



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
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YEAR C
26th March 2022 to
3rd April 2022**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

Today's Mass Readings

Joshua 5:9-12;
Ps 33;
2 Corinthians
5:17-21;
Luke 15: 1-3,
11-32

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MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Today's Gospel passage is familiar to all of us - the parable of the Prodigal Son. What was the sin of this younger son towards his father? First of all, he failed to realise the love of his father. He has a loving father but he was not satisfied with this. That is why he asked for his inheritance from the father and left home and spent his wealth with his friends and he enjoyed their company. Even though he enjoyed himself he didn't get real love from them. So long as he had wealth, his friends were with him and when he became poor everybody abandoned him and he was in despair.

The second sin was that he wasted his wealth. Wasting what we have is a sin and a crime. Even wasting food is a sin because there are people in this world longing for food to sustain their lives. All the resources in this world are for the all humanity and if we waste anything it will badly affect the people who are in need.

The merit of this son was that in course of time he realised his faults and returned home to beg for forgiveness from his father. What we learn from this son is that as human beings we may go wrong, but once we realise our faults we can return to the right path without any hesitation. Our Heavenly Father is always waiting for us whatever our sins may be, no matter how grave they are. If we approach God the Father with a contrite heart, he is always ready to forgive all our sins.

What was the sin of the elder son? He was very obedient to his father and he never wasted his father's money and he worked hard for him. All these things are well and good but he failed to understand the mind of his father. His father had a generous heart to receive his younger son. He had wasted his wealth but still he loved him. The elder son couldn't love his brother and he was unhappy about his return. Even though he had always worked with his father and was close to him, he was not close to his father's heart and he couldn't understand him. We should be able to learn from good people and try to follow their path. May we follow the example of the Father, being loving and forgiving.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Bridie Madden, Pat Poyner**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember, Paul Dillon, Kathleen Gough, Steve Elrington, Mary Richards, Sheila Cremin, Bernadette O'Flaherty, Christina McKenzie, Desmond Hopkins, Kathleen Connolly, Ellen Beresford, Helena Lawlor, Con Carew, Beryl Green, Jim and Eelena Brady, Sandra Eccles, George Coller, Maureen Ford, And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Bridie Madden is on Monday 4th April 2022 here at 11:30am in Church followed by Burial at Heath Lane Cemetery at 1:00pm.

Requiem Mass for Pat Poyner is on Friday 8th April 2022 at 11:30am here in Church followed by Cremation at Perry Barr at 1:30pm.

Reception of the Body will be on Thursday 7th April at 4:30pm.

PIETY STALL

We are hoping to open the piety stall soon. However, in order to do so on a regular basis, we need more help. If you can spare half an hour, perhaps on a rota basis, after your regular Mass to help, then please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Thank you for your very generous response to the Appeal for Ukraine which raised £1,060.69 We will be forwarding this money to CAFOD to provide emergency support.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 26th March - Sunday 3rd April (Psalter Week 4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 26th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>12:30 pm Nicholas Kharchoum RIP</p>	<p>12:00pm Confessions</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 27th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>8:30 am Jackie Conway RIP 10:30 am Ints of Joe and Agnes Sullivan</p>	<p>3:00pm Stations of the Cross Lead by Marist Sisters</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 28th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am Susanne Sullivan RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 29th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>Edward Caughey RIP Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 30th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>11:00am Rosary 11:30am Ints of Lila and Leo Hughes and Marie McNally RIP (Holy Name School Mass in Church)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 31st March Lent Feria</p>	<p>9:10am Mass at St. Mark's School - Malcolm Morris RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 1st April Lent Feria</p>	<p>11:00am Stations of the Cross 11:30am Esther Wilson</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 2nd April Lent Feria</p>	<p>12:30 pm Mary Lynch RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 3rd April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>8:30 am Ints of Rhonda Avery and Family 10:30 am John Peach RIP</p>	<p>3:00pm Stations of the Cross Lead by Church Helpers 4:00pm Syro Malankara Holy Mass</p>

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:
£378.11**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£216.60**

**Collection for
Ukraine:
£1,060.69**

**Standing Order for
the Month of
February
£1,610.50**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:247**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Isaiah,43:16-21;

Ps 125;

Philippians 3:8-14;

John 8:1-11

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THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

We are holding a Fundraising Dance in memory of Jackie Conway in aid of Great Barr Food Bank on Saturday 9th April from 8pm at the Great Barr Club. Tickets from Colum Conway or Elaine Bryson. Music will be by the Hurling Boys.

GIFT AID

Many thanks to all those involved in the Gift Aid Scheme. It is a very valuable source of income to the Parish at no extra cost to us. If you use the Gift Aid envelopes, the new ones are available for collection from the Porch.

Please consider making your offering by Standing Order as this helps us a lot.

If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme or set up a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for the forms.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

There is a copy of the Parish Year End Accounts posted on the notice board in the Porch.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

We need volunteers to assist with the Holy Week Liturgies. If you have not already done so, please fill in your availability to help at the various services during Holy Week. There are clipboards in the Porch for you to sign up. All Ministers should be present at Mass on Maundy Thursday in order to renew their Commitment to this Ministry.

Thanks in advance for your generosity of time and spirit.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

AMEN