



St Catherine of Siena

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Third Sunday of Lent

The story about the fig tree is about the patience of God, our need for time to repent and grow in our faith and prayer, and it is about the 'God of the many chances'. Jesus never gives up on us, and always believes in our future. All of us carry particular faults and failings through life, and even though we try our best, find that they stay with us. God knows this and sees our efforts to change and be renewed. Prayer helps us to believe in ourselves as God believes in us. In the different desires and activities of life we can be with God or not with him. We can love him fully or find ourselves tempted from God's path. Jesus calls all the time to change so that we live out of the best side of ourselves and change so that we become more like him. At the Eucharist we pray, 'May we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity'.

Please Pray for the Sick: Kevin Mcgonagle, Yoland Rahim, P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, John Pat Hillman, Clément, Teresa, Masie, and Joy Howell.

Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.

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| Sat | 19/03 | 5:30 pm | Solemnity of Joseph Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary | Sis. Antoinette Ufeleshi Iklaki (RIP) |
| Sun | 20/03 | 11:00 am | Third Sunday of Lent | Feitoza Family - (Safe delivery for a family member - Lorena B. Feitoza) |
| Weds | 23/03 | 6:00 pm | Mass and Stations of the cross | |
| Fri | 25/03 | 11:45 am | Funeral | Sis. Antoinette Ufeleshi Iklaki (RIP) |
| Fri | 25/03 | 6:00 pm | Solemnity of the Annunciations of the Lord. | Ann Marie Charlery (RIP) |
| Sat | 26/03 | 5:30 pm | Vigil Mass of Sunday | Roger Charles (RIP) |
| Sun | 27/03 | 11:00 am | Fourth Sunday of Lent | Catherine Charlery (Birthday celebration, good health) |

Second Collection:

Today there is collection for CAFOD lent fast.

Confessions: appointments are via email or calls only. See details above

Baptism Preparation Course: The date for the next course for parents of children between the ages of 0-3 years is Friday 20th May 2022 @ 7 pm. Please send your Child's details to: stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Please include your child's full name and date of birth.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA programme is on-going every Thursday in the church @ 7 pm.

Ukraine Aid Collection: St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) St Catherine of Siena conference is collecting donations to aid displaced families from Ukraine. Please if you want to donate, pick up an envelope in front of the Church. Once you have enclosed it with money drop it in the box at the altar. Unfortunately, we are only collecting monetary gifts at the moment.

Funeral Arrangement: For Late Antoinette Iklaki is on Friday 25th March 2022 at 11.45 in St Catherine of Siena church, followed by burial at Thimble mill Cemetery @ 1.45 pm. We pray for Priscilla Iklaki and every member of her family at this time.

SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION MISSION:

We thank all those individual parishioners who participated in the Synod meetings conducted during the month of February 2022. Our parish submission was done on 26th February 2022 to the Synodal Pathway Committee by our Parish Synod Co-ordinator. We received an acknowledgement from Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, Chair - Synodal Pathway Committee, that our parish submission and feedback has been printed on 1st March 2022. They have advised that during the month of March 2022, it will be read several times by many different groups of people and will form a major part of our discernment and reflection. The Committee has asked to continue to keep this process in your prayers as they move into this period of Diocesan Discernment. The Diocesan Synthesis, a ten-page report will be published prior to 8 April 2022. A copy of the Diocesan Synthesis would be sent out to the parish as soon as it has been completed. Copies of our Parish Submission to Synod are available from the church porch on request; those who wish to receive via email, please drop an email to the church office email address and we'll send you a digital copy of the same.

As journeying companions together, this will enable us to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us through one another; to share responsibility in the mission of the Church in Birmingham; and to participate as we form ourselves in Solidarity.