



The Roman Catholic Parish of

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

SUNDAY 11th MARCH 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) “LAETARE SUNDAY”

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 12th March

Lent Weekday

TUESDAY 13th March

Lent Weekday

10.00 MASS followed by *Coffee Morning*

WEDNESDAY 14th March

Lent Weekday

12.00 **Stations of the Cross**

19.30 **NO UCM Meeting**

THURSDAY 15th March

Lent Weekday

09.30 Funeral MASS of Donna Jaycock

11.00 Pensioners Club

FRIDAY 16th March

Lent Weekday

09.30 Funeral MASS of Doris Heywood

SATURDAY 17th March

Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

11.00 Mass

11.30 Confessions and Exposition

12.00 Benediction

18.00 Confessions

18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 18th March

5th Sunday of Lent

9.00 MASS

11.30 MASS

14.30 1st Communion Meeting



THE WORD THIS WEEK

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we’ll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. Of course there was an even greater moment when God saved his people: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. So today’s theme is “salvation”: but to understand “being saved”, we must ask “What from?” Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the

last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.

LAETARE SUNDAY

“Laetare Sunday” is the name given to this fourth Sunday of our Lenten journey. The name means “Rejoice”, which together with the rose vestments of this day is a reminder to us that the Lenten journey, though sometimes challenging and difficult, is all about letting God’s grace work in us, to change our lives and our vision, so that we may find not the passing happiness of the earthly realm, but the lasting joy of God’s kingdom of justice, peace and joy.

MOTHERS DAY

Mothering Sunday has its roots in the history of the Church, as a day when people “in service” would have a day off to return to their homes,

to their “mother Church” and their families. It has become a day to reflect on and give thanks for motherhood, to honour our own mothers, and to remember in prayer all those for whom this is a difficult day, especially children who mourn the loss of a mother and mothers who mourn the loss of a child. May Mary, mother of the Church, pray for them and protect them now and always.

SECOND CHANCE RAFFLE

Many thanks for your donations, this has raised an amazing **£437.00** towards the building fund. The draw has been made and the winning numbers are on the notice board in the Atrium.

SURVIVE MIVA

This is a Catholic lay Association providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church’s pastoral care in places of difficult access. There will be a speaker giving a special appeal and there will be collection after all Masses next weekend. Please be as generous as you can.

FUNERALS

Many of you will remember Sheila and Denis Garvey. Sheila recently passed away and her funeral is at Saint Hilda’s, Tottington at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 12th March. The funeral service for Frank Lynch will take place here at

Saint Mary’s on Monday 19th March at 9.30 a.m.

FR PETER HOPKINSON

Many of you will know Peter, a Radcliffe native who was ordained here: Bishop John has appointed him as the new Vicar General for the Diocese. Congratulations to Fr Peter, and please remember him in your prayers as he undertakes his new responsibilities.

MINISTERS LIST

The Ministers list for the Easter Triduum is on the table in the Atrium. Please sign up as soon as possible allowing everyone to exercise their ministry.

400 CLUB

The winning number in last week’s draw was 211, congratulations to the winner C Gorton, please collect your winnings from one of the agents. The next draw takes place at 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday 7th April. If you would like to join the club please have a word with one of the agents before or after Mass.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Just a reminder that our next meetings for parents and children fall on Sunday 18th or Thursday 22nd March.

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. Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Collection buckets will be in Church after all Masses in Lent for donations. You can find more about ACN at their website www.ac-nuk.org

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”.

WASHING OF FEET

Maundy Thursday is a very special day, when we remember the Last Supper, and in particular the example of service Jesus gives in washing his disciples’ feet. You may have seen news reports of Pope Francis visiting Rome’s prisons on this day in recent years, washing the feet of prisoners. It is a beautiful and thought-provoking gesture, but it needs two things: parishioners who are willing to have their feet washed, and parishioners who will make the effort to come to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper to witness it! Please think about being a “foot-washee”, and

pop your name on the ministers' list on the big table in the Atrium – let's see if we can muster twelve "disciples" this year! (Please note that anyone – Catholic, non-Catholic, man, woman or child - can have their foot washed.)

IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

This week please remember in your prayers: The parishes of Saint James, Saint Joseph and Saint Thomas of Canterbury in Bolton, and for Father Chris Gorton, their parish priest. We pray for their parish schools. May we hear God's Word and grow in his life.

We pray for those adults who are preparing for Baptism or for Full Communion with the Church this coming Easter. May we stay with them on their journey.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS:

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

LATELY DEAD: Sheila Garvey, Donna Jaycock, Doris Heywood.

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:

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), Constance McHugh, 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

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and

put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



THANK YOU FOR ...

Last week's Collection:

£416.98

+ Standing Orders (weekly average): £158.00

= Total £574.98

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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.*

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.

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.)