

St. Patrick's Church, Wolverhampton

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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES

Sunday, 10.02.19

9:30 am

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: Saramma Thekkeparambil RIP

Confessions

Mass: George Whitehead RIP

Monday, 11.02.19

9:30 am

10:00 am

Feria

Mass: Tom McNulty RIP

Rosary

Tuesday, 12.02.19

10:30 am

Feria

Mass at St Mary & John's church

Wednesday, 13.02.19

9:30 am

10:00 am

Feria

Mass: Parishioners

Rosary

Thursday, 14.02.19

Ss Cyril, Monk & St Methodius

NO MASS

Friday, 15.02.19

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

Feria

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass: Peggy Turley Birthday Intention

Saturday, 16.02.19

9:30 am

10:00 am

Feria

Mass:

Confessions

Sunday, 17.02.19

9:30 am

11:00 am

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: Simran' Thanksgiving Intention

Baptisms: Lewis Bennett and Oscar Lloyd

Confessions

Mass: Betty Nolan RIP

Confessions: Sat. after 9:30am Mass & Sun. 5:30-5:55 pm or on request



YOUR OFFERINGS: 3RD FEBRUARY N/A

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

ALL WELCOME to join us for refreshments in the Hall after 9.30am Sunday Mass

PARISH ADMINISTRATION: If anyone requires baptism certificates or any other written documents from the parish, please visit the parish office on Mondays & Fridays: 10.00am - 12.00noon or 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, Jack Byrne, Catherine Finnegan, Doris McShane, Deacon Michael Ainsworth, Fergus Fallon, Gerry Simpson, Michael Lockett, Obed, Charito, Melchor, Darcy Jamandri, Margaret Middleton. *Names may be added to this list only with the specific permission of the infirm person for whom prayers are requested.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR IN FEBRUARY (part 3):

Henry Kelly, Francis Marren, Barbara Morgan, Winifred Markland, Christine Hickman, William Allen, Catharine Bishop, Elizabeth (Betty) Nolan, Horace Turner, Nancy Ryan, Julie Sheridan, John McConnell, William Chalder, George Whitehead, Elizabeth Ross, Gordon Prosser, Leslie Horton, Margaret Nicholls, Walter Mulgrave, John O'Brien, Patrick Donaghy, Brian Grainger.



PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Sessions on Sunday mornings after 9.30am Mass in the Presbytery on the following days: **10th February**, 24th February, 3rd March (Confessions). Confirmation: 5th March at 7pm.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Lessons on Saturday mornings 11am – 1pm in the Sacristy on the following days: **23rd February**, 9th March, 13th April, 4th May and 11th May. First Holy Communion: Sunday 19th May 2019.

STATEMENT ON THE SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS Bishop Paul McAleenan, the lead Catholic Bishop for Migration and Asylum, has issued a statement on the government's forthcoming Settlement Scheme for EU citizens living in the UK. Any EU citizen who wants to remain in the UK after Brexit (with the exception of Irish citizens) will have to apply through the scheme, which is expected to launch in March 2019. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here. As the majority are themselves Catholic this is a special pastoral concern for us. The Church has experienced first-hand the extensive contribution that people from across Europe have made to our society. They are an integral and valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

We also recognise the evidence that immigration from Europe has not undermined opportunities for UK citizens, but rather brought considerable economic and social benefits. It is clear that since the 2016 referendum many people living here have faced profound uncertainty and insecurity about their future.

Although the reassurances offered by senior politicians are important, people have been given far too little information or binding commitments about their right to stay. For some this has been worsened by the appalling rise in hate crime, which has left them feeling unwelcome or even threatened in the country that has become their home.

The Settlement Scheme The government will soon launch a Settlement Scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. While this is an important step we understand that, especially for people who have contributed to our society over many years, it may feel unjust and divisive that they are now required to apply for permission to stay.

We also expect that some people, particularly those who are already vulnerable, may face difficulties in practically accessing the scheme, leaving their immigration status at risk. We strongly oppose the decision to charge people for securing the rights they already have. This is not only unprincipled but will also create a barrier for larger families or people facing financial difficulties.

The Bishops' Conference has made representations on these issues to ministers and through the Home Office working groups set up to discuss the Settlement Scheme. We will continue to do so as it is implemented.

Applying for the scheme. Notwithstanding our concerns about these principles and practicalities, it remains a fact that EU citizens must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society.

We therefore ask Catholic parishes, schools and organisations to bring the Settlement Scheme to the attention of all who need to avail of it and to be aware of vulnerable people who may face barriers to applying or not realise that they need to apply. In particular we encourage you to signpost people towards the official information on the Settlement Scheme: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

Finally, we urge the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made their home here - with particular concern at present for our European brothers and sisters.