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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 18th February 2018

First Sunday of Lent: Year B

FIRST WEEK OF LENT: 18th – 24th February 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week I)

<p><u>Saturday 17th February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p> <p><i>10th / 11th February</i></p> <p><i>2018</i></p>
<p><u>Saturday 17th February: First Sunday of Lent Year B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (Reilly)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 18th February: First Sunday of Lent Year B</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Ernest Strickland RIP (Walley) 3:00 pm: Rite of Election; St Barnabas Cathedral</p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TOTAL:</u></p> <p>Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p><u>Monday 19th February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday 20th February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 21st February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	<p><i>FRIDAY IS CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FOR LENT 2018</i></p> <p><i>Second Collection</i></p> <p><i>Next Weekend</i></p> <p><i>*(SEE BELOW)</i></p>
<p><u>Thursday 22nd February: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (Feast)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	
<p><u>Friday 23rd February: St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (memoria)</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Paddy O' Shea RIP (Twomey) 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p>Catherine Adlington, Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, Tom Farrelly, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Evelyn Venning, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson.</p>
<p><u>Saturday 24th February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Mary Crosby RIP (Mc Andrew) 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 24th February: Second Sunday of Lent Year B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; David Ryrie & Lucia Altieri RIP (Ryrie Family)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 25th February: Second Sunday of Lent Year B</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Mike & Julia Wilson RIP 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p>	

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.

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		D Wilson & M Roy
Next Week:		M Cookson & S Neely
Readers:	P Hubberstey	N Wilson
Next Week:	M Cummins	S Yarwood
Offertory:	K Twomey & J Lyons	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	M Brown & S Mills	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	M Calladine & L Whitham	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Cleaning:	Team Freyne	Next Week: Team Agius
Brasses:	K Bennett	Next Week: L Newbold

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Mary (Maureen) Josephine Doherty* who died on *9th February 2018*. Maureen's Funeral Service will take place on *Friday 23rd February 2018* at 4:30 pm at Bramcote Crematorium. We remember her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

RITE OF ELECTION: Please remember in your prayers *Arnd Korn, Kerry Garton* and *Lucy Mackness*, who will be entered into the Book of the Elect at St Barnabas Cathedral this Sunday at the Rite of Election, in preparation for their Reception into the Church at Easter.

***CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FOR LENT 2018:** CAFOD'S Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February can you give up a meal or eat a simple meal in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. And this Lent, your donation will double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from Church this weekend and give generously.

LENTEN LUNCH: Continues **THIS Friday, 23rd February 2018**, homemade soup and a roll will be served in the Hall after Mass. The cost will **£ 2. 00** per person and the money made will be shared between CAFOD and Mary's Meals.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters send their sincere thanks for the donations which were taken over to them this week. The sisters celebrate their feast day on 7th February 2018 so the donations were especially welcome. The next visit will be **Monday 26th February 2018**. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: many thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade sale. Any profits made go to Mary's meals – details on the Fair Trade board at the back of the Church. The next sale will be **NEXT WEEKEND 24th / 25th February 2018**.

PARISH PANCAKE SOCIAL: Thank you to all who attended, a small profit of **£ 78. 00** was made and this will be donated to CAFOD. – *Parish Social Committee*.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH CLUB: **THIS Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 1:00 pm**. For tickets please contact Stella on 0115 925 5140.

ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA: The Course continues **THIS Tuesday, 20th February 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00pm** for dinner, a film and discussion in the Parish Hall. For more information please email alpha.assumption@gmail.com. *All welcome*.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Programme will continue **THIS Wednesday, 21st February 2018** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. The theme for this week is: *"The Mystery of the Church,"* and *"One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic."* *All welcome to come along and learn more about our faith.*

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Our Parish is hosting the event this year which will take place in Church on **Friday 2nd March 2018 at 10:30 am**. All welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: Sin and Salvation Are the Two Focal Points of Lent

Two images from nature dominate this First Sunday of Lent. In these images we find the key for living the next six weeks deeply and fruitfully, as God is hoping we will live them. The first image is that of the desert. After Jesus was baptised, but before He began His years of public ministry, St Mark tells us in today's Gospel that the Spirit, "drove Jesus out into the wilderness," where He experienced temptations. Throughout the Bible, the desert is often referred to a place of testing, where we experience our weakness and dependence upon God. Water and food are hard to come by there and the temperatures and emptiness are oppressive to both the body and the mind. The desert is a place where our illusions of self – sufficiency and comfort fade away. When we are in the desert, either literally or figuratively, we quickly realise that we need God. In other words, the desert is the opposite of the Garden of Eden. It is the place of suffering and hardship that sin has led us to. Both Original Sin and also our own personal sins have interfered with God's plan for our lives and for our world; they have put us in need of salvation. The second image in today's Readings is the flood, the abundance of water that cleansed the world of sin at the time of Noah. That ancient flood of water foreshadowed Christian Baptism, the flood of grace that purifies our souls from sin, bringing new spiritual life into the desert of our sin – damaged hearts. Sin and salvation: our sins and Christ's loving sacrifice that leads to salvation. These are the most fundamental aspects of our Catholic faith and these are the themes that should fill our hearts and minds throughout the season of Lent.