

Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies

All the liturgy below will be celebrated in Mother of God and Guardian Angels church, unless indicated otherwise

Sunday	8 th	10.30-10.45am 11.00am	Confessions Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Phylis McNamara (RIP)
Monday	9 th		Feria in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday	10 th		Memorial of St Scholastica	
Wednesday	11 th	9.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time with school	Phil McNamara (RIP)
Thursday	12 th	9.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time	Bridget Ensor (RIP)
Friday	13 th	9.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time	Margaret Murphy (RIP)
Saturday	14 th	9.00am	Feast of St Cyril & St Methodius	Barry Chaplin (RIP)
Sunday	15 th	10.30-10.45am 11.00am	Confessions Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of The Parish

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, Anne Gardiner, Gwen Sanders, Martin Studdards, Judy Swift and Sally and Desmond Toth

Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently

Barry Chaplin and John Nevin

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



The Parish of Mother of God and Guardian Angels

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th February 2026

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.

Second Collection: Next Sunday 15th February there will be a second collection in aid of LIFE

Could you be a Healthcare Volunteer in Lourdes? Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new, please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

Pope's Prayer 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 and hope.

School Contact

Guardian Angels primary school, Hurst Lane, Shard End, B34 7NH
(Head teacher: Mrs. H. Milligan) Tel (0121) 747 2782

Parish Finance

01/02/2026 Offertories Total £306.63 (of which Gift Aid was £64.00).

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.

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 Sunday Mass.

Funerals

Barry Chaplin RIP: The Funeral Service will take place at Woodlands Crematorium at 12.00 midday on Monday 9th February.

John Nevin RIP: The Funeral Service will take place at 2pm on Friday 27th February 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.



Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking



Loving Father,

We lift up those still caught in the grip of forced labour and exploitation. Be their light in the darkness. Let your presence be their comfort. For those who see no way out, may they feel Jesus beside them—strengthening their every step.

Above all, we pray for miracles: that criminal networks would be broken and those enslaved would find freedom.

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — **Psalm 34:18**

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Date for the Diary! Race Night Fundraiser in aid of Father Hudson's Caritas (FHC): The Father Hudson's Race Night is set to be a fun, social evening to kick off spring and raise funds for all FHC projects. Date - **Tuesday 10 March**, 7pm - 10.30pm (first race 7.15pm), Venue - Coleshill Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill, B46 3BG. £20 per person with Fish & Chip supper (included in ticket price). Free parking at Chantry House (opposite Town Hall). Reserve your tickets by emailing: fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk with your name and the number of tickets you'd like.

Invitation from St Mary's College, Oscott: Our John Henry Newman exhibition features artefacts from Oscott's collections and the Birmingham Archdiocesan Archives. To view the exhibition, please book onto one of our tours of the College. Our next dates: **11th Feb - 1pm**, 25th Feb - 1pm, 11th Mar - 1pm. Tel: 0121-321-5000 or email enquiries@oscott.org

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 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