



The Roman Catholic Parish of

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 26th February

Lent Weekday

10.00 Word & Communion

TUESDAY 27th February

Lent Weekday

09.30 Funeral MASS of
Benito D'Amore

10.30 Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAY 28th February

Lent Weekday

12.00 Stations of the Cross

19.30 NO UCM Meeting

THURSDAY 1st March

Saint David, Bishop, Patron of
Wales

10.00 MASS

11.00 Pensioners Club

FRIDAY 2nd March

Lent Weekday

10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 3rd March

Lent Weekday

11.00 MASS at Saint Teresa's

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 4th February

3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS

THE WORD THIS WEEK



day we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like "the stars of heaven", and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God's right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in

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the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

PRAYER

Try and find a little extra time for **PRAYER** in Lent - don't worry about what to say or do, just sit quietly with the Lord Jesus in your mind and thoughts. If you are looking for something specific, the Stations of the Cross are very useful: take one of the sheets in the Atrium and use it sitting in the car or on the bus or at home! Alternatively **this year we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross together at 12.00 noon on Wednesdays. Everyone is very welcome.**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

This year's Lenten Charity in Church is **Aid to the Church in Need**, a Catholic charity which helps Christians and others throughout the world who

are persecuted for their faith: a big focus of ACN's work is the Christian community of the Holy Land, which occupies our thoughts so much in this Season! Examples of ACN's work are supporting Christian refugees from Syria, priests and nuns working in India, and rebuilding homes in Iraq. Collection buckets will be in Church after all Masses in Lent for donations. You can find more about ACN at their website www.acnuk.org

PENANCE

Every Catholic is required to go to confession at least once a year, preferably in the period between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (27th May). This may seem challenging, but this too is an opportunity: have a think about the direction of your life, perhaps about the habits and other things you take for granted. Be confident that you will be received in the confessional with patience, help and kindness – this Sacrament is all about the love and mercy of God, helping us onward and upward on the journey of Christian life. See this annual confession as you spiritual MOT! Confessions are on Saturdays 11-30-12 Noon [except first Saturdays] and 6.00-6.15 pm.

SECOND CHANCE RAFFLE

Many thanks for your donations. Please have a look at the prizes available on the table in the atrium. Tickets are £1 per strip and all proceeds

go to the building fund. The Raffle will be drawn at the Coffee Morning on Tuesday 6th March, so make sure you get your tickets before then!

400 CLUB

The next draw takes place at 11.30 Mass next Sunday 4th March. If you would like to join the club please have a word with one of the agents before or after Mass.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

This service has been organised by the ladies of Suriname and will be held at Bridge Methodist Church behind Radcliffe Library at 2.00 p.m. next Friday 2nd March. All are most welcome to attend, not just women.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

This is taking place in Liverpool from Friday-Sunday 7th-9th September at the BT Convention Centre on the Dockfront. The programme has now been finalised and full details are on the poster on the notice board in the atrium. There is also a website with very good information about the event; www.ac-cliverpool.com. If anyone is interested in attending as a parish delegate, please have a word in the Parish Office.

WALSINGHAM

This year's Pilgrimage will take place from Thursday 3rd –

Sunday 6th May. Booking forms are now available for those interested in going. For more information or to get a booking form please speak to Marie Rawsthorne, Mabel Birmingham or Leo Fawcett (07762 101544).

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2018 - MEDICAL AND NURSING TEAM

The 86th Salford diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop John Arnold, during the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions, will take place between 27th July and 2nd August. If you are a doctor, registered nurse or healthcare assistant and are interested in the possibility of volunteering your skills to help support those sick and disabled pilgrims who need particular care during the pilgrimage, we are eager to hear from you. Financial assistance may be available to those involved in healthcare. If you would like further information, please contact the Lourdes pilgrimage office by email: lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk, or by telephone on 0161 817 2209. Thank you. There is also a poster on the notice board with details of the pilgrimage.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

There will be no flowers in Church throughout Lent, but donations for Easter Flowers can be made: please place your offering in an envelope

with the intention and marked "Easter Flowers".

IN YOUR PRAYERS

LATELY DEAD: Benito D'Amore.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

This week please remember in your prayers: The parishes of Sacred Heart and Saint Anne, Blackburn, with Father James McCartney, and the parishes of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and Holy Family, Blackburn, with Father Gerard Barry and Father Frank Mulgrew and for the Marist Fathers. We pray for their parish primary schools, Our Lady and Saint John's High School and the chaplaincy to the Royal Blackburn Hospital and Blackburn Hospice.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS:

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

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, Mark White, Eileen Watmough, Dominic Reddington, Susan Harwood, Pauline Penswick, Sheila Delahunty.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Lottie M. Christian, Thomas

Connolly, Elizabeth Crowshaw, John Sidebottom, Norah McGrail, Gerry Hall, Frank Sharman, Agnes Griffin, Barbara Ann Wilkinson, Hannah Boland, Miss Margaret Isherwood, Maggie Watson, Mary Harlick, Edward Hepworth, Mary Cullen, Mr McDonagh, Gertrude Restall, James McDonagh, Ada Josephine Ratledge, Mary Harris, Margaret Ann Whittier, Patrick Francis (Frank) Boyle, James Edward Hopkins, Mary Hopkins, Mary Orrell, Ada Moran, Ada Hall, James Vincent Cunningham, Kathleen Beasley, James Williamson, Albert Cave, Theresa Heywood, Tom McIlwham, Barrie Speed, Mary Teresa Molyneux, Sam Slattery, Maureen Towers, Francis Casey, Irene McMullen, Paul Dalton, Joseph Barrett, Gladys Mary Fletcher, Patrick James Dobson, Valerie Mitchell, Andrew Dover, Frederick Hughes, Herbert McGuinness, Jim Ashworth, Scott Terence Anderson, Eva Toye, Francis Sidebottom, Thomas E. Taylor, Kathleen McElroy, Rose Lena Dale, Janet Veronica Haigh, Raymond Jarvis

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

John 2:13-25



to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons,

and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

THANK YOU FOR ...

Last week's Collection:

£442.26

+ Standing Orders (weekly average): £167.00

= **Total £609.26**

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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 open Tuesday & Thursday (8.00-12 Noon) Friday 08.00—11.30 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.*

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.)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

At every Sunday Mass we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is for children of Primary 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.

CHILDRENS' 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 the 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.