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Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. God offers his love to all of us in abundance. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God's love for us, generous beyond measure in his love for both of his sons. Can we truly believe that God acts this way towards us and accept his mercy without jealousy, knowing that God's love for another does not diminish his love for us? (*liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-lent-c*)

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.

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)
Weds	30/03	6:00 pm	Mass and Stations of the cross	
Fri	01/04	6:00 pm	Mass and Stations of the cross	
Sat	02/04	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Mr & Mrs Koryang (For Dead Relatives and friends)
Sun	03/04	11:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mr & Mrs Koryang (For Dead Relatives and friends)

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.

Marriage Care – Volunteers Needed!

Catholic Marriage Care are looking for Marriage Preparation Facilitators to present and facilitate courses for engaged couples, Centre Coordinators to lead and support centres teams, in various locations across England and Wales, and Trustees to join our board. Find out more about how you could help support couples and families at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

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 Sodality.