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

Third Sunday of Lent: Year B

THIRD WEEK OF LENT: 4th – 10th March 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week III)

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| <p><u>Saturday 3rd March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls 10:45 am: Confessions</p> | <p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p> <p><i>24th / 25th February</i></p> <p><i>2018</i></p> |
| <p><u>Saturday 3rd March: Third Sunday of Lent Year B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 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) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p> | <p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare: SVP: CAFOD Fast Day:</p> |
| <p><u>Monday 5th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Paddy O' Shea RIP (Solloway)</p> | <p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p> |
| <p><u>Tuesday 6th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p> | |
| <p><u>Wednesday 7th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> | <p><i>Don't forget our traditional Lenten Devotions of Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Sundays (with Benediction).</i></p> |
| <p><u>Thursday 8th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitemore RIP (Foundation Mass)</p> | |
| <p><u>Friday 9th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention (Ellis) 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross</p> | <p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> |
| <p><u>Saturday 10th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention 10:45 am: Confessions</p> | |
| <p><u>Saturday 10th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Patrick Ryan RIP</p> | <p>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>Sunday 11th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Dina & John Whitfield 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.

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| ROTAS: | 5.30 pm | 9.00 am |
| Welcomers: | | M Simpson & L Newbold |
| Next Week: | | K Orford – Perkins & M Neale |
| Readers: | M Sully | C Hallam |
| Next Week: | A Simmons | A Horgan |
| Offertory: | M & A Simmons | R & N Wilson |
| Next Week: | M King & J Williams | M Castor & Volunteer |
| Coffee: | M Walton & Volunteer | Next Week: M Calladine & L Whitham |
| Cashiers: | A Simmons | Next Week: J Brennan |
| Flowers: | NO FLOWERS IN LENT | Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN LENT |
| Cleaning: | Team Begley | Next Week: Team Powell |
| Brasses: | E Rodrigues | Next Week: L Newbold |

LENTE LUNCH: Continues **THIS Friday, 9th March 2018**, homemade soup and a roll will be served in the Hall after Mass. It has been very successful so far and the quality of the soup is excellent! The cost is a steal at £ 2. 00 per person and the money made will be shared between CAFOD and Mary's Meals.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters were overwhelmed with the donations received from our Parish this week and send their sincere thanks to everyone, they want you to know that this Parish is remembered every day in their prayers. The next visit will be just before Easter on **Monday 26th March 2018**. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. Once again, any profits made from the sales will go to Mary's Meals – a charity helping to feed Third World school children. Information about Mary's Meals can be found on the notice board at the back of the church. The next sale will be the weekend of **24th /25th March 2018**.

MISSIO: The Spring edition of Mission Today is in the Church porch – please take a copy.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Was cancelled last Friday due to the bad weather and will now take place in Church **THIS Friday 9th March 2018 at 10:30 am**. All welcome.

ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA: The Course continues **THIS Tuesday, 6th March 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: *“Faithful, Hope and Love,”* and *“The Magisterium and the Ten Commandments.”* *All welcome to come along and learn more about our faith.*

CARMELITE READING GROUP: Do you want to pray more but feel you never have time? Are you looking for a way to grow closer to God in your everyday life? A tried and tested guide to people asking questions like these is The Practice of the Presence of God by the Carmelite friar, Brother Lawrence. In our Carmelite Reading Groups, we're reading and discussing this little book. We meet 1st Fridays, 10:00 am – 12 noon at the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe and 2nd Thursdays 7:30 – 9:15 pm at The Assumption (Hall), Foster Avenue, Beeston. Books are available to borrow or buy. Why not join us? **The next meeting at Assumption is this Thursday 8th March 2018**. For any further info contact Heather on 01773 599982, heatherward55@gmail.com

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!”*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Why the Cross is Puzzling.

One reason the Cross is so hard to understand is that we were not created to live in a fallen world. We were created to live in a world where justice, truth and peace were the norm. But after original sin, injustice, ignorance and strife have become our daily bread. And so, in our hearts we know this is not the way it is supposed to be. But then we make the mistake of thinking that it is up to us to make everything right. It isn't. We need a Saviour. We don't take away the sins of the world; the Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world. And He takes it away with His Cross. By letting us share in His Cross, in His suffering and sorrow, He gives us a chance to share in His work of salvation and to prove that we love the giver of all good gifts, God, better than the gifts He gives. This is why all the saints love and embrace the Cross. St Margaret Mary Alacoque, who received the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, put it like this: *“What should I do, had I not a cross to bear? It is my whole treasure in the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ, and there it is the cause of all my happiness, my delight and my joy.”* Sharing in Christ's Cross helps purify our hearts of selfishness. And the less selfishness we have in our hearts, the more room for Christ's love – the true source of lasting joy, wisdom and peace. That is why St Margaret Mary can give advice like this: *“Trust to the goodness of our Lord in the crosses which He sends you; He will never abandon you, for He knows how to draw good from our ills and His glory from our trials.”*