

the roman catholic parish of

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second sunday of lent (c)

timetable this week

MONDAY 18th March
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

10.00 Word & Communion
followed by SVP Meeting

TUESDAY 19th March
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00 MASS followed by Coffee
Morning

WEDNESDAY 20th March
Lent Weekday

10.00 MASS
19.30 UCM meeting

THURSDAY 21st March
Lent Weekday

11.00 Pensioners' Club
18.30 MASS
19.00 First Communion Meeting

FRIDAY 22nd March
Lent Weekday

10.00 MASS
11.45 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 23rd March
Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo

12.30 Baptisms
18.00 Confessions
18.30 First MASS of Sunday

SUNDAY 24th March
Third Sunday of Lent

9.00 MASS
11.30 MASS
14.00 First Communion Meeting

the word this week

Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

17th March 2019

day of prayer for survivors of abuse

This Lenten Sunday of the Transfiguration is all about hope: hope that, even the most tragic, the most dreadful, the most unjust event, is not the end of the story. The end is glory and Resurrection. This message is most desperately needed by all who are victims of cruelty, injustice and abuse of whatever type. Christ is the "paschal victim", the innocent lamb led to the slaughter-house, in solidarity with all the innocents who are victimized or abused. His passion and resurrection proclaim a new hope for our broken world. Our prayer for victims and survivors of abuse this Sunday must implore that they, who have so unjustly experienced the suffering and pain of the Cross, may now experience the Resurrection. Every member of the Church must pray for the healing of broken lives, pray for the return

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of hope and trust both in Jesus, and in the Church, which so often has let them down. Some people may feel uncomfortable with this whole subject, and with this prayer, saying "We have done nothing wrong!" But it is our Christian duty to reach out with compassion – "suffering-with" – to all who suffer in our world, whether we are responsible for it or not. This Day of Prayer is not about begging forgiveness for sins committed or just responses omitted – that is for another day. This day is about placing those who have suffered (and suffer still) from abuse into the arms of Jesus, who embraced the indignity of the cross so that all who suffer might have hope. Please use this prayer:

"Since your mercy has been revealed in the tenderness of your Son Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples: "Suffer the little children to come unto me", we pray that your Church may be a secure home where all children and vulnerable adults are brought closer to your Beloved Son. May all those who have been abused physically, emotionally and sexually by your ministers, be respected and accompanied by tangible gestures of justice and reparation so that they may feel healed with the balm of your compassion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"

global healing

Last week we heard Bishop John's challenge to all our

parishes to take seriously the message of Pope Francis in "Laudato Si" of care for our common home. In response we will have a meeting, during which we will be showing the short film "Global Healing": the meeting is on Sunday 31st March, starting at 3.00 p.m. and ending by 4.30 p.m. Everyone is both encouraged and welcome to attend!

While on this subject, you should be interested to know that we have received a "Green Gas" certificate, showing that 59% of the gas used to heat our Church and water last year (and all churches in the Diocese) came from renewable sources! We are trying to obtain similar information about our electricity supply—watch this space!

Finally, in the spirit of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" we will be looking at alternatives to printed materials: we already use recycled paper wherever possible, but we are looking at using Twitter or other Social media feeds for weekly newsletter and parish information. Again, watch this space (at least until 'this space' is on your smartphone!)

CAFOD FAST DAY

Please return your envelopes in the retiring collection this weekend—thank you for your generosity to the needy of our world.

U.C.M. TRIP

On Wednesday 10th April, we are having a trip to the Victoria Baths, Manchester. This is the property that won the very first "BBC Restoration" project and are being carefully restored. We will be going via the Metrolink and then sharing taxis to the baths; costs approximately £4.00 travel costs, and £7.00 (non-refundable) for entry and tour of the Baths. Leaving Radcliffe at 12.30 p.m. and returning around 5.00 p.m. All are welcome! To book please contact Iris Turner (0161 796 0181) as soon as possible as we have to book tickets.

400 club

The next draw will take place at 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday 6th April. We have plenty of numbers available if you would like to join, please speak to one of the agents before or after Mass.

walsingham

This year's pilgrimage will take place from 30th May – 2nd June. Booking forms are now available from Marie Rawsthorne (0161 723 3634) or Leo Fawcett (07762 101544).

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Donations for Easter Flowers should be put in an envelope with the intention and marked "Easter Flowers" and handed into the Parish Office.

in your prayers

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the parish of Saint Mary, Osbaldeston, with Father Heakin, and for the parish of Saint John Paul II, Padiham, with Father Swift, together with their parish primary schools.

OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS: During Lent we are asked to pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: James Toft, Derek Sandiford, Robert Sanderson, Alyce Hubl, John Edward Keane, Elizabeth Lord, David Booth, Veronica Vickers, Father John Aloysius Murtagh, John William Kelllett, Edith Evans, Ethel Ward, Violet Jackson, Annie Carr,

Marian Allen, Emily Swarbrick, 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, Karen Skelly, 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, Moira Beardwood, John Thomas Treacey, John McGrail, The McGrail Family, Daniel Livermore, Christopher Holliday-Rhodes, Jeanette Hopkins, Helen Marie Thompson, Jane Isher-

wood, Gerard (Ged) Gaughran.

OUR SICK: Angela Gaughran, Darrell Wild, Brenda Lynch, Philomena Brennan, Vincent Fox, Pat Fox, Monica Hart, Margaret Spencer, Anna Morrow, Rose Murray, Bernard Tonge, Philip Williams, Tony Riley, Michael Tonge, Mark White, Eileen Watmough, Dominic Reddington, Pauline Penswick, Sheila Delahunty, Joan Wardle, Joseph Roantree, Joseph Scully, Tia Tagget, Noel Moore, Brenda Johnston, David Stott, David Spencer.

st patrick s day blessings!



Even though we do not celebrate it liturgically this year, we offer our prayers for Ireland and its people! *"Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh!"*

sunday gospel wordsearch

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welcome—information to help you!

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.)

practical notes

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 (08.00-11.00) 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.

SVP CONFRATERNITY

The Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Confraternity exists to offer practical help to those in need, especially the sick and house-bound. If you know of someone who needs such help, please contact the Parish Office.

gospel next week

Luke 13:1-9: Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

