

# St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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## TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

**Sunday, 15.07.18**

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am

Mass: Thanksgiving intention for Emmanuel Glaxin

5:30 pm

Confessions

6:00 pm

Mass: Philip Johnson 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intention

**Monday, 16.07.18**

**Feria**

9:30 am

Mass: Mariyamma Thomas RIP

10:00 am

Rosary

**Tuesday, 17.07.18**

**Feria**

9:00 am

Mass at the school

**Wednesday, 18.07.18**

**Feria**

9:30 am

Mass: Alan Martin RIP

10:00 am

Rosary

**Thursday, 19.07.18**

**Feria**

NO MASS

**Friday, 20.07.18**

**Feria**

12:30 pm

Funeral service: Ritchie Lewis RIP

7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 pm

Mass: Intentions of Joyce Ozurumba

**Saturday, 21.07.18**

**Feria**

10:00 am

Mass: God's blessing for Oliver Dominik Noculak

10:30 am

Confessions

11:00 am

Baptism: Zuzanna

**Sunday, 22.07.18**

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am

Mass: Birthday intention of Annamma Thomas

5:30 pm

Confessions

6:00 pm

Mass: Modesto Villanueva RIP

**Confessions:** Sat. after 10:00am Mass & Sun. 5:30-5:50 pm or on request



**YOUR OFFERINGS: 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY £428.34 (GIFT-AID £128.00)**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR 'APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA' RAISED £101.97**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY (22<sup>ND</sup> JULY): MISSION APPEAL**

**Church Cleaning** this week: Team A (Wednesdays after morning Mass)

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**PARISH ADMINISTRATION:** If anyone requires baptism certificates or any other written documents from the parish, please call the parish on Mondays & Fridays: 10.00am - 12.00noon.

**CONTACTING THE PARISH:** If you need to get a message to the priest or the parish then please leave your message on the presbytery answer phone: 01902 736440 or e-mail: stpatricks220@sky.com

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Violet Griffin, Patricia Padley, Peter Cullis, Malcolm & Barbara Harris, Sally McNulty, Bridget Hannon, Joan Jones, Jack Byrne, Doris McShane, Deacon Michael Ainsworth, Fergus Fallon, Bernie Davies, Gerry Simpson, Mary Mahan, Michael Lockett. *If you are not able to get to Mass (e.g. you're going into hospital) or if you notice someone who has not been at Mass recently, let know Fr Dawid or Gerry Simpson.*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR IN JULY (part 3):** **RITCHIE LEWIS** who died recently, also George Hislop, William Darlington, Norman Morris, Sidney Leadbetter, Maurice Crowe, Patrick Reilly, James Doyle, Catherine Veronica Doyle, William Boyce, Annie Crowther, Irene Greenwood, Hanna Thomas, Stephen Hampson, Anne Thomas, Margaret Ryan, Michael Toma.



**ADOREMUS YOUTH EVENT** A coach from Wolverhampton has been booked for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September for those aged 13-18 years old. **What's the programme?** The programme starts at 11.30am with the opening liturgy, but you can arrive from 10.00 when the doors will open. You can mingle around the stalls, meet delegates from different part of the country and you can go into the auditorium to be lead in worship. During the Congress there will be inspirational speakers. There are also three streams for those aged 13-15, 16-17 and 18-20. We finish with a time of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Congress ends at 5.30.

**FRIDAY PENANCE AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT** *In order to clear up any confusion, the Bishops of England and Wales have ruled that we should all abstain from eating meat on Fridays throughout the year (unless, of course, Christmas Day or another solemnity falls on the Friday, and also the Friday of the Easter Octave). The decision to return to this practice for all Catholics in England and Wales was announced by the Bishops' Conference, and has been in effect since Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.* The Bishops looked again at the role of devotions and the practice of penance, both of which can help to weave the Catholic faith into the fabric of everyday life. Our regular worship at **Holy Mass on Sunday**, the day of the Lord's resurrection, is the most powerful outward sign and witness of our faith in Jesus Christ to our family, friends and neighbours. Sunday must always remain at the heart of our lives as Catholics.

The Bishops also remind us that every **Friday** is set aside as a special day of **penitence**: from the earliest centuries of the Church's history, Friday was dedicated to the memory of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, as a day on which we should make a special effort to practice penitence. The seasons and days of penitence in the course of the Liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday) are therefore intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. For this reason, the Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church specifies the obligations of Latin Rite Catholics: *"All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church."* (Canon 1250). The Bishops believe it is important that all the faithful again be united in a common, identifiable act of Friday penance because they recognise that the virtue of penitence is best acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness, and therefore have made the ruling that all Catholics should abstain from meat on all Fridays.

**ABSTINENCE** is a form of fasting. It is a way of disciplining or training the body. Few question the need to watch our intake of food when we are training to take part in a sport. Abstinance is part of our spiritual training. It reminds us that our bodies and our lives are gifts of God. Abstinance can also remind us (and each other) of the sacredness of the lives of others who lack the food we enjoy. As a public witness then, it can be a service to those whose life and human dignity are in danger from poverty, hunger and all forms of violence. The precise reason for the traditional practice of abstaining specifically from meat on Fridays and other penitential days is not known. What is without doubt is that it is a very ancient tradition, common to both the Latin Rite Church and the Eastern Rite Churches.