracle quickly spread, the local archbishop launched an investigation, and the Church approved the miracle.

The flesh is still preserved to this day. Professor of anatomy Odoardo Linoli conducted a scientific analysis of the flesh in 1971 and concluded that the flesh was cardiac tissue, the blood appeared to be fresh blood (as opposed to blood that was 1200 years old), and there was no trace of preservatives.



You can visit the miraculous flesh and blood in the Church of San Francesco in Lanciano, Italy.

The Hosts of Siena, Italy – 18th century

On August 14th, 1730, while the Catholics of Siena, Italy, were attending a special festival for the eve of the feast of the Assumption, thieves entered the Church of St. Francis and stole a golden ciborium containing hundreds of a consecrated hosts.

Two days later, someone noticed something white protruding from the offering box at another church in Siena. The priests opened the

box and found the missing hosts inside, entangled in cobwebs and dirt. After being cleaned as much as possible, the hosts were placed in a new ciborium and taken back to the Church of St. Francis for prayers of reparation and veneration.

Since the hosts were dirty, the priests decided not to consume them but let them simply deteriorate. Over the next few decades, everyone was amazed to see that the hosts did not deteriorate, but actually appeared fresh.

The hosts remain in this state today, 285 years later, and can still be seen in the (now) Basilica of St. Francis in Siena, Italy.

PARISH INFORMATION

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1013.16 (Standing orders: £675, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £338.16) Third World collection: last week - £11.93. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift-aided. Counting Team this week: D (Next week: E). Many thanks for your generosity. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence.
- **Fr. Justin Karakadu SDV:** Many thanks for the great support and care that I have received during the 6 years of my ministry here in Walsall. You have all helped me to improve and develop my pastoral life. The Congregation has appointed me to undertake a new responsibility in Holywell, North Wales, so I shall be moving to Holywell by the second week of September. Please continue to keep me in your valuable prayers. Further details about the new Parish Priest, and other pastoral arrangements for our church, will be announced shortly.
- **Year for Priests:** The special 'Year for Priests' will draw to a close on Sunday 30th June. Many thanks for all your prayers over the past year. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers and to pray for more vocations to the priesthood.
- **Eucharistic Ministers – renewal of commitment:** Our Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment this weekend. The renewal will take place at each of the Sunday Masses, but Eucharistic Ministers are strongly encouraged to join the Corpus Christi procession which will take place after 11am Mass.
- **Diaconate Ordination:** We are happy to announce that one of our own parishioners, Sean Gough, will be ordained Deacon on Saturday 29th June. That same evening, 5:30pm Mass will be a Thanksgiving Mass for Sean. You are all invited to this Mass and to join Sean for refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass. Sean will also be giving the homily at each Mass that weekend. Please keep Sean in your prayers.
- **Thanksgiving Mass - Ryan Service:** Some of you may know Ryan Service, originally from St. Mary of the Angels, Aldridge, and currently studying for the Archdiocese of Birmingham at the English College in Rome. His first Mass of thanksgiving will be on Sunday 21st July, at 11:30 am, at St. Mary of the Angels, Whetstone Lane, Aldridge. Please keep Ryan and his family in your prayers.
- **IICSA Update** This week the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has published its report on the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We apologise to all victims and survivors of child sex abuse. We hope that with this Inquiry they feel that they have been listened to. Even so, words are not enough. We are committed to continuing to improve our safeguarding procedures and to listen to and learn from victims and survivors. Past failings must never happen again. The diocesan response to the report can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> If you have a safeguarding matter to report please contact the Archdiocese safeguarding team on [0121 230 6240](tel:01212306240) or via email: safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Barbara Donnellan who died last Saturday. She will be received into church at 4pm on Tuesday 16th July and her Requiem Mass will be at 10:30am on Wednesday 17th July, followed by cremation at Streetly Crematorium at 12:15pm. Please keep Barbara's family in your prayers.
- **Vacancy for a Lay Chaplain:** St. Paul's School for Girls, Edgbaston. Pay scale 7, £19,554 pro rata, 3 days per week part-time, term time. For more details, please see the notice in the church porch. If interested, please contact school: Tel – 0121 454 0895
- **Job Vacancies:** St. Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre have vacancies for 3 Administrative Assistants (Grade 2) and a Pastoral Support Assistant (Grade 3). Closing date is 2nd July 2019. Application Form and details available on the school website at www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk or by contacting Mary Finnegan, PA to Headteacher, on 0121 464 7040.
- **CAFOD:** CAFOD is looking for a new staff member to work with volunteers in our parishes and schools around the Archdiocese. The role is based in Walsall but with flexibility. It is full time, permanent and a great opportunity for someone who cares about poverty and injustice. See cafod.org.uk/jobs for details. The closing date is 1st July.
- **St. Thomas of Canterbury Summer Fair:** St. Thomas's Church, one of our Walsall Catholic Churches, will be having a Summer Fair this Saturday, 22nd June, starting at 12 noon. Please come along and support this event.
- **General Parish Information:** Please see the poster at the back of church for general parish information.
- **Refreshments:** Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments, in the Pastoral Centre, on **Thursdays after 10am Mass and on Sundays after 9am Mass.**
- **School News:** They say that the sun shines on the righteous.... by the time you read this part of the newsletter we will know if we had sunshine for our school summer fun evening on Friday! A big thank you to all who have supported this social event. Thank you for buying the raffle tickets after Mass last week. Truly tremendous. We are moving towards the end of term now with many things to look forward to. Our school production of Beauty and the Beast takes place on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July at 7pm in school Please come and join us! Please continue to pray for us and we will keep you in our prayers too. God bless. Catherine Amos, Head Teacher.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Corpus Christi Sunday	Sunday 23 rd June - Eucharistic Procession & Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers
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Let us pray for those who are sick:

Clara Gontarek, Anna Morgan, Marie Hornblower, Eileen Moseley, John Bush, Judith Dunthorne, Peggy McGill, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Mary Gallagher, Margaret Powell, Anne Jennings, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton, Mrs K Carter, Carol Callaghan.

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love. **Hail Mary.....**

Prayer after Communion

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” **Bl. Fr. Justin**



Prayer for Priests – Prayer of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

O, Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let your holy love surround them and shield them from the world’s contagion. Bless their labours with abundant fruit and may souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here – and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Priests: **Pray for us.** Blessed Fr. Justin: **Pray for us.**

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Date	Time	Church/Place	Mass Intention	
Saturday 22nd June	5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's (BD) St. Thomas's	Margaret Bowman RIP	W & M Bubb
Sunday 23rd The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	St. Mary's St. Thomas's St. Thomas's St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Margaret Fallon H Rosary Pauline Wistance <i>RIP</i> Ellen & Harry Robinson Patrick & Marjorie Byrne <i>BA</i>	J Norman J Howard-Biggs
Monday 24th Nativity of St. John the Baptist	10:00am 1:00pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's (MV) St. Patrick's St. Thomas's	Barbara Donnellan RIP	P Power
Tuesday 25th	10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Thomas's	Private Intention Adoration & Confession Clara Adams <i>RIP</i> Rosary Mass & Novena	J Gribble Margaret
Wednesday 26th	9:00am 9:15am (BD) 9:15am 6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Mary's (SCH) St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Reception & Nursery School Mass Adoration for Vocations Mass for Vocations	
Thursday 27th St. Cyril of Alexandria Bishop	9:15am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm	St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Patrick's	Eucharistic Service Christine Mary Slater RIP Adoration & Confession Stella Coussens <i>B</i>	Tess Coussens
Friday 28th Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9:15am 9:15am 6:15pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's (SCH) St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Confessions Holy Rosary A Jennings H	A Jennings
Saturday 29th Immaculate Heart of Mary	10:00am 10:30am 11:15am 5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Patrick's (BD) St. Thomas's	Sheila Homer RIP Adoration & Confession Benediction <i>Thanksgiving/Birthday</i>	S & J Parker J Nduwimana
Sunday 30th Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	St. Mary's St. Thomas's St. Thomas's St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Hilda Naughton RIP/DA Rosary Tess Clews <i>90th Birthday</i> Monica Hadley RIP	B Naughton P Kelly

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, SCH=School, BD=Beechdale