

## Notices

## Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Jane Clark**. See the front of the Mass sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email [StephH@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:StephH@cofebirmingham.com) if you have any concerns.

## Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

## Compline

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026, the Zoom link for which are

Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

**Saturday lunch club – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Please make a note of the date of the next lunch club in March as there wont be one in February.

## Jumble sale @ St Benedict's

St Benedict's are planning a jumble sale in March. If you have any jumble at home please let Fr Alex have it.

## Service rota

If you normally take part in our Mass as a chalice assistant there is a draft rota until the end of April in the Narthex. Please take and check your availability.

## Ash Wednesday

There will be a service in church at 11.30am on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

## Swan group Candlemas service

At 4pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February there will be a Swan Group service for Candlemas at St Mary's church, Acocks Green.

## Prayers across our churches

## Saint Cyprian's church

Hear our gratitude gracious Lord for the repair works undertaken by NC Contractors after the recent break in. Help us to ensure that the Memorial Hall becomes a well-used and precious community asset.

### **Saint Michael & All Angels church**

Facilitate loving Lord the kitchen design plans. May the decisions that we make facilitate a space which adds value to those external groups who look to use the hall.

### **St Benedict's church**

Inspire our thinking and focus our planning around our first Jumble Sale in such a long time, Lord. Help us to know what to do, particularly around getting those who we serve in Bordesley into church.

### **Saint Mary's church**

As we reach the end of January, continue to protect your followers from the extremes of weather, as they move around in their daily lives. Turn our faces towards the coming of spring, as the flowers start to burst forth and bird song fills the air around us.

## Rock of ages

1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save me from its guilt and power.

2

Not the labour of my hands  
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All could never sin erase,  
Thou must save, and save by grace.

3

Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.