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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 12th March 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

SECOND WEEK OF LENT: 12th – 18th March 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 2)

<u>Saturday 11th March: Lenten Feria</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention	<i>4th / 5th March 2017</i>	
10:45 am: Confessions		
<u>Saturday 11th March: Second Sunday of Lent Year A</u>	Envelopes:	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Loose Plate:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Molly Gubbins RIP (Condon)	Standing Orders:	
<u>Sunday 12th March: Second Sunday of Lent Year A</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>	
9:00 am: Mass; Dina & John Whitfield RIP	Chad:	
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction	Intercare:	
<u>Monday 13th March: Lenten Feria</u>	SVP:	
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls	Sick & Retired	
<u>Tuesday 14th March: Lenten Feria</u>	Priests Fund:	
12:30 pm: Confessions		
1:00 pm: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitemore RIP (Foundation Mass)	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
<u>Wednesday 15th March: Lenten Feria</u>	Second Collection THIS Sunday for the CAFOD Lenten Fast. Please remember to complete the forms to Gift Aid your donation if you are a Tax Payer.	
7:00 pm: Mass; Rose Bouchard RIP		
<u>Thursday 16th March: Lenten Feria</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stations of the Cross</u></p> <p>On <i>Friday</i> evening (7:00pm) and <i>Sunday</i> afternoon (4:00pm) with Benediction. As a way of doing something extra for Lent come and reflect on the suffering and death of Our Lord in this traditional Catholic devotion and meditation prayer.</p>	
9:00 am: Mass; Special Intention		
<u>Friday 17th March: St Patrick, Bishop & Patron of Ireland (Feast)</u>		
12:30 pm: Confessions	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Pat Constable, David Fox, Alec Groom, Audrey Mc Coy, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.</p>	
1:00 pm: Mass; Deceased Members of the Lally & Costello Families		
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross		
<u>Saturday 18th March: Lenten Feria</u>		
10:00 am: Mass; Sick of the Parish		
10:45 am: Confessions		
<u>Saturday 18th March: Third Sunday of Lent Year A</u>		
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Mass; Private Intention		
<u>Sunday 19th March: Third Sunday of Lent Year A</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish		
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction		

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Next Week:		D Wilson & Volunteer
Readers:	A Simmons	N Wilson
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	S Yarwood
Offertory:	M & G Sawicki	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	M & A Simmons	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	N Burrows & M Walton	Next Week: M Calladine & L Wittam
Cashiers:	A Simmons	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS (LENT)	Next Week: NO FLOWERS (LENT)
Cleaning:	Team Shalloe	Next Week: Team Freyne
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: E Rodrigues

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (FIRST CONFESSION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION):

We will shortly begin our preparations in the Parish for the two important Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion, with a view to celebrating First Holy Communion on **10th June 2017**. Could the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please see me as soon as possible and collect an enrolment form. Similarly, we will also be looking to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year or early next, dependent upon the availability of Bishop Patrick. Could the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 7 and above and who have not been Confirmed please see me as soon as possible and collect an enrolment form.

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH: During Lent, there will be an evening Mass on **Wednesday** evenings at **7:00 pm**, followed at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall, by a series of six sessions, over six weeks, of talks on the practical benefits of daily prayer. The talks are designed to be simple and accessible to everyone who wishes to begin a fruitful daily prayer life or refresh and strengthen their existing prayer life. The second session will be on **Wednesday, 15th March 2017** at **7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall and is entitled, **“Food for Thought.”** Everyone welcome.

POOR CLARES: The sisters send their sincere thanks for the donations which they received from our Parish. They want you all to know that our Parish is very special to them and that we are remembered in their prayers every day. The next visit is planned for the **27th March 2017**. – **Diane Wilson**.

FAIR TRADE SALE: Many thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade Sale last weekend; any profit made from the sale goes to Mary’s Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World school children. Further details are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of Church. The next sale will be on the weekend of **25th / 26th March 2017**. Information about Mary’s Meals can also be found at the website: www.marysmeals.org.uk. – **Diane Wilson**.

PASTA SOCIAL: A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Pasta Social night and Raffle. We raised an astonishing **£ 419. 35** for which we are incredibly grateful to you all for helping us to raise as this is a huge chunk of the money we need. Thank you again – **Issie, Maria and Sara**

MISSIO: The Spring edition of Mission Today is available for collection from the back of Church. Please help yourself to a copy.

FR CHRISTOPHER’S SILVER JUBILEE – GIFT DONATION: Fr Christopher will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday 5th May. All our priests are special, dedicating their lives to the service of God and to us his people, they are there from the very beginning of our Christian life in Baptism and continue to administer God’s grace to us through the Sacraments right through to the end of our lives, none of this would happen without our Priests! If you would like to contribute to a gift for Fr. Christopher on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee, donation envelopes will be available after Mass next weekend (11th/12th March). Please place your donation in the envelope and place it in the basket after Mass the following weekend 18th/19th March (or alternatively give the envelope to Diane Wilson or myself). Many thanks – **Marie Calladine**.

FR. CHRISTOPHER’S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION: **Friday 5th May 2017** – Mass 6.30 pm followed by Hog Roast and Social. If you wish to celebrate with Fr. Christopher on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee please put your name down on the list at the back of Church stating how many tickets you would like (please note this event is for all Parishioners and invited guests only). The list will be removed on **17th March 2017** and tickets will be issued in due course. – **Organising Committee**.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.