



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The defects of others must not make us cold towards them, or make our charity tepid; and may humility persuade us to see greater faults in ourselves than in others, and believe that the burdens we place on others, are heavier than the ones they cause us. (Antonio Rosmini)

Next Week's Gospel Reading

Fourth Sunday of Lent

(11th March 2018)

Gospel – John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Prayer for the Parish -

Almighty God, Who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of your people. Grant to our parish all things needful for its spiritual welfare and, through the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, may we be of one heart and mind in the fold of Your Holy Church. To the honour and glory of Your Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Vocation -

O God, you are the Lord of the harvest. We pray to you that men and women may hear the call of Christ your Son, to work in your vineyard. May they answer the call generously. May we, with them, serve you faithfully all our days so that your faithful people may grow in numbers and favour in your sight. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Week starting 3rd March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

IN THE PARISH

Sunday Collections - Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection.

This week-end - The Retiring Collection will be for Cathedral Maintenance. Please give generously.

HCPT - HCPT is a national charity based in Rugby organising pilgrimages to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children and adults. Akhil Jomon (a young Volunteer) will be appealing after Mass next weekend to fundraise for his HCPT Rugby Circle 123 for their pilgrimage during Easter.

Restoration Funds - total raised to date

Church Spire Restoration – We hope to finish the fundraising when we hit £100,000. There needs to be an ongoing plan in place to keep our beautiful church for many years, which I would like you to consider. There are now repair works needed on our South Wall, Stations of the Cross, Chapel Ceiling, Lighting inside the Church, Boiler, Organ, and also Hibbert's. You can still sponsor Half a brick for £50, a Full brick for £100, or sponsor one Angel Wing for £750. The name of the sponsor can be added to the brick. **We need** as many Sponsors as possible. Thank you all.

Easter Hamper Raffle Tickets - on sale after all Masses today. Tickets £1 each, In aid of Church Spire Restoration Appeal

St Cross Hospital Mass - Fr. Paul Burch will be celebrating Mass at St. Cross this Tuesday (6th) at 1:30pm

RUG Meeting - at Gentili House this Tuesday 6th March at 7pm. New Members are welcome to visit parishioners at their home.

Lent Lunches - meeting this week:- Wednesday 7th March at Rugby Methodist Church. Wednesday 14th March at St Marie's RC Church. Suggested minimum donation £3 to support Christian Aid & CAFOD.

Life Ascending - Meeting this Thursday (8th) after Mass in the Coach House . New members are very welcome. Contact Angela Harries on 817236 for more information

Silent Prayer Meeting – this Thursday (8th) at 2 p.m. in the Convent.

Music in Lent (Sine Nomine) – an evening to reflect our faith in words and music presented by the choir Sine Nomine next Saturday 10th March. Retiring collection will be for the people of Sudan.

Ascribed Rosminians - Fr. Antonio Belsito will be here at the weekend of 10th and 11th March to speak about Rosminian spirituality and the possibilities of exploring and deepening the spirituality of our religious order. You will have a chance to become part of that journey by attending follow up sessions afterwards. You can speak with one of your priests, or one of our Ascribed members, Alan Parish.

Parish Shop – is now selling Mother's Day and St Patrick's Day cards after 10am Mass.

Restoration Volunteers Meeting - will take place on Thursday 15th March at 6 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall

Welcome!

Have you joined us for the first time?

Please complete a card from the main porch and hand it to the clergy.

Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass

NB Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you move house or change your contact details.

Parish Office open from 09.00 – 12.30 on Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Friday

Seder Meal – taking place on Wednesday 28th

March at 7 p.m. in Hibbert's Hall. Please add your name to the list in the porch, if you are able to join us. £10 for Adults, £5 for children under 16.

Evening of Prayer and Healing Service - on

Thursday 22nd March 6 p.m. to 9pm at Sacred Heart Church, Bilton. Led by Fr. Soji Olickal. Flyers are in the Porch.

New Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Youth

Readers Rotas - These have been emailed out, should you not be on the email distribution list or need a printed copy, please take one from the Sacristy.

New Offertory Procession Rotas - are now available in the Sacristy.

Fundraising Events:- Dates for your Diary.

Friday 13th April – Choir in the Church

Saturday 28th April - Slovakian Evening at 7pm

Friday 11th May – Lady's Evening (Fancy Dress)

Friday 8th June – Music, Dance & Food.

Saturday 14th July – Summer Market 10am to 2pm

Sunday 19th August – Thanksgiving BBQ

Friday 28th September – Rugby Male Voice Choir in the church.

Would you be able to give a lift to a parishioner living in Avocet Close, CV23 0WU. She would like to attend the Sunday 10.00 am Mass. Please speak to Fr. Tom, if you can help.

Job Opportunities – The Benn Education Centre, School Administrator 15 hours per week, closing date 5th March. Hope 4 (Rugby) Project & Volunteer Manager. Hope 4 (Rugby) Support Worker. Please see notice board.

Adoration - from the Archbishop's pastoral letter:

"We may not be able to head for the heights in a literal sense this Lent, but we can ask our Lord to lift up our hearts to help us reflect on our lives and map out the pathway before us more accurately.

Whenever we pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament this Lent we ascend Mount Tabor and we have our own experience of the Transfiguration.

In our Lord's real presence we begin to see ourselves as he sees us: both loved by God and in need of his forgiveness".

Next Thursday 1st March, I invite you to join me in a Novena of prayer during the nine days leading up to this year's Twenty-Four Hours for the Lord on the 9th and 10th of March.

Novena is for the Canonisation of Bl. Dominic Barberi. Please pray for this intentions on Monday 12th March during our adoration. Our 24hours of adoration is on the 24th & 25th of March.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK 3rd March 10th March 2018

SATURDAY 3rd March – Vigil for Third Sunday of Lent

Confessions 5.30 to 5.55 p.m.

Mass at 6.00 p.m. for Elsie May Smith R.I.P.

SUNDAY 4th March – Third Sunday of Lent

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being Paul Kelly and at 6.00 p.m. for Bill Friar R.I.P.

Baptism at 11.15 a.m. of Nella Orzechowska

Confessions from 9.30 a.m. - 9.55 a.m.

Polish Mass at 12.30 p.m.

Coffee/Tea after 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall

Parish Shop open in Coach House after 10 a.m Mass

MONDAY 5th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Audrey Foulds R.I.P. and at

7.00 p.m. for Well -Being of Theresa Hopkins

Adoration 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the church. (Morning Prayer at 8:50 a.m.)

TUESDAY 6th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Well Being of Diana McCormick

WEDNESDAY 7th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10.00 a.m. for Hamish McNaughton R.I.P.

THURSDAY 8th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Deceased Family Members of Laubenberger R.I.P.

Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m. in Church.

FRIDAY 9th March - Lent Feria

Mass at 10 a.m. for Christopher Reilly R.I.P.

SATURDAY 10th March - Lent Feria

Confessions 10 to 11a.m. and from 5.30 to 5.55p.m.

Mass at 9:30 a.m. for All Parishioners

Mass at 6 p.m. for Deceased Members of Costello Family R.I.P.

† PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK: †

Tom Donnelly, Elsie Johnson, Jade Lambert, DeeDee Flint, Piotr Fior, John Ritter, Kerry Livesey, Paul Kelly, Patrick Hannifin, Baby Freddie Fereday, Bert Ritossa, Lenny and Marie Niner, William Hearne Alfredo Valderroma, Octoivio Granja, Mel Cahill.

† FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME: †

Bridget O'Toole, Anthony Donaghy, Alexander Wilson, Andrew Rea, Maggie Lavery
We welcome into our Christian community Nella Orzechowska who is being baptised this Sunday.