



The Roman Catholic Parish of

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

MONDAY 19th March

*Saint Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

09.30 Funeral MASS of Frank
Lynch

TUESDAY 20th March

Lent Weekday

10.00 MASS followed by *Coffee
Morning*

WEDNESDAY 21st March

Lent Weekday

12.00 **Stations of the Cross**
19.30 *UCM Meeting*

THURSDAY 22nd March

Lent Weekday

10.00 MASS
11.00 Pensioners Club
18.30 *First Holy Communion
meeting*

FRIDAY 23rd March

Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo

10.00 MASS

SATURDAY 24th March

Lent Weekday

12.30 Baptisms

18.00 Confessions
18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 25th March

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the
Lord*

9.00 MASS
11.30 MASS

SUNDAY 18th MARCH 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)



THE WORD THIS WEEK

In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not

with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

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 this weekend. Please be as generous as you can.

APF RED BOXES

The total raised last year by the Parish was a magnificent £3,849.36! Many thanks to the organiser, Mike Conlon, to the collectors and to those who have a red box. Just to note that as a Parish last year we raised over £6,300 for various charitable organisations (CAFOD, Mission etc.) almost 10% of the money we raise

each year to support the Parish and other organisations.

VEILING OF STATUES

These last two weeks of Lent are known as “Passiontide”, when we focus our attention on the coming celebration of the death and resurrection of the Lord. To help us focus, images and statues are veiled in purple until Easter.

PLANNING YOUR HOLY WEEK

Next Sunday marks the beginning of the most significant week of the year for us as followers of Jesus - Holy Week. Whether you're at home, work or on holiday, it is important to plan how you will observe this week. The most important day is **GOOD FRIDAY**: it is easy to forget the significance of this day! Firstly, it is a day of fasting and abstinence – we remember its importance by eating less and abstaining from meat on this day. It is also a day when we should reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus at some point, ideally at 3.00 p.m. You can join the Solemn Celebration of the Passion (either here at St. Mary's or in another Church if you are away), come to the Stations at 12.00 noon, or just find 15 minutes, perhaps to read the story of Jesus' death or quietly look at a cross. You may also find some suitable religious programme on TV or radio! Whatever you do, do something!

Of equal importance – though less commonly observed – is the **EASTER VIGIL**. One off-putting thing can be that it starts late – but it has to be after nightfall! There is not much point kindling a fire in the light of late afternoon! Please be aware that this is a once a year service, very different from every other Mass. It begins with the outdoor fire, the lighting of candles and a procession into Church. We then read the Scriptures, bless the Easter Water, and celebrate the First Mass of Easter (a bit like Midnight Mass at Christmas). It is also the occasion when adults are baptised, but since we have no converts this year the Vigil will be significantly shorter. This year it starts at 7.30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this very special ceremony.

WASHING OF FEET

Maundy Thursday is also 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.)

SECOND CHANCE RAFFLE

The draw has been made and the winning numbers are on the notice board in the Atrium. Please collect your prize if you have won.

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 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.

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.acnuk.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".

IN YOUR PRAYERS

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

This week please remember in your prayers: The parishes of Saint Vincent de Paul, Over Hulton, with Father Andrew Pastore, Holy Infant and Saint Anthony, Bolton, with Father William Molloy, and Guardian Angels, Bury, with Father Paul Cannon. We pray for their parish primary schools, and for Thornleigh College, Bolton, and the Salesian community and for the Sisters of the Cross and Passion.

May the Lord bring forth in us a rich harvest.

THANK YOU FOR ...

Last week's Collection:
£589.51
+ Standing Orders (weekly average): £158.00
= Total £747.51

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:

Edmund McGregor Clinton, Josie O'Neill, Terence Rawlinson, James William McGoff, Paul Edward Dalton, Mary Kay, Matthew James Durbin, George Walters, John Griffin, Mary Clarke, Mary Billington, Harry Rice, John McHugh, Agnes Tonge, James Eckersley, Mark Higginson (Senior), Mary Wardle, Nina Bilsborrow, Annie Carr, John Cole, Desmond Mullarkey McCarthy, Hannah O'Neill, Jennie Basnett, Michelle James, David Sandiford, Michael Breen, James Rothwell, John Thomas Treacey, John McGrail, The McGrail Family, Daniel Livermore, Christopher Holliday-Rhodes, Jeanette Hopkins, Helen Marie Thompson, Jane Isherwood, Gerard (Ged) Gaughran, Veronica Eagleton, Victor William Sugg, Nicholas

Keenan, Hilda Toft, Catherine Parsons, Margaret Slattery, Tommy Kelly, Frank Higgin, Edna Dale, Kathleen Marsh, Jane Elizabeth Derby, Clara Frances Day

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

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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.)