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“STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY”

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

12th March 2017

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 13th March

Lent Weekday

10.00 Word & Communion

TUESDAY 14th March

Lent Weekday

10.00 MASS followed by Coffee Morning

19.00 “Lectio Divina”

WEDNESDAY 15th March

Lent weekday

19.30 UCM Meeting

THURSDAY 16th March

Lent Weekday

09.30 MASS (Note time)

11.00 Pensioners Club

FRIDAY 17th March

Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

10.00 MASS

11.45 Stations of the Cross

12.00 Fasting Friday Lunch

SATURDAY 18th March

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor

11.00 MASS

11.30 Confessions and Exposition

12.00 Benediction

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 19th March

Third Sunday of Lent

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS

THE WORD THIS WEEK



Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devo-

tions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special ‘calling’, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

A TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS



“Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. It also means sharing food with those who are hungry.” @Pontifex

THANK YOU FOR ...

Last week’s collection: £533.60
Standing Orders (weekly average):
£165.00 = Total **£698.60**

LENT PRAYER

NEW FOR THIS YEAR are three sessions of *Lectio Divina*, an evening of prayerful reflection on the following Sundays Gospel. "Lectio Divina" literally means "Divine Reading" and it is a way of reading the Bible in depth, with greater understanding. It is a good way for people who find the scriptures a bit challenging! The first session is this Tuesday 14th March at 7.00 p.m. Everyone is very welcome.

LENT FASTING

"Giving something up for Lent" is an important part of this journey—it helps us to master and control our desires, to make sure they do not control us! Every Friday in Lent we will be offering a simple bread and soup lunch immediately after the Stations of the Cross (about 12.00 noon). It will be deliberately simple—don't come expecting a three-course meal!

LENT ALMSGIVING

There are two focuses to our almsgiving in Church this year—CAFOD and Cornerstone. As well as boxes and buckets available every day, there will be retiring collections for these charities on alternate weekends. This weekend's collection is CAFOD with Cornerstone next week.

Please place your CAFOD Fast Day envelopes with donations in the retiring collection this weekend.



FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP

This is a support group set up by a number of Churches in Radcliffe for asylum seekers and refugees. There is a pressing need for shoes, especially men's shoes. If you have any unwanted items in reasonable condition please put them in the labelled box in the Atrium.

FIRST COMMUNION JOURNEY

*Phase two of the journey has begun: when you have collected 16 Sunday stamps in your Loyalty Booklet, please present it to Father James **before Mass**, and the following week you will receive a letter giving you a date for First Communion; your name will join the board in the Atrium!*

SVP ANNUAL RAFFLE

Please see the notice in the Atrium: tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

400 CLUB

The winning number in last week's draw was 184. Congratulations to the winner E. Thornborough. The next draw takes place on Saturday 1st April at 6.30 p.m. Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

LATELY DEAD: Lillian Berry, Father Geoffrey Hilton.

NATIONAL INTENTIONS We pray especially for: Candidates for the Sacraments; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

OUR DEANERY: This week we pray for the priest and people of Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich.

OUR SICK: Darrell Wild, Brenda Lynch, Philomena Brennan, Vincent Fox, Pat Fox, June Bradshaw, Monica Hart, Margaret Spencer, Anna Morrow, Rose Murray, Bernard Tonge, Philip Williams, Moira Beardwood, Tony Riley, Alice Scholes, Michael Tonge, Barbara Kirkbright, Mark White.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Delia Mulligan, Patricia Shaw, Patricia Bryce, Kevin Michael Connolly, Lillian McGrail, Judith Anne Berry, Cyril Higginson, Winifred Barrett, Alexander John Cant, Lillian McGrail, Peter Fletcher, Patrick Durkin (Junior), Molly Patricia Higginson, Francis Doherty,

Leslie Cooke, Witold Steinhagen, Sonny Brosch, James William Parrish, John Joseph Healy, James Toft, Derek Sandiford, Robert Sanderson, Alyce Hubl, John Edward Keane, Elizabeth Lord, David Booth, Veronica Vickers, Father John Aloysius Murtagh, John William Kellett, Edith Evans, Ethel Ward, Violet Jackson, Annie Carr, Marian Allen, Emily Swarbrick.

FROM NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what

you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Lent is the time for saying no. No to the spiritual asphyxia born of the pollution caused by indifference, by thinking that other people's lives are not my concern, and by every attempt to trivialize life, especially the lives of those whose flesh is burdened by so much superficiality. Lent means saying no to the toxic pollution of empty and meaningless words, of harsh and hasty criticism, of simplistic analyses that fail to grasp the complexity of problems, especially the problems of those who suffer the most. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia of a prayer that soothes our conscience, of an almsgiving that leaves us self-satisfied, of a fasting that makes us feel good. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia born of relationships that exclude, that try to find God while avoiding the wounds of Christ present in the wounds of his brothers and sisters: in a word, all those forms of spirituality that reduce the faith to a ghetto culture, a culture of exclusion."

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JOHN
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TENTS

PETER
MOUNTAIN
MOSES
CLOUD

JAMES
FACE
ELIJAH
SHADOW



WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S: INFORMATION TO HELP YOU

HARD OF HEARING? There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

WHEELCHAIR spaces are available on the left side of church, near the back, near the statue of Our Lady and at the top end by the emergency exit.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS
Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Mass and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Atrium straight after all Masses.

TOILETS
Ladies and Gents are located in the Atrium: we also have disabled facilities with a baby change unit. Please leave toilets clean and tidy after use. Thank you.

The PARISH OFFICE is normally open Tuesday–Friday 08.30–12.00 noon but please check in advance if you intend to call in. Father James is not available on Mondays: in an emergency please contact a neighbouring Parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

At every Mass (where possible) we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is for children of Prima-

ry School age (i.e. who have started in **Reception**): they start Mass with their families and friends, and then will be invited by the priest to go out with leaders into the Atrium, where they will listen to and reflect on the Bible readings before joining us again for the second half of Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Through the round window in Church you can see the Children's Chapel, a space specially designed for pre-school children, to allow them (and their families) to relax a little during Mass. The room is soundproof, so the odd bit of noise in there won't disturb anyone! When you take children in, please help them to have an experience of being at church, using the books and toys provided, and following the Mass. Please ensure that children are not left unaccompanied in the Chapel, and **please leave it tidy for the next Mass**. To get into the Children's Chapel, go through the door in the corner of the Atrium.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS are by appointment: please collect one of the Information forms from the porch for details of what is required and the

next steps in the process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's help, healing and comfort.

MARRIAGE is by appointment. Please take an information leaflet, and return the tear off portion to arrange a pre-Nuptial interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview, and note that six months' notice is required (exceptions cannot be made to this.)

PARKING IN SCHOOL YARD

To maximise the number of places, please try to follow this pattern!

