

ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL

**First Sunday of Lent
22 February 2026**



Gustav Klimt *The Tree of Life*, *Stoclet Frieze* 1909 Museum of Applied Arts, Vienna

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MASS TIMES



		St Mary Immaculate	St Charles Borromeo
Sun 22	First Sunday of Lent	6pm (Sat) <i>Holy Souls</i> 11am <i>Mr Colin Docker</i>	9am <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon 23	St Polycarp	9.30am <i>Timothy Quaid</i> 11am <i>Tom Douglas</i> Funeral Service	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10am <i>Private int.</i> <i>Bible Study 7.30pm (zoom)</i>
Tue 24	Lenten feria	9.30am <i>Edward Manning RIP</i>	10pm <i>Private int.</i>
Wed 25	Lenten feria		11.30 Stations of the Cross 12pm <i>Private int.</i> followed by soup lunch
Thu 26	Lenten feria		12pm <i>Private int.</i>
Fri 27	St Gregory of Narek	9.30am <i>PMF ints.</i> 6pm Exposition 7pm Stations of the Cross	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10am <i>Private int.</i>
Sat 28	St Oswald	6pm <i>Jan Elliott RIP</i>	10am Exposition 10.30am <i>Private int.</i> followed by Confessions
Sun 1	Second Sunday of Lent	11am <i>Annette Hollingsworth</i>	9am <i>Pro Populo</i>

Livestreaming: Please be aware that the front two pews at St Mary Immaculate are visible. If anyone wishes to receive Holy Communion but not appear on the livestream, please speak to Fr Patrick

THE WORD THIS WEEK

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent – these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter: those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life & Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.



GENERAL NOTICES

Recently Dead: Annie Walters, Tom Douglas

Visit of Relic of St Carlo Acutis: Sun 15 March veneration of relic and his Eucharistic Miracles exhibition at St Joseph's Whitnash, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church during the day for Vocations, and Talk at 3.30pm.

Ministers of the Eucharist: My apologies, I spelled my own name wrong in the email address last week. It should be dcn.david.palmer@rcaob.org.uk it would be good to know who is taking Communion to the housebound. If you are doing so, or if you would like to, please e mail me I hope to arrange a meeting for existing and new Ministers sometime in Lent when we can pray and learn together. God bless, Deacon David

SVP Do you enjoy a friendly chat? Or do you know someone who would? Perhaps you know someone who is not able to go out and about as much as they used to and would like a bit of company now and again? If so, please leave a message for the SVP in the Parish Office and we will arrange for two of our friendly members to visit you in your home at a time convenient to you. Also, on a separate topic, thank you for your very generous donations of toiletries etc to the Warwick Food Bank via the SVP collection box in the Martyrs' Room. We will continue this collection on an on-going basis.

Men's Pro-Life Conference: Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at B'ham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk.

Born For This: Tickets now on sale for the 30th Anniversary Performance of Born for This, a musical reflection on the Stations of the Cross. The performance at Symphony Hall, B'ham takes place on Wed 25 March. <https://bmusic.co.uk/book/instance/2298736>
Featuring live music by Jo Boyce, CJM Music, a small orchestra & supported by a choir from Catholic secondary schools across B'ham & Solihull. A very special performance for the 30th anniversary of Born For This

We Believe Festival: <https://www.webelievefestival.com/> Catholic festival for all ages & interests at Oscott College 24-27 July. We're hoping to book together as a parish which means a better group discount the more who sign up. If you're interested in being part of the parish booking (no obligation yet) please get in touch with Bill on 07518386745.

Roman Station Churches

On Monday of the first week of Lent the Station Mass is at San Pietro in Vincoli (St Peter in Chains). The church dates from the late C4th/early C5th, built to house the chains that held St Peter in Jerusalem along with those which held him in Rome, the two fusing miraculously when brought together around 450AD. It also claims the relics of the Maccabee brothers, brought there at the end of the C6th. The church contains the famous statue of Moses by Michelangelo which he completed in 1515 for the tomb of Pope Julius II.



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2 nd Collections	1 March Cafod Lent Fast 8 March Cathedral Maintenance	1 March Cafod Lent Fast 8 March Cathedral Maintenance
Counting	This week group 5 Next week group 6	
Sick and Housebound	Gill Bonehill, Christopher Browne, Eileen Checkley, Annie Gleason, Anne Gunthorpe, Samantha Hewitt, Kevin Hunt, Susan James, Catherine McCarthy, Monica, Liam McLaughlin, Bernadette Narain, Kathleen O'Connor, Peter Schmidt, Sheila Thumwood, Betty Walters, Natasha Watkins, Gerard Williams. Rafael Rosolen De Oliveira	Aidan Harris, Samantha Hewitt, Jo Holleron, Angie Morrell, Eddie Unitt, Janina Woods. <i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice.</i>
Monthly Draw	200 Club. £350 paid in prizes each month. To join please contact the office. Feb winners: 1 st R Kerr, 2 nd A O'Rourke, 3 rd , J King. Next Draw 16 Mar.	St Charles Tote Next draw 8 Mar.
8-day lamp dedications	Sanctuary lamp: LB Recovery	
Rosary group	Pope's intention for February: For children with incurable diseases Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength & hope.	
Churches Together in Warwick	February prayer focus: Loving God, as we mark the beginning of Lent, enable your churches in Warwick to turn to you afresh in repentance and faith, revealing your ways of justice, compassion and love in this town. Amen	

PARISH GIVING: The best way to support our parishes financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details. If you don't have internet banking and want to sign up for Standing Order, please contact the parish office. [GiftAid form](#)

Account name: RCA Birmingham St Mary Immaculate Acc. no.28541588: Sort code 55-70-33
Account name: RCA Birmingham St Charles Borromeo Acc. no.28392876: Sort code 55-70-33

St Mary Immaculate Hall bookings heartofwarwick@gmail.com
Deanery Website banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING

Our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parishes Safeguarding Representative is Julia FitzSimons who can be contacted at: sg.smi.warwick@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Health & Safety Coordinators: Dave Prescott (St Mary), Damien Convey (St Charles)
Primary School Head: Julia Wallace. Parish Secretary: Andy Walker.
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