

Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies

MOG = Mother of God and Guardian Angels church, Kitsland Road, Shard End, Birmingham. B34 7NA (*All Masses are now in church*)

SJB = St John the Baptist church, Arran Way, Smith's Wood, Birmingham. B36 0QE

Saturday	18 th			Feast of St Luke	
Sunday	19 th	SJB	9.00am	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of The Parish Fr Peter Blundell (RIP)
		MOG	11.00am		
Monday	20 th			Feria in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday	21 st			Feria in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	22 nd	MOG	9.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time with School	Carmel Mc Donald (INT)
Thursday	23 rd	MOG	9.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time	Fr Brendan Carrick (RIP)
Friday	24 th	MOG	9.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time	Special Intentions (INTS)
Saturday	25 th			Feria in Ordinary Time	
Sunday	26 th	SJB	9.00am	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Members of Hedgecox Family Deceased (RIP) Mary Dorrington (RIP)
		MOG	11.00am		

Please pray for all those Parishioners who are sick and for their Carers

James Cooney, Billy Dobb, Frances Harris, Helen Lloyd, Laura Lloyd, Mary Lloyd, Frankie Marklow, Robert and Annie McEvoy, Ruth Morris, Margaret Murphy, Anne Gardiner, Gwen Sanders, Martin Studdards, Judy Swift and Sally and Desmond Toth

Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently
Christopher Wilson

and those whose anniversaries will occur during this coming week.
May they rest in peace



Baptisms: Next Sunday 26th October, Carlo Gardner, Vaela Griffin and Kolbie Bathurst at Mother of God & Guardian Angels during 11.00am Sunday Mass.

Baptisms: If any Catholic parents who live in Mother of God and Guardian Angels parish wish to have their child baptised; please see Father Paul after Mass. If any Catholic parents who live in St John's, Smith's Wood and St Anthony's, Kingshurst parish wish to have their child baptised; please contact Fr Sean Gough at stanne-chelmsleywood.bham@rcaob.org.uk



The Parish of Mother of God and Guardian Angels serving St John the Baptist Church

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th October 2025

School Contacts

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Pastoral Care of St John the Baptist church and school - Fr Sean Gough's **induction** as **parish priest** of **St Anne's** and **St Anthony and St John parishes** will take place this **Friday 24th October** at **7pm** at **St Anne's church**, Bosworth Drive, Chelmsley Wood, B37 5DP. Fr Andrew Franklin, our dean, will celebrate the induction and there will be a parish celebration in the club afterwards. In **December**, Fr Sean Gough will take on pastoral responsibility for **St John's church and school** as our new parish priest. This will mean that, from Advent, he will celebrate Mass at St John the Baptist church at 9am on Sundays.

Becoming a Catholic If you would like to learn more about our faith and become a Catholic, please see Fr Paul.

Guardian Angels School, Hurst Lane, Birmingham B34 7HN – School places available: To make enquiries please contact the school on 0121-747-2782 or email enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk

This Sunday 19th October 2025 is World Mission Sunday: On World Mission Sunday, the whole Church unites in prayer and generosity to support Catholic communities across the world facing poverty, conflict, and hardship. Pope Francis chose 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' as this year's theme, reminding us of our call to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year. Rooted in Christ's resurrection, this hope has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Prayers and donations on this day directly sustain young and struggling faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to bring the Gospel to remote and often dangerous places. Together, we help communities grow in faith, dignity, and self-reliance.

Finance: Parish of the Mother of God & Guardian Angels

12/10/2025 Offertories Total £335.42 (of which Gift Aid was £28.22). The second collection in aid of CAFOD Harvest Fast Day to be advised.

If you would like to use standing orders, please let Fr Paul know and he will pass your details on to us and we will be in touch.

Finance: Parish of St Anthony and St John the Baptist

12/10/2025 Offertories Total £525.16 (of which Gift Aid was £32.05). The second collection in aid of CAFOD Harvest Fast Day raised £32.05

Funeral – Christopher Wilson RIP: The reception of the body into Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church will take place at 4.00pm on Wednesday 12th November. The Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 13th November at 11.00am.

Second Collection: This Sunday 19th October there will be an appeal by The Missionary Society of St Paul. Next Sunday 26th October there will be a second collection in aid of Missio.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is undertaking an inspection of survivor engagement and support, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been chosen as one of the Dioceses to be involved in this project. The purpose of this public call is to gather information from anyone who has had recent contact with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, or any other Diocese or Religious Life Group. This includes experiences that are new or ongoing, as well as those connected to non-recent abuse, both in a faith context and outside of faith. While the primary focus is the period from July 2024 onwards, the CSSA does not wish to limit what survivors choose to share. Information regarding this survey can be found via: www.catholicssafeguarding.org.uk If you haven't previously engaged with the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding team but feel that it would be helpful to do so, please don't hesitate to contact the Safeguarding office on **0121 230 6240**, or by emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk The survey is an important step in ensuring that survivor voices are heard, valued, and used to shape future safeguarding practice. We are committed to supporting survivors with compassion and sensitivity and are grateful to all those who have shared their experience and work together with us to improve support for survivors.

Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults

At all times, our parish follows the legal safeguarding guidance and the national and Archdiocese's policies & procedures. Mother of God Parish's Safeguarding Representative is Julie Young who can be contacted by email at sg.motherofgod@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted by telephone number on **0121 230 6240** or by email at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.



Prayer For The World



Lord, we pray for world peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations. We pray for wars to end. We give thanks for your promise that one day there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions may work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Pensioners' Afternoon Tea will take place this coming Thursday 23rd October at 12.30pm in the GAP Room.

Reminder: Next Sunday 26th October is the end of British Summer Time. **Please don't forget to put your clocks back 1 hour.**

The Piety Shop at Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church has now re-opened. Please feel free to come and buy cards, rosaries and medals etc. The shop will be open before and after Sunday 11.00am Mass.

Could you be a Foundation Governor or Director at your local Catholic school?

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has 236 Catholic schools and 16 Multi-Academy Companies, all in need of Foundation Governors and Directors. We are seeking practising Catholics to help shape the future of Catholic education by supporting and challenging school leaders, and upholding the [Archbishop's vision](#). You can watch a video on www.youtube.com to hear from Archbishop Bernard Longley, school leaders, and current governors and directors about how rewarding the role can be. Opportunities are available across the Archdiocese, and all skills and backgrounds are welcome. Live out your faith through service - your contribution could make a real difference to our schools and pupils. If you've watched the video and would like to find out more please contact the Diocesan Education Service via email governance@bdes.org.uk or call **01675 464755**.

Local Sunday Masses Following the recent changes to local Saturday vigil Masses (including new, joint, 5pm vigil Masses at St Anthony's, Kingshurst); the Sunday Masses that we celebrate in our five-parish cluster are as listed below:

Mass time	Church
5pm (Sat)	St Anthony's church, Oakthorpe Road, Kingshurst B37 6HY
5.30pm (Sat)	Sacred Heart and St Teresa's church, Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EA
9am	St John the Baptist church, Arran Way, Smith's Wood B36 0QE.
9.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians church, East Meadow, Kitts Green B33 0AU
10.45am	Sacred Heart and St Teresa's church, Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EA
11am	Mother of God & Guardian Angels church, Kitsland Road, Shard End B34 NA
11am	St Anne's church, Bosworth Drive, Chelmsley Wood B37 5DP
5pm	Our Lady Help of Christians church, East Meadow, Kitts Green B33 0AU