

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

Sunday	23 rd	SJB	9.00am	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Helen Sheehan (RIP)
		MOG	11.00am		People of The Parish
Monday	24 th			Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac	
Tuesday	25 th			Feria in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	26 th			Feria in Ordinary Time	
Thursday	27 th	MOG	9.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
Friday	28 th	SJB	9.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time with school	Barbara Faherty (RIP)
Saturday	29 th			Feria in Ordinary Time	
Sunday	30 th	SJB	9.00am	First Sunday of Advent	<i>Fr Sean's Intention</i>
		MOG	11.00am		Walsh Family ((RIP)

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
Albert Salt RIP

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



Baptism: Next Sunday 30th November, Colby Sutherland at 12.30pm at Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church.

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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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Smith

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 23rd November 2025

Pastoral Care of St John's church and school - As the new parish priest of St Anthony's and St John's parish, **Fr Sean Gough** will be taking on pastoral responsibility for **St John the Baptist church and school** from next **Sunday 30th November**. Fr Sean will then celebrate all Masses at St John's church; including at the 9am Masses on Sunday mornings.

Fr Paul writes: "It has been a privilege for the Parish of Mother of God and Guardian Angels to serve the community at St John's for some years. I am so grateful those who continue to ensure our Sunday Masses at St John's are celebrated well – especially John for playing the organ, Eileen and Debbie for setting up for Mass and all our lovely readers. I am also grateful for the support of the staff at St John the Baptist primary school; especially Mr Gallagher. It is always encouraging to celebrate Mass with our pupils who are so reverent and enthusiastic. We continue to pray for Fr Sean as he takes up care for St John's community and for the mission of our local parish cluster."

Blessing of the Graves November is the month when we pray for the faithful departed and blessings of graves have been taking place this month at cemeteries across our deanery. If you have a loved one who is buried in Robin Hood Cemetery, you are welcome to attend next Sunday 30th November at 2pm

Pensioner's Afternoon Tea: Next Thursday 27th November, afternoon tea will be served in the GAP Room at 12.30pm.

School Contacts

Guardian Angels, Hurst Lane, Shard End, B34 7NH
(Head teacher: Mrs. H. Milligan) Tel (0121) 747 2782
St John the Baptist, Arran Way, Smith's Wood, B36 0QE
(Head teacher: Mr. I. Gallagher) Tel (0121) 770 1892

Finance: Parish of the Mother of God & Guardian Angels

16/11/2025 Offertories Total £343.14 (of which Gift Aid was £48.18).

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

16/11/2025 Offertories Total £346.36 (of which Gift Aid was £117).

Second Collection: This Sunday 23rd November there will be a second collection in aid of the Catholic Youth Service.

Funeral – Albert Salt RIP: The Funeral Service will take place on Friday 5th December at 1pm at Woodlands Crematorium.

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.catholicsafeguarding.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.

Confessions in Advent There will be a special Advent penance service at Our Lady's church, Kitts Green, at **7pm on Thursday 11th December** when a number of local priests from our area will be available to hear Confessions. Please make a take up this opportunity to prepare for the Christmas feast.

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.

School Places Places are available at **Guardian Angels School**, Hurst Lane, Birmingham B34 7HN. To make enquiries, please contact the school on 0121-747-2782 or email enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk New **RECEPTION** applicants need to apply online on their relevant Council website by January 15th 2026.

School Governors and Directors 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 The Sunday Masses that we celebrate in our five-parish cluster are as follows:

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 Meadway, 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 Meadway, Kitts Green B33 0AU