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MASS TIMES

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Eve 17th March (Purple) Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

6.00pm Angela & John Andriot's Intentions

Sunday 18th March (Purple) Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

9.30am Majella Shackelford's Intentions (F.&P.G.)

11.00am Aidan Murphy's Welfare (T.M.)

3.30pm Penitential Service led by Fr. Michael Creech CSSR

Monday 19th March (White) St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

9.30am Pat Croucher's Welfare

Tuesday 20th March (Purple) Mass of the Day

9.30am Chas Boulton's Welfare (90yrs) (M.B.)

Wednesday 21st March (Purple) Mass of the Day

9.30am Cath Donnelly R.I.P.

Thursday 22nd March (Purple) Mass of the Day

9.30am Mrs. Joseph's Intention (Mrs. J)

Friday 23rd March (Purple) Mass of the Day

9.30am Paula Heffernan's Welfare

7-8pm Holy Hour – 7.30pm Way of the Cross

8.00pm Roger Peacock's Intention (C.M.)

Saturday 24th March (Purple) Mass of the Day

10.00am Carmel Mailing's Intention (R.P.)

10.30-11.20am Exposition & Divine Mercy Chaplet

10.30-11am Confessions

5.15pm-5.45pm Confessions

Sat Eve (Red) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

6.00pm Tony Van Veghel & Family's Welfare

Sun 25th March (Red) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.30am Bridget & Patrick O'Rourke R.I.P.

11.00am Joe Shields R.I.P. (P.&P.S.)

3.30pm Anointing of the sick & elderly with Mass
People of the Parish

Today we have our Penitential Service at 3.30pm led by Fr. Michael Creech, a Redemptorist Priest. Also here will be Fr. Etienne Caruana to help with Confessions.

There will be Stations of the Cross each morning after Mass, Monday to Thursday, unless Wednesday is a School Mass.

The time for making our Easter Duty began on Ash Wednesday and ends on Trinity Sunday, 27th May.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Palms will be given out in the Narthex before Mass.

Next Sunday, 25th, at 3.30pm we have Mass and the Anointing for those who wish to be anointed. All are welcome.

Collections:

Gift Aid: £414.56

Loose: £202.20 Att: 239

Banker's Orders for February: £1,174.60

Collection for Lenten Alms: £137.30

Fr. Pietro – Golden Jubilee of Ordination

There is a card in the Narthex to sign if you wish to send him congratulations.

Gift Aid Envelopes: The new Gift Aid Envelopes will be available for collection in the Narthex after each Mass on the weekend of 24th & 25th March.

If you are a tax payer and do not currently use Gift Aid, please do consider signing up. For every pound you put in the collection basket the Parish will receive an extra 25p if you use Gift Aid.

It is very easy to sign up with just one simple form to complete. You do not have to commit to any particular amount and you can simply stop using Gift Aid whenever you choose to, should your circumstances change. The only difference will be instead of placing your contribution into the basket as loose cash you will be putting it in an envelope.

If you are interested in signing up please speak with Father or myself. Thank you. *Joe Flannery – Parish Gift Aid Organiser.*

Letter from the St. Vincent de Paul Society: 'I am writing to thank you for your recent generous donation of £605. Donations such as yours are greatly appreciated as they enable us to make a real difference to the lives of people in need.' ...

Letter from hcpt (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust). 'Matthew, 13, is living with autism. Thanks to your Church's recent donation of £227.61, the life of someone like Matthew will be changed forever. They will experience a much needed Easter pilgrimage to the shrine of Lourdes.' ...

Readings

The first reading – The prophet tells us that the Lord does not want us simply to keep external rules: He writes his truth and wisdom in the depths of our hearts.

The second reading – The Lord's earthly work was not an upward curve from one success to the next. He wept. He submitted. He suffered.

The Gospel – Some Greek pilgrims want to see Jesus, but instead they are given his word. They hear a word that speaks of the need to die in order that life may flourish.

SUNDAY SEEDS: *by Fr. S. O'Flynn OFM Cap.*

Lent will not be complete without confession of sins. Many do not like this humbling experience. Does the seed like dying in the earth? Jesus admits the pain he feels at the prospect of the cross. Both nature and Jesus teach us that dying to sin is the way forward to virtue. Humble honesty clears the way for new life in the Lord. The Lord who conquered death will raise up the repentant sinner in the grace of forgiveness.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish, especially:

Brian Williams, Frances Wheeler, Gary Alger, Margaret Fuller, George & Wendy Lea, Meriel Barry & Harry Howard, and all who care for them.

Anniversaries of the Deceased:

Alice Yvette Owen & Queenie May Horner