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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 25th February 2018

Second Sunday of Lent: Year B

SECOND WEEK OF LENT: 25th February – 3rd March 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week II)

<p><u>Saturday 24th February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Mary Crosby RIP (Mc Andrew)</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p> <p><i>17th / 18th February</i></p> <p><i>2018</i></p>
<p><u>Saturday 24th February: Second Sunday of Lent Year B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>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</p> <p>4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p>	<p>Envelopes:</p> <p>Loose Plate:</p> <p>Standing Orders:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TOTAL:</u></p> <p>Chad:</p> <p>Intercare:</p> <p>SVP:</p>
<p><u>Monday 26th February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday 27th February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitemore RIP (Foundation Mass)</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday 28th February: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; In Thanksgiving (O' Connor)</p>	<p><i>Second Collection This Weekend for CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FOR LENT 2018</i></p>
<p><u>Thursday 1st March: St David, Bishop & Patron of Wales (Feast)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Gloria Condon RIP (Powell)</p>	
<p><u>Friday 2nd March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions</p> <p>1:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p>7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 3rd March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls</p> <p>10:45 am: Confessions</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, Maria Sawicki, Evelyn Venning, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson.</p>
<p><u>Saturday 3rd March: Third Sunday of Lent Year B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mass; Barbara Arber RIP (Williams)</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 4th March: Third Sunday of Lent Year B</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Michael Loughlin RIP (Reilly)</p> <p>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:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	M Cummins	S Yarwood
Next Week:	M Sully	C Hallam
Offertory:	M Brown & S Mills	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Next Week:	M & A Simmons	R & N Wilson
Coffee:	J Powell & M Calladine	Next Week: M Walton & Volunteer
Cashiers:	J Walton	Next Week: A Simmons
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Cleaning:	Team Agius	Next Week: Team Begley
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: E Rodrigues

***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. Last Friday we were encouraged to 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 hand in your Fast Day envelope this weekend and give generously.

LENTEN LUNCH: Continues **THIS Friday, 2nd March 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 they receive from us. 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 **THIS WEEKEND 24th / 25th February 2018.**

ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA: The Course continues **THIS Tuesday, 27th 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, 28th February 2018** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. The theme for this week is: *“Christ's Faithful; The People of the Church,”* and *“Morality and Conscience.”* *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 **THIS Friday 2nd March 2018 at 10:30 am.** All welcome.

PARISH CHOIR: After a short break the Parish Choir are looking to reform in time for the Easter Services. Unfortunately, it is still very short of regular members. I would reiterate what the Church teaches, that, the goal and purpose of Liturgical Music is to enhance the experience of our worship by heightening the Word of God with music and to provide beauty to the Liturgy through music. Through music the Choir strives to enable the song of the assembly to encourage full, active and conscious participation. Music in the Liturgy is a ministry to the assembled congregation to provide music which allows and encourages spiritual reflection. It is therefore our duty to use the talents we have to participate in this important role. If anyone has a reasonably good voice I would strongly encourage you to join the Parish Choir – there no age limit and, men and women are both welcome. You don't have to be a professional singer to join the Choir, just be willing to learn and improve your God given voice. As St Augustine said, “(S)he who sings prays twice!”

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: Trusting in God.

The radical individualism so ingrained in our culture makes it hard for us to trust God. This individualism makes us think that we need to earn other people's love by our achievements and behaviour. And if we fail to make the grade; which often happens sooner or later, we resent the people we were trying to please. This emotional pattern sometimes gets transferred into our relationship with God. We think that He will reject us unless we perform up to a certain level. But this attitude is not Christian and it severely undermines our ability to trust God. God's love for us doesn't depend on our performance; it is pure, generous and unconditional. A Christian's trust is based on God's goodness, not our tiny achievements. St Francis de Sales has a wonderful image that illustrates how we should trust in this God who has done so much to gain our trust. He tells us to think of the little children who go on a walk with their dad. With one hand they hold fast to their father and with the other hand they pick berries or play with a stick or throw stones in the pond. If we handle the goods, affairs and problems of this world with one hand, we must always hold fast with the other to our heavenly Father's hand. We should look up at Him from time to time to see if we are pleasing Him. We do this through prayer and the Sacraments and through obeying His commandments and the teachings of His Church. Above all, we should never let go of His hand by direct disobedience to His will or laziness in our spiritual lives. It is foolish to think that with two hands we can gather more berries – we will only get lost, injured or kidnapped.