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DAYS, LOCATION AND TIMES FOR MASS: Sat 4th May - Sun 12th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INTENTIONS
Saturday	St. C.	5.30 pm	David Hyde RIP: Mary Brown
Sunday	St. C.	9.00 am	The Sweeney Family
Sunday	St. T.	11.00 am	The Rodrigues Family
Tuesday	St. T.	10.00 am	Pat Madigan RIP: Nigel Preston RIP
Wednesday	St. T.	10.00 am	Flossie McHale RIP
Wednesday	St. C.	12.30 pm	Funeral Service: Antonio Colabella RIP
Ascension Thursday	St. C.	9.30 am	Anne Kearns RIP Whole School Mass
Thursday	St. T.	6.00 pm	<i>Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday	St. T.	7.00 pm	Fr. Guy Nichols
Friday	St. C.	9.30 am	Theresa Hipkin

Other Contact details

Permanent Deacon:
Rev. Steve Walters

Parish Administrator:
Linda Allen.
Office Hours; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. 10am. – 1.00pm.

Parish Sisters:
Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes. 33 Alameda Gardens, WV6 9EX.
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Our Lady's Candle

Intention in St. Thomas' Church



This week:
The Benjamin Family

Next week:
Stella Cooke RIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday	St. C.	5.30 pm	Jayne Wiggins RIP: Eileen & Fred Curtis RIP
Sunday	St. C.	9.00 am	Kath Brown
Sunday	St. T.	11.00 am	Fr. Joseph Victor RIP

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

St. Christopher: Jo Stewart: sg.stchristopher.codsall@rcaob.org.uk

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Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

DONATE ONLINE TO YOUR PARISH

Scan the QR code below to donate to our parishes online

The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated after Mass, Tuesday - Saturday on request by letting Fr. David know either before or after the Mass. Alternatively, you can book an appointment.

Pray for the Sick of our Parishes... Antonina Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Marian Allen, Dee Allsopp, PWB, Brian & Kathy Barnwell, Mrs JT Bogue, Jeff Birkel, S.Bu, Julian Chalmers, Linney Ecclestone, Maureen Everitt, Sandra Finch, Jeff Gibbs, Christine Holt, Irene Hubbard, Anthony Jones, Josée Joyce, MK, Chris Kennedy, John Lee, John Lewis, Margaret Lloyd, Liliana Montana, Ian Morris, Agnes Osakwe, Lexi Powney, Doreen Ray, Clare Richards, Mary Rock, Joan Smith, Maura Smith, Mary Spratt, Zofia Stanislawska, Leon Thompson, Giovanna Vacanti, CHY, Ray Walmsley, Barbara Wiggins.

If you would like a name added to or removed from our Parish Sick List, then please contact the Office, thank you.



Finance Matters

	St. Christopher	St. Thomas
Gift Aid (+SO)	£718.60	£585.25
Non Gift Aid	<u>£222.65</u>	<u>£155.55</u>
	£941.25	£740.80

Tea and Coffee

Please remember that you are always welcome to join us for refreshments after our Masses.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Get in touch
secretaryf021402@svp.org.uk

May - the month of Mary

May is the month of Mary, "the happy birds
Te deum sing, tis Mary's month of May";

Each Tuesday and Wednesday in May the Sisters of Tarbes will lead the Rosary in St. Thomas' Church.
The Rosary will begin twenty minutes before Mass is due to start.



Catholic Communications

On World Communications Day, 11th/12th May we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels.

The English and Welsh Catholic Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people.

Supporting this work through our prayers and the **second collection on 11th/12th May** helps to proclaim the Gospel on a local, national and international level.

Why not visit the Catholic Bishops website:
www.cbcew.org.uk

You can sign-up to receive regular newsletters from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Follow the link on their website and then just enter your email address. You can unsubscribe at any time.

New Auxiliary Bishops for our Archdiocese

The Holy Father Pope has appointed Mgr. Timothy Menezes, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, and Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General, to be new Auxiliary Bishops to serve our Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Information regarding the Episcopal Ordination of Bishops-Elect Monsignor Timothy and Canon Richard will be shared in due course.

Lectio Divina - Sisters of Tarbes

The Sisters invite you to join them on Friday 10th May for Lectio Divina. The session will begin at 6pm. All are welcome at Sandy Lane...

Friends of the Holy Land

On the 18th and 19th May, the Feast of Pentecost, Chris Gaskell, an Advocate Volunteer for Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) and a parishioner, will be sharing the impact of the horrific developments since 7th October on the Christian community in Gaza and elsewhere.

There will be a retiring collection at the end of all three Masses that weekend.

At the back of church, Chris will leave some leaflets about the work of FHL, Gift Aid Envelopes and some prayer resources.

For mor information, visit: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Ascension Thursday - Thursday 9th May

As Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation and our schools are in term, Mass times and locations will be:

Ascension Thursday 9th May

9.30am Mass - St. Christopher's Church

6.00pm Exposition and Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament - St. Thomas' Church

7.00pm Mass - St. Thomas' Church

Of your charity...

Please pray for the soul of Antonio Colabella. Antonio's Funeral Service is on Wednesday 8th May at 12.30pm in St. Christopher's Church. *Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord...*

Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025

If your child is currently in Year 2 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion next year in 2025 or if your child is currently in Year 5 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year in 2025 then please make an appointment to meet with Fr. David to discuss these Sacraments before the closing date. Thank you.

Closing date is Friday 31st May 2024

The Novena to the Holy Spirit

The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the directions of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Ghost on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

The novena prayer is traditionally prayed from the Friday after Ascension Thursday until the Saturday before Pentecost.



Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth

Let us pray --- Oh God Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and to ever rejoice in His consolations, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Benedict Way

The next meeting of "The Benedict Way!" is on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm, in the Beckett Room at St Thomas's Church Newman Centre

The evening will be the usual format of :

- A short study of part of the Rule of St Benedict.
- Lectio Divina on a Gospel reading
- Evening prayer or Compline.

All are welcome!

Rogation Sunday 4th/5th May

Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its sustenance. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, meaning "to ask", which reflects the beseeching of God for protection from calamities.

Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day. These days are devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry. Rogation invites people to ask for blessing – for a particular place; for all its inhabitants; for every endeavour to promote the common good.

DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 12 NOON ON THURSDAY