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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 26th March 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare) Year A.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT: 26th March – 1st April 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 4)

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| <u>Saturday 25th March: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)</u> | <u>PARISH FINANCES</u> |
| 10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention 10:45 am: Confessions | |
| <u>Saturday 25th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</u> | <i>18th / 19th March 2017</i> |
| 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish | Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: TOTAL: Chad: Intercare: SVP: |
| <u>Sunday 26th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</u> | <i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i> |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Tony Clark RIP (Wilson) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction | |
| <u>Monday 27th March: Lenten FERIA</u> | <u>SECOND COLLECTION</u> Next weekend's Second Collection will be for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls | |
| <u>Tuesday 28th March: Lenten FERIA</u> | <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. |
| 11:00 am: Mass; In Thanksgiving NO CONFESSIONS TODAY | |
| <u>Wednesday 29th March: Lenten FERIA</u> | <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. |
| 7:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention | |
| <u>Thursday 30th March: Lenten FERIA</u> | <u>Sunday 2nd April: Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> |
| 9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention | |
| <u>Friday 31st March: Lenten FERIA</u> | <u>Sunday 2nd April: Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> |
| 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross | |
| <u>Saturday 1st April: Lenten FERIA (First Saturday)</u> | <u>Sunday 2nd April: Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> |
| 10:00 am: Mass; Intentions of Sister Marguerite Wong (Ruby Anniversary) 10:45 am: Confessions | |
| <u>Saturday 1st April: Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> | <u>Sunday 2nd April: Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> |
| 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; John Burn & Monica Bamford RIP (King) | |
| <u>Sunday 2nd April: Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> | <u>Sunday 2nd April: Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> |
| 9:00 am: Mass; In Thanksgiving (Hopkins) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction | |

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| ROTAS: | 5.30 pm | 9.00 am |
| Welcomers: | | M Cookson & S Neely |
| Next Week: | | M Simpson & L Newbold |
| Readers: | M Cummins | C Hallam |
| Next Week: | M Sully | A Horgan |
| Offertory: | M King & J Williams | J Powell & M Calladine |
| Next Week: | J Fox & N Brennan | D & D Wilson |
| Coffee: | J Powell & M Calladine | Next Week: N Burrows & M Walton |
| Cashiers: | J Brennan | Next Week: N Mason |
| Flowers: | NO FLOWERS (LENT) | Next Week: NO FLOWERS (LENT) |
| Cleaning: | Team Agius | Next Week: Team Begley |
| Brasses: | M Castor | Next Week: K Bennett |

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (FIRST CONFESSION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION): We will soon 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 **THIS 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 fourth session will be in the Parish Hall entitled, "**Pray Before You Speak.**" 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 **THIS** weekend **25th / 26th March 2017**. There will also be the opportunity to order Fair Trade Easter Eggs. 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*.

MISSIO: Many thanks to everyone who supported MISSIO last year, either by having a Red Box or donating via direct donation. Our parish raised a wonderful total of **£ 1, 444. 70** well done everyone. If you would like a Red Box or you already have one and would like it emptied then please let me know. *Diane Wilson* (Parish MISSIO Secretary).

FR CHRISTOPHER'S SILVER JUBILEE – GIFT DONATION: If you would like to contribute to a gift for Fr. Christopher on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee, donation envelopes are still available. Please place your donation in the envelope and place it in the basket after Mass the **THIS** weekend (or alternatively give the envelope to Diane Wilson or myself). Many thanks – *Marie Calladine*.

EASTER FLOWERS: There will be a meeting for all flower arrangers after Mass on **FRIDAY 31st MARCH 2017** at **1:45pm** to discuss the Easter Flowers. If anyone is unable to attend the meeting please let us know if you will be available to assist Good Friday / Easter Saturday. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the Flower Group please do come along and let us know, you will be made very welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB: **THIS Thursday 30th March 2017** at **1:00 pm**. For tickets please contact Stella on 0115 925 5140.

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.