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17 March 2019, Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

PLEASE PRAY for all whose anniversary occurs at this time including Sean O'Neill, Olivia Pockson and Bridget Carter. May they rest in peace.

A REQUEST

Please pray for the sick of our parish including Peter Davis and Jean Rowland who is in hospital at the moment. Jean is due to do the coffees after Mass on Sunday April 7th and asks for a volunteer to take her place this time please.

YEAR OF PRAYER

Anyone who has climbed any sort of mountain knows the joy which can come when encountering the view at the top. The same is true for the disciples when they see Jesus transfigured. This experience gives them an insight into the very nature of Christ's divinity. They want to hold onto it, but Jesus knows the path he is about to take. Conscious of this, Jesus allows the disciples an experience which will remind them of the goodness of God when faced with utter desolation. This moment of grace is what St. Ignatius calls, 'consolation'. The disciples will need to remember this experience when they see Jesus not transfigured on the mountain but decimated on the Cross. As we pray this week, let us reflect upon and remember the moments of grace we have experienced in life and give thanks for their capacity to see us through the difficult times.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross after the 9.15am Mass on each Friday during Lent with the exception of 29th March.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER LENT LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy a simple meal of homemade soup and a roll last Wednesday. The second Lent Lunch will be on April 3rd, 12.30 to 1.30pm in the parish room. Please note that this will take the place of the usual Coffee & Conversation meeting for April. Suggested donation is £3.50 to include tea or coffee. Everyone welcome.

CAR PARK

Important: Please remember not to park in the numbered spaces in our car park, except, of course, on Sundays, and not even for weekday Mass. There have been problems with paid up people being unable to park in their space with expensive and embarrassing consequences. Thank you.

MISSIO – calling red box holders

This Month of March is time to call in all those red Mission boxes for emptying again. If you hold a red box, please try to bring it to Mass by 31st March. All that small cash really does add up. Also now is a good time to remind everyone to please check the pigeon holes on a regular basis. There are new Mission magazines to be collected, but some, sadly, have not been taken from the previous issue.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Saturday 23rd March, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. For details of our live saving work see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com There is also a poster in the porch.

100 CLUB The Draw for March will take place after Mass next Sunday in the parish room.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK 17 – 24 March 2019

Sun	Second Sunday of Lent	Mass at 9.00am
Mon	Weekday of Lent	No Service
Tue	St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 9.15am
Wed	Weekday of Lent	No Service
Thur	Weekday of Lent	No Service
Fri	Weekday of Lent	Mass at 9.15am, followed by Stations of the Cross
Sat	Weekday of Lent	No Service
Sun	Third Sunday of Lent	Mass at 9.00am

FROM THE ROTAS

TODAY 17 March

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Mila Godman, Clare and Craig Sharp

Readers Andrew Barnes, Oliver Hutton

Coffee Tia Edwards

THIS WEEK AND NEXT SUNDAY 18 - 24 March

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Frances Floyd, Francis Moreland, Charles Rossiter

Readers Caroline Hutton, Rhona Carr

Welcome Claire Clackson

Coffee Liz and Martin Green

Cleaning Alice Bevan and helpers

Flowers Lent, no flowers

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last Sunday = £208.40 (incl. £57.00 gift aided). Thank you.

TODAY there will be a second collection for your Family Fast Day offering. Please use the CAFOD envelopes and if possible, complete the Gift Aid declaration..

PARISH DIARY

Mon 18 Mar 5.15pm First Holy Communion preparation class in the parish room.

Wed 20 Mar NO Legion of Mary meeting this week

Wed 20 Mar 7.30pm Christians Together Meeting in the parish room (sorry, wrong date given last week)

Wed 3 Apr 12.30pm Lent Lunch in the parish room

BEST LENT EVER

What can you do with 40 days? "Become the best version of yourself" is the message in a daily reflection on line. Thought provoking, brief talks are delivered daily to your inbox. Go to <http://dynamiccatholic.com> to learn more.

TOMBOLA PRIZES PLEASE

At Collett Park Festival this summer (8th June) we hope to repeat last year's fundraising success by having a Bumper Tombola stall. We are therefore appealing for new gifts – almost anything so long as it is not perishable, huge or alive – will be welcomed (new or as new condition please).

Please leave gifts in the porch, labelled 'Tombola', or hand to Julia Yardley. Thank you.

BRASSED OFF

Kathy, who has cared for the church brassware over many years, finds herself no longer able to continue. We need someone to take over on a regular basis. Offers please to Jacky or Fr Bede.

HEALTH & SAFETY PRESENTATION

Thank you to Jonathan Rendel and Joanne Cleaver for a most useful and well presented talk about our Health & Safety responsibilities. Almost every volunteer has now attended one of these, but if you missed it, you will be invited to attend on another occasion. Paper handouts are also being made available for all concerned.

Gift Aid it

If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme or understand it better, please contact Julia Yardley, Parish Treasurer, tel: 01749 831435