



Please remove your mask *before* the Sacred Host is placed in your hand

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Mass will be live-streamed from HC

Sat 20 Mar	<b>Lent Feria</b>	
5:30pm HC	<i>Missa pro Populo</i>	
Sun 21 Mar	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
10:15am PJ	Mothering Sunday Candle sponsorship	
Mon 22 Mar	<b>Lent Feria</b>	
10:15am PJ	Ronald Jackson, RIP	
Tue 23 Mar	<b>Lent Feria</b>	
10:15am HC	David Burchard, RIP	
Wed 24 Mar	<b>Lent Feria</b>	
10:15am HC	Holy Hour: Exposition, Benediction & Rosary	
Thu 25 Mar	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	
<b>5:30pm PJ</b>	Tina Tierney, RIP	<b>NB: Evening</b>
Fri 26 Mar	<b>Lent Feria</b>	
10:15am HC	J, C, M, P and C Golarz-Ward	
Sat 27 Mar	<b>Lent Feria</b>	
10:15am PJ	Józef Pluta, RIP	
5:30pm HC	Peter & Mary McNulty, RIP	
Sun 28 Mar	<b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b>	
10:15am PJ	<i>Missa pro Populo</i>	

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Kerrigan** whose funeral Mass will be this Monday at Holy Cross (HC).  
Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Alvin Henry Irons**, whose funeral Mass, on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March is at SsP&J, and for the repose of the soul of **Jill Fitzgibbon**, whose funeral liturgy is on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at HC.  
Pray also for the repose of the soul of **Claudette Coulson**, whose funeral Mass is on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, and also for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Tourle**, whose funeral will be at HC on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.  
**All funerals are strictly by invitation only.**

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March is the **National Day of Reflection for Covid-19**. At the 12:00noon silence on that day you might want to pray the *Angelus* and at 8:00pm to offer the St Michael the Archangel prayer.  
*See 17<sup>th</sup> March Parish Circular for more details.*

Please hold **Deacon Andrew Coy** in your prayers as he prepares to be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March (Annunciation)**. The **Mass of Ordination** will be live-streamed from our Cathedral. As Fr Wayne has been invited to the Ordination, our Mass that day will be offered at 5:30pm. Thank you to people who asked that cards and gifts be passed to Deacon Andrew.

**Online Triduum Services 2021**

All services will be on Zoom  
see details below

**Maundy Thursday**

Passion of Christ in  
Word and Music  
7pm



**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross  
7pm

**Holy Saturday**

Music of Holy Week  
6pm



Zoom ID: 833 1504 6319  
Password: Rosary

**Flowers for Easter**

£2.50 per stem. Place in an envelope marked **"Easter Flowers"** - with details of the dedication - drop in a container by the exit of either Church.

**Deadline this Sunday**

If you would like to contribute to Vatican's the **Holy Places of Palestine** mandatory collection you may do so by placing your donation in an envelope marked **"Holy Places"** and leaving it in the container by the exit of each Church.

**Good Friday:** As public **Veneration of the Cross** is not permitted this year, you might bring along a small crucifix or rosary beads so that at the point of public veneration by the Priest, you might do so privately and discreetly. Please don't pass these around for others to use.

**Online Sacred Triduum Liturgies:** If you are unable to attend Church at present or choose to stay at home and participate with the online liturgies from our Cathedral, you could have some items prepared in order to better engage: an image of the Last Supper for Maundy Thursday; a cross for you to kiss on Good Friday; and a candle (perhaps your own decorated paschal candle) to light on Holy Saturday. Have your palm cross from last year close to you on Palm Sunday.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available during and after the 10:15am Mass, Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March until 11:15am.

**Music for Holy Week**

Please let Penny have your choice of hymns **by this Sunday**, and we need volunteers for the readings (sent in advance) and to lead the singing of each hymn.  
Penny.Drewett@gmail.com  
or 0781 309 8408

**Let us take this opportunity to join in and sing to our Redeemer God.**

**Stations of the Cross**

All Children Welcome

Good Friday | 02.04.2021 | 10 AM  
Via Zoom

Resource packs will be available to collect on Palm Sunday

To register  
email: [childrensliturgybbc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensliturgybbc@gmail.com)  
Deadline end of 21.03.2021  
to secure your resource pack

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**Items for the Newsletter to the editor, by the Sunday before publication. Tel: 07986 357320; email: [charlie.stallard@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.stallard@gmail.com)**



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

One year ago, the SVP Conference at St Philip and St James started a 'Knock & Drop' service, delivering food parcels to the homes of those who had to self-isolate, shield or were in real need. Within weeks it became an SVP Bedford-wide scheme with all four Bedford SVP's and Parish Communities working together to help those in need.

**Thank you to all** parishioners for your donations that made the above possible. A snapshot of your generosity is given below:

- **Thank you** for all the donations of food given at all four churches for us to distribute
- **Thank you** to all who prayed for our beneficiaries and for our team
- **Thank you to our volunteers** for their sterling work
- **Thank you to the parents and children of St Thomas More school** for the 1,200 tins of food donated and coordinated by the amazing **SVP B-Attitude group**. To the **Youth SVP** group at St Thomas More and the youth groups at Ss Philip and James and Holy Cross also for the gift packs they made for us, to bring light into lives
- **A huge thank you to** all who gave to our "Just Giving" page and all parishioners' special donations at Christmas

Some comments from the beneficiaries and SVP members involved over the last 12 months.

*'Working with the SVP came at a time when I could think of all I had and give a small amount of my time to be there for others. I hope I made a small difference. I am so thankful for all the fantastic people I met and friendships I made.'* (Volunteer)

**THANK YOU**

*'Thank you for your thoughtfulness, care and overwhelming kindness and prayers; delivered with such joy and smiling faces such wonderful work. May the Lord shower you all with many blessings'* (Beneficiary)

*'When lockdown happened last year, I knew I wanted to do something to help. When I heard about the Knock and Drop initiative that the SVP were doing, I joined up and am so glad I did. I have met lovely families who are doing their best to get by in such difficult circumstances, you realise just how blessed you are, and learn to be thankful for all that you have. It is a gift to be able to do service for others and such a wonderful reward to know that you are helping and supporting others.'* (Volunteer)

Some highlights of the last 12 months, thanks to parishioners' support

Helped **118 individuals** in need in Bedford  
Regularly provided food parcels to **54 adults and children**  
Have delivered **1378 food parcels** on **365 drops**  
Carried out **166 paid-for shopping trips**  
Made **37 deliveries of medication** and other items

*'The SVP team are very efficient, pleasant and obliging people. Worth their weight in gold. Thank you for the shopping service'*

*'...but most importantly I have been serving God through Knock and Drop'* (Volunteer)

*'Many thanks from the Quinlan household for the support given during our isolation as a result of the Coronavirus'*

We will continue to help those in need. If you would like to donate to SVP in Bedford please do so via our "Just Giving" page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/svpbedford> or our bank account - account name is SVP E140102, sort code 60-60-04, account number 46087826 or by donating food.

**Thank you for your continuing support for our work**