

Lent 2023

Just a reminder that during Lent there are opportunities to spend time with the Lord in Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— takes place every morning - Tuesday to Saturday from 8.15am—9.00am. Why not come along and join us, and if you are taking the children to school, come in even for just 5 minutes and spend time with the Lord.

Stations of the Cross— we will have Stations of the Cross and Benediction each Tuesday of Lent at 7.00pm. I have heard that parishioners are invited to lead the Stations each week, I think this is a fantastic idea and would welcome volunteers to come forward. There will be a list in the sacristy for people to sign up on.



St. Albert's & St. Brigid's Schools



Our schools will be coming together in church twice this week.

On Tuesday the schools will come over for an end of term Mass. This will begin at 10.00am and all parishioners and parents, are welcome to join us. *(Please note there will be no 9.15am Mass that day).*

Concert— The children from St Albert's & St Brigid's Y3 - Y6 are part of the Archdiocese of Liverpool School Singing Programme and work with specialist teacher, Joe Watson, on a weekly basis. and will be performing a concert on **Thursday evening 30th March at 7pm.**

Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning songs from Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat and are eager to show you the progress they have made. With this in mind, you are invited to watch the children perform at St Albert's Church on Doors will open for you to join us from 6.45pm.

Care for Priests



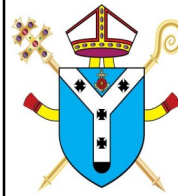
One of the areas that came out of the Archdiocesan Synod held in 2021 was the care for clergy. The people of the diocese were concerned about how we look after our priests in parishes and in retirement.

Since the Synod, an exercise has been carried out and today the Archbishop has sent us a Pastoral Message to give us an update on the Synod and especially on the care for the priests of the diocese. There is also a handout on "Becoming a Church that cares for its priests. I have printed it and it is in this newsletter for you. Please do read it and think of what we as a parish can do. The Pastoral Message is also on YouTube at [\(154\) Pastoral Letter - 25/26 March 2023 - YouTube](#)

Palm Sunday

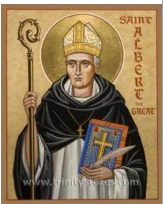


Just a reminder that next Sunday we will begin our 10.00am Mass in the Parish Hall and we will process into Church. Palm branches will be available in the Hall.



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5th Sunday of Lent (A)

26th March 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 26th March (5th Sunday of Lent)

10.00am Michael Gilmore
5.00pm Parishioners

Monday 27th March

No Mass

Tuesday 28th March

10.00am Ronnie Baybut
7.00pm Benediction & Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 29th March

9.15am Pat Caddell

Thursday 30th March

9.15am Antoinette Underwood

Friday 31st March

9.15am Maureen White

Saturday 1st April

9.15am Mary Rice

Sunday 2nd April

10.00am Rigor Family
5.00pm Parishioners



I am the resurrection and the life

Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick in our parish:

Pat Fleming, Sylvia Fleming, Tobin Lee, Katie Westwell, Rose Mary Marston, Ethel Waite, Betty Carroll, Anne Viz, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Peggy Duffy, Tony Murphy, Carolyn Young, Canon Brendan Alger, Patricia Louise Jones

Those who have died recently

Pat Caddell, Maureen White, Antoinette Underwood, Reverend Joe Loveday

Eternal Rest, grant unto them O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

Holy Week Services - Timetable

Holy Week is the most intense and wonderful time in the churches calendar, culminating in the 3 services of the Triduum. Out timetable this year is

Tuesday 7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Wednesday 7.30pm Chrism Mass *at the Cathedral*

Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lords Supper
With Watching until 9.30pm

Good Friday 10.30am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Solemn Service of Good Friday

Holy Saturday 1.00pm Basket Service
8.00pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday 10.00am
5.00pm



Triduum

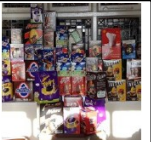
Chrism Mass

I understand that I take the Altar Servers to the Chrism Mass and allow them to experience the entrance into the Cathedral. I am happy to do so. If anybody else would like to go to the Chrism Mass, I will put a bus on to make the travel easier, and we can go as a Parish. There is a list on the noticeboard, at the back of the church for you to sign up.



Easter Egg Collection

Nugent Care have a number of children's homes within diocese, housing children who, for no fault of their own, find they cannot live at home. To spread a bit of Easter cheer into their lives, I was thinking of having an Easter Egg collection. When you are shopping, if you would like to buy an extra Easter Egg, and bring it to church with you either next Sunday of Palm Sunday, and during Holy Week, I will arrange for the eggs to be delivered to Clumber Lodge in Freshfield and Marydale Lodge in Blackbrook, St. Helen's. Thanking you in anticipation.



Easter Basket Blessing – Polish tradition enjoyed by all.

We would like to welcome you all, and especially Polish community members of our Parish, to the **Easter Basket Blessing on Holy Saturday 8th of April at 1pm.**

The blessing of the Easter baskets, is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday during Easter. The Blessing of the Food is a festive occasion. The blessing prayers specifically address the various contents of the basket, with special prayers for the meats, eggs, cakes & breads.

Basket Contents and Symbolism: · Butter: This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb, reminding us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things. · Easter Bread: A round rye loaf topped with a cross, symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life. · Horseradish: Symbol of the Passion of Christ still in our minds, but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. · Eggs: Indicate new life and Christ's Resurrection from the Tomb. · Sausage/Ham: represent God's favour and generosity. · Salt: So necessary an element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: "You are the salt of the earth."

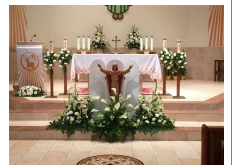
A colourful ribbon and sometimes sprigs of greenery are attached. The linen cover is drawn over the top of the basket.

Entire Polish families from neighbourhoods are welcome with their beautifully decorated Easter baskets containing a delightful assortment of Polish food for Fr David and Deacon Daniel to bless.



Easter Flowers

The altar will be decorated with fresh beautiful flowers for Easter. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of them, we will gladly accept it. And if you gift aid to the parish we can claim on your donation, as long as we know who you are.



Pause for thought

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn.



- Pope Francis