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Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

ANIMA CHRISTI Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 20 March	Day of Prayer & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament	St Christopher's	10am-4pm
Sat 23 March	Lenten Retreat	St Christopher's	10am-4pm
Thurs 18 April	Maundy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 10pm	St Thomas's	7.30pm
Fri 19 April	Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross	St Thomas's St Christopher's	3pm 7 pm
Sat 20 April	Easter Vigil	St Christopher's	8.30pm

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Saturday 16th March 2019			Second Sunday of Lent
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Patrick Murphy RIP</i>	
Sunday 17th			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Mary Cook - Good Health</i> <i>Biddy Moore RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>John Joyce RIP</i> <i>Tony Jones RIP</i>	
Monday 18th			Lent Feria
7:00 pm	St C	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 19th			Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30 pm	St T	Reception: Peggy Mee	
7:00 pm	St C	<i>Albert Birch RIP – First Anniversary</i>	
Wednesday 20th			Lent Feria
10:00 am	St T	Requiem Mass: Peggy Mee	
4:30pm	St T	Reception: Biddy Moore	
Thursday 21st			Lent Feria
11:30 am	St T	Requiem Mass: Biddy Moore	
Friday 22nd			Lent Feria
10.00 am	St C	<i>Patrick Murphy RIP</i>	
Saturday 23rd			Lent Feria
10:30 am	St T	Morning Mass: John Joyce RIP	
11:00 am	St T	Exposition and Holy Hour and Confessions	
4:00 pm	St C	Exposition and Holy Hour	
4:30 pm	St C	Confessions	
			Third Sunday of Lent
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Quinn Family RIP</i> <i>Anne Worrall RIP - Anniversary</i>	
Sunday 24th March			
9:15 am	St C	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>David Falcon-Steward RIP</i> <i>Philip Murphy RIP</i>	

Remember in your prayers those who have died Peggy Mee, Biddy Moore and Patrick Murphy. Peggy will be received into St Thomas's on Tuesday 19 March at 4.30pm and her Requiem Mass will be at St Thomas's on Wednesday 20 March at 10am. Biddy will be received into St Thomas's on Wednesday 20 March at 4.30pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 21 March at 11.30am. Patrick will be received into St Christopher's on Wednesday 27 March at 4.30pm and his Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 28 March at 12.30pm. May they rest in peace. We pray also for their family and friends at this time.

SICKLIST To comply with GDPR legislation, from Nov 2018, we started the parish sick list anew only those who have given consent will be on our sick list. A letter is available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.

PRAY FOR THE SICK Zofia Stanislawska, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap, PWB, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, John Lewis, Margaret Waleczek, Peter Mason, T Hill, Alexandra Marshall, Jayne Wiggins, Anthony Jones, Betty Cotter, Joan Mullen, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME Monika Vanags, Paul Johnson, Catherine Moran, Dick Carroll, William Barker, Charles Fernihough, Marjorie Stanford, John Joyce, Margaret Strickland, Iris Rock, Elizabeth Kerr, John Sheldon, Patrick Sugrue, Sarah Payton, Edgar Caddick, John Walters, Betty D'Arcy, George Davidson, Terrence Bosi, Bridget Jones, John Bowman, Damien Farrelly, Albert Birch, Joe McNally, Beatrice McNally, John Szydlowski, Sarah Edwards, Geoffrey Thompson, Rev Andrew Brennan, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft.

Weekly Collections 9/10 March

	Loose	Gift Aid	Gift Aid Standing Orders	Total
St Christopher's	£202.80	£198.90	£493.00	£894.70
St Thomas's	£186.50	£261.42	£130.00	£577.92

Stations of the Cross Sundays, 12.30pm at St Thomas's and Fridays, 7pm at St Christopher's.
Lenten Devotions During Lent during both Saturday Holy Hour's we will use the weekend's gospel as a sort of Lectio Divina read aloud 3 times by different voices to give a focus to the Holy Hour, and help us prepare ourselves perhaps more fully for the weekend's celebration of Mass. Volunteers to read would be gratefully received.

Lenten Group Thursdays, 7pm at St Christopher's. The theme: "The Sacraments" This will include a short DVD presentation followed by questions and discussion and refreshments.

Lenten Retreat on Sat 23 March, 10am-4pm at St Christopher's. The theme will be "God's Covenant of Love" and it will be led by the Rt Rev. Mgr Bruce Harbert, former executive Director of ICEL. A donation of £10 to include a light lunch. If you wish to attend please write your name on the sheet at the back of church.

Penitential Services:

Friday 12 April, 7pm St Christopher's
Monday 15 April, 7pm Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road, WV10 8PG
Tuesday 16 April, 7pm St Michael's, Coalway Road, WV3 7ND
Wednesday 17 April, 7pm Holy Trinity, Oxford Street, Bilston, WV14 7EL

Lent Lunches All welcome. Charities supported this year: Local - Hope Community helps people in Heath Town, Wolverhampton. Overseas - Streetlight in the Philippines (Street Children)

23 March, 12:30-2:30pm, St Michael's: Tettenhall Parish Centre

30 March, 12:30-2:30pm, St Thomas: Newman Centre

6 April, 12:30-2:30pm, St Columba's, Finchfield

13 April, 12:30-2:30pm, Good Shepherd, Castlecroft

Second Collection this Sunday for CAFOD Envelopes for Family Fast Day, if you are a UK tax payer please complete the Gift Aid slip ensuring your donation can have the Gift Aid money claimed
First Holy Communion at St Christopher's Classes on Tuesdays for those wanting to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion but not attending a Catholic School. Those wanting to receive the sacraments must attend all sessions.

St Thomas's Easter Raffle Prizes: gold ruby & diamond pendant, gold diamond earrings, modern silver bracelet, modern gents & ladies watches, bottle of red & white wine. Tickets £5 for church funds

Body In Balance A gentle exercise class to promote fitness, balance & wellbeing with a cuppa & chat. Every Thursday (term time) in St Christopher's church hall. 1-2pm. All welcome.

St Christopher's & St Thomas's Youth Group next meeting 17 March, 5pm in St Christopher's Church Hall. Open to all aged 11-17.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Next Meeting at St Christopher's Monday 18 March at 7.30pm. If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc. **If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE Sat 23 March, the Saturday before The Annunciation, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Pray especially that 'buffer zones' will not be introduced around abortion 'clinics'. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For info see poster and contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740.

St Christopher's Tots on Wed 27 March, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

Confirmation at St Thomas' The parish is invited to share in a celebration with the Confirmandii on Sunday 17 after Mass in the Newman Centre.

St Christopher's Day of Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Wed 20 March, 10am-4pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church if you can spare the time so that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. Thank you.

SVP Afternoon Teas and Bingo 2nd April, 1-3pm at St Christopher's.

Baptism Preparation Anyone wanting their child to be baptised please email Matthew Bradbury 1baptismclass@gmail.com Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 13 April, 9.45am

Every Life Matters Talk by Life Charity Sat 23 March, 10.30am, Grimshaw Room, St Chad's Cathedral. Cost: suggested donation, £5 for Life Charity. Tel 0121 475 1227/07767 457625 for info

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion There are 3 meetings coming up in the Deanery led by Fr Guy Nichols. It would be great if all Eucharistic Ministers could endeavour to attend one. They are on: Tues 19 March, 7pm at SS Mary & John, Snow Hill; Sat 23 March, 12 noon at St Joseph's Willenhall; Thurs 4 April, 7pm at St Michael's Coalway Road. If you attend the Saturday one then you're invited to take a packed lunch. Apologies for the late notice...!

Dear DR19 attendees, You can book your place to hear Sherry Weddell at the Maryvale Institute, 9th June. Please use this Eventbrite to confirm your attendance. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sherry-weddell-author-of-the-best-selling-book-forming-intentional-disciples-the-path-to-knowing-tickets-58378947002?err=29> Sherry is the author of the best-selling book, *Forming Intentional Disciples: the Path to Knowing and Following Jesus; Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World* (2017). She is editor & contributor to *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples* (2015) (This was sent from Natalie Orefice Bsc MA, Advisor for Parish Evangelisation, Maryvale Institute)

Gift Aid From the census forms, some people who are tax payers haven't signed up to Gift Aid their offerings. Please consider signing up, it costs you nothing & the church receive extra revenue. Forms are available from Fr Paul or either parish office.

If you gift aid and your circumstances have changed eg: you are no longer a UK tax payer and have gift aided in the past / have moved address please advise Linda or Margaret. Thank you.

Church Collections If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not. Speak to Linda or Margaret Gallagher.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to the Gift Aid scheme at St Thomas' if you wish to add your name, and are a UK taxpayer, please see Fr Paul or Linda for a form.

Women's Interfaith Meetings - Women Together Margaret Holt has volunteered to be St Thomas's Women's Interfaith Link. Period Poverty if wish to donate sanitary products please leave in the GIVE BOX at the back of church.

Job Advertisement for Senior Administrative Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week), £25,000 to £30,000 p.a., Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway, BIRMINGHAM. Closing date, noon, Fri 22 March. See noticeboard for details.

Wolverhampton Church Shelter Would you consider volunteering? Contact Jeremy Watson on 07970 778595, email churchsheltervolunteers@gmail.com for an application form or for more info. People can volunteer for one night a fortnight or even one night a month. All volunteers will be trained, must be aged over 18 with two character references.

KENELM YOUTH TRUST

Proud to Profess at St Mary's College Oscott on Sat 13 April 11am-6pm. For those aged 14-30 £5 per person. Workshops and live presentation of the Stations of the Cross, fresh look at Marian Devotion. Email kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more info or to book.

World Youth Day at Home To keep that Panama feel, we're celebrating World Youth Day @ Home in the summer, and it's right on your doorstep! From the 7th-9th June 2019 World Youth Day @ Home will be running at Alton Castle for 16-25 year olds featuring world renowned music artists, international speakers. See website <https://wydathome.weebly.com> for more information.

Summer Camp 2019 at Alton Castle You can book a place for Week 1: August 4th-8th or Week 2: August 11th-15th. Experience a life-changing encounter with God in a way like never before through powerful moments of prayer, crazy activities, exciting day trips, challenging talks and so much more... For info email: beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

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