

# ST MARY IMMACULATE, WARWICK ST CHARLES BORROMEEO, HAMPTON ON THE HILL

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
22 March 2026**



Carravaggio *The Raising of Lazarus (detail)* 1609 Museo Regionale, Messina

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# MASS TIMES



		St Mary Immaculate	St Charles Borromeo
Sun 22	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	6pm (Sat) <i>Pro Populo</i> 11am <i>Patrick Geaney</i>	9am <i>Tom Riley</i>
Mon 23	Lenten feria	9.30am <i>John Connor</i>	9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am <i>Private int.</i>  <i>Bible Study 7.30pm (zoom)</i>
Tue 24	Lenten feria	9.30am <i>Roger Greenway</i>	10pm <i>Private int.</i>
Wed 25	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>	9.30am <i>Thanksgiving (in primary school)</i> 1pm <i>Anne Walters</i> <b>Requiem Mass</b>	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	Lenten feria	9.30am <i>Slawek ints.</i>  6pm Exposition 7pm <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10am <i>Private int.</i>
Sat 28	Lenten feria	6pm <i>Peggy King RIP</i>	10am Exposition 10.30am <i>Private int.</i> followed by Confessions
Sun 29	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	11am <i>Pro Populo</i>	9am <i>Sam Hewitt</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

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith that the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death.



# GENERAL NOTICES

**Recently Dead:** Roger Greenway, Annie Walters, Tom Douglas, Kathleen O'Connor.

**Confessions:** 8.30am – 6pm on Thurs 26 March, St Peter's Leamington Spa

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Meeting with Deacon David on the evening of Monday of Holy Week, 30 March at 7pm for about an hour for a short chat, a time of Adoration & prayer.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness:** Please can we have someone to volunteer as a steward and let Fr Patrick know? New Life church is organising and need to do a walk through / risk assessment

**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>

**We Believe Festival:** <https://www.webelievewithfestival.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.

**Primary School:** *Garden Pot Donations Needed* - We're looking for donations of large garden pots, any shape, colour, or style—new or used. To be used by the children to plant flowers & greenery, helping to create a more vibrant & environmentally friendly school. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to get hands-on with gardening, learn about sustainability, and take pride in enhancing their surroundings.

**Volunteers Required:** Could you spare c.2 hours each month to help with mowing the lawns at St Charles Borromeo? For more information please contact Bernard Baxter 07808 820359

**Dining Club** is back! Fri 17 April 7pm at Saffron Gold, Warwick (Indian Restaurant). A great opportunity to meet up socially. Email me if interested. [alexmellon@aol.com](mailto:alexmellon@aol.com)

## The Easter Triduum

### Maundy Thursday 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

### Good Friday

9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

11.45am *Walk of Witness*

### 3pm The Good Friday Liturgy

7pm Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday

9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

### 8pm The Easter Vigil



## Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent: *Santo Stefano Rotondo*

The earliest church was consecrated by Pope Simplicius between 468 & 483. It was dedicated to the protomartyr St Stephen, whose body had been discovered a few decades before in the Holy Land, and brought to Rome. The church was the first in Rome to have a circular plan. Its architecture is unique in the Late Roman world.



	<b>St Mary Immaculate</b> stmary-immaculate.org.uk	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b> stcharles-borromeo.org.uk
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	22 March Easter Flowers 3 April (Good Friday) Holy Places 5 April (Easter) Easter Offering	22 March Easter Flowers 5 April (Easter) Easter Offering
Counting	This week group 3 Next week group 4	
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, 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.  <b><i>Your prayers are asked for all the sick in our parishes: at home, care home, hospital, hospice.</i></b>
Monthly Draw	<b>200 Club. £350 paid in prizes each month.</b> To join please contact the office. Mar winners: 1 <sup>st</sup> S Searle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> J Docker, 3 <sup>rd</sup> N Watkins. Next Draw 20 Apr.	<b>St Charles Tote</b> Next draw 12 Apr
8-day lamp dedications	<b>Sanctuary lamp: LB Revoverly</b>	
Rosary group	<b>Pope's intention for March: For disarmament and peace</b> Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.	
Churches Together in Warwick	We pray for all who have attended, or led, the Warwick Youth Alpha course. May they all feel encouraged and affirmed in their faith. We pray Your Spirit would increase their longing to know you more.	

**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](mailto:heartofwarwick@gmail.com)  
**Deanery Website** [banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk](http://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](mailto:sg.smi.warwick@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](http://safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

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