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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 19th March 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

THIRD WEEK OF LENT: 19th – 25th March 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 3)

<u>Saturday 18th March: Lenten Feria</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Sick of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions	<i>11th / 12th March 2017</i>	
<u>Saturday 18th March: Third Sunday of Lent Year A</u> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Private Intention	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders:	
<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	<u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare: SVP:	
<u>Monday 20th March: St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (Solemnity)</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Trudy Wykes RIP (1 st Anniversary) (Breame)	CAFOD Lent Fast (Inc. Gift Aid)	
<u>Tuesday 21st March: Lenten Feria</u> 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
<u>Wednesday 22nd March: Lenten Feria</u> 7:00 pm: Mass; Catherine Broomhead (96 th Birthday Intentions)	<u>NB: BRITISH SUMMER TIME</u> begins <i>NEXT</i> Sunday and the clocks go forward one hour at 1:00 am.	
<u>Thursday 23rd March: Lenten Feria</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Faustino Gorla RIP (4 th Anniversary)	<u>Stations of the Cross</u> 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.	
<u>Friday 24th March: Lenten Feria</u> 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Margaret Simmons 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> 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.	
<u>Saturday 25th March: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention 10:45 am: Confessions		
<u>Saturday 25th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</u> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish		
<u>Sunday 26th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</u> 9:00 am (BST): Mass; Tony Clark RIP (Wilson) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction		

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		D Wilson & Volunteer
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	P Hubberstey	S Yarwood
Next Week:	M Cummins	C Hallam
Offertory:	M & A Simmons	R & N Wilson
Next Week:	M King & J Williams	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	M Calladine & L Wittam	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: J Brennan
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS (LENT)	Next Week: NO FLOWERS (LENT)
Cleaning:	Team Freyne	Next Week: Team Agius
Brasses:	E Rodrigues	Next Week: M Castor

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.

LENTEN HUNGER LUNCH: We are planning to serve Home Made Soup and a bread roll as part of our Lenten Fast, on **Friday 31st March** and again on **Friday 7th April 2017**. This will take place after the 1:00 pm Mass on these consecutive Fridays. The cost, payable on the door, will be £ 1.50 and all proceeds will be divided equally between CAFOD and Mary's Meals.

BIG CUTTING FUN: Please come with your *scissors* and *pencil* and especially do not forget your *children* as a Big Cutting Fun is organised in the Parish Hall after Mass on **Sunday 26th March 2017**. All are invited! We are going to create 800 "Forget – Me – Not" flowers which will be used to accentuate the visit of the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Cathedral in Nottingham in April. The best team will be rewarded!!! – *Beata Wasilewska*.

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH: Our series of talks on Prayer continue on **Wednesday** evenings after 7:00 pm Mass. This week's third session will be in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 22nd March 2017** at **7:30 pm** and is entitled, "*The Life of Prayer*." 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; 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 **NEXT** weekend **25th / 26th March 2017**. Information about Mary's Meals can also be found at the website: www.marysmeals.org.uk. – *Diane Wilson*.

CHOCOLATE HAMPER: Raffle Tickets will be on sale from next weekend for two magnificent Chocolate Hampers. Tickets will be available for the next three weekends and cost £1 per strip. The winning tickets will be drawn after Mass on Easter Sunday. All proceeds go to Parish funds. Many thanks – *The Bazaar Committee*.

FAITH IN FAMILIES: Will collectors please bring in their boxes as soon as possible for the annual audit returns. Many thanks. – *Joan Williams*.

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 are available. Please place your donation in the envelope and place it in the basket after Mass the **THIS** weekend 18th/19th March (or alternatively give the envelope to Diane Wilson or myself). Many thanks – *Marie Calladine*.

FR. CHRISTOPHER'S SILVER JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING: on **Thursday 23rd March 2017** at **7:00 pm** (Please note date change), in the Parish Hall – All Welcome – *The Organising Committee*.

POCKET GOSPELS: Bishop Patrick has asked me to inform you that a Pocket Gospels (£4.99) and Gift Edition (£12.99) are being published by the Bible Society. The Society recognised that there was no edition of the Four Gospels available alone and set about changing this and making available to the Catholic Community these two volumes which are available for you to buy. In 2014 Pope Francis said: "Everyone should carry a small Bible or pocket edition of the Gospels and should find at least a few minutes every day to read the Word of God." These editions of the Gospels are a great size to carry around. It includes an extra colour section on the background and meaning of the Gospels to help readers into the Scriptures. If you would like a copy please let me know, as we may get a discount for larger orders.

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.