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EASTER III 29th/30th April Hidden Treasure Taizé weekend

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Michael Breen People of Parish Baptism of Olivia Beveridge
Sunday	10.00 am		Frances Gouding
Monday		9.30 am	Noel Davis
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday Ss. Philip & James (school)		9.30 am	Louise Tehan Mass in St. Joseph's school
Thursday	10.00 am		Frances Goulding
Friday Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed sacrament James Naughton Eucharistic Service

EASTER IV 6th/7th May Day of Prayer for Vocations

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of parish Ann Carwardine
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Vocations to priesthood

Please Pray for the sick; Anne Stapleton, Bridie Murphy, Sheila O'Reilly, Marion Levell, Peter McKernan, Mary Joyce, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, May Walker, Nirosha Pathiraja, William Parish, Annie Kennedy, Teresa Francis, Michael O'Connor, Marie Parish, William Parish, Michael O'Reilly, Julie Gallagher.



This Sunday we have our **April Fiver a Month** collection
Next Sunday we have a second collection for The Clergy Training Fund.

TAIZÉ WEEKEND The long awaited Taizé weekend called Hidden Treasure is this weekend and we welcome young people for all over Europe to Birmingham starts on Friday when lots of young people arrive in Birmingham. We welcome especially those who are with us this morning.

This Sunday we also welcome to Cameroonian Women's Catholic Association who will be with us at the Mass and will meet afterwards downstairs.

NEXT SUNDAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY when we pray for vocations to the consecrated life and to priesthood and the diaconate. To discern our vocation, whatever it may be, we need to listen, to love and to live.

LENTEN ALMS REMINDER Now it is Easter it is time to send off your Lenten alms to the charity/ies of your choice. Fr. Hudson's Society and Aid for the Church in Need are two recommended ones.

Parish News

GIFT AID If you are a taxpayer, please see Chris Brown and he will be able to arrange for us to claim money you have paid to the taxman back for the Church with no pain to yourself.

First reading Acts 2:1 4,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

‘Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.’

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Lk24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, ‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free.

And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

What's going on in the Diocese

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CATHOLIC CONFERENCE with Fr. JAMES MANJACKAL May 10th 11th 12th 9 am – 7 pm at the Bethel Convention Centre in Kelvin Way, West Bromwich. See website www.sehionuk.org and click retreat registration to book your seat £15. He will also be leading the Second Saturday Convention, the next day.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE If you would like to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 13th May, led by Bishop Byrne, please get in touch with Anne Roebuck on 454 0130 for full details, cost and a booking form.

TORCHLIGHT MARIAN PROCESSION You are invited to take part in a torchlight procession at Oscott College, Chester Road, B73 5AA, on Sunday 13th May at 8 pm. It is special because it marks the 100th anniversary of Fatima.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE is on Saturday 20th May. There will be a special Mass at St. Chad's at 10.00 am with several Bishops. At 11.45 am Victoria Square will be open with various stalls, live music and the Mercy Bus. At 1.00 pm there will be series of short talks leading up to the keynote speaker Lila Rose at 1.30 pm. The March will start at 2.00 pm. At 3.20 pm the second keynote speaker, Catherine Adair, will give her speech and the whole event will finish at 4.30 pm. See www.marchforlife.co.uk for further details. Please be there, at least for some of it. It will be a wonderful day of witness for the sanctity and dignity of the human person.

JOB VACANCIES - We have two Nursing vacancies at St. Joseph's Home for the elderly in Harborne, one for a RN Nurse on day shifts and one for a Bank Nurse on Night/Day shifts. Please contact Josie Conway - HR Officer on 0121 427 2486 for more information.

St. Paul's Convent are advertising for a part-time domestic and a part-time Receptionist/Switchboard operator. See notices at the back of church.