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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 10th March 2019

First Sunday of Lent: Year C

FIRST WEEK OF LENT: 10th – 16th March 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week I)

<u>Saturday 9th March: Lenten Feria</u>	<i>PARISH FINANCES</i>	
NO MORNING CONFESSIONS		
<u>Saturday 9th March: First Sunday of Lent Year: C</u>	<i>2nd / 3rd March 2019</i>	
4:00 pm: Confessions	Envelopes:	
4:30 pm: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish	Loose Plate:	
6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis): Pro Populo: People of the Parish	Standing Orders:	
<u>Sunday 10th March: First Sunday of Lent Year: C</u>	TOTAL:	
9:00 am: Mass; Patrick Ryan RIP	Chad:	
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis): Kevin Rigley RIP (Anniversary) (Hearson)	Intercare:	
4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction	SVP:	
<u>Monday 11th March: Lenten Feria</u>	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>	
9:00 am: Mass; Helen Gildea RIP (Twomey)	<i>*CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY THIS FRIDAY. Please take an envelope home this weekend and be as generous as you can and please pray for our brothers and sisters in poverty throughout Lent. The Envelopes will be collected in the Second Collection NEXT WEEKEND.</i>	
<u>Tuesday 12th March: Lenten Feria</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): John Spittle RIP	Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning and Louise Whitham.	
1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
<u>Wednesday 13th March: Lenten Feria</u>		
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
7:00 pm: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Holy Souls		
<u>Thursday 14th March: Lenten Feria</u>		
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Private Intention		
<u>Friday 15th March: Lenten Feria</u>		
12:30 pm: Confessions		
1:00 pm: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)		
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross		
<u>Saturday 16th March: Lenten Feria</u>		
10:45 am: Confessions		
<u>Saturday 16th March: Second Sunday of Lent Year: C</u>		
4:00 pm: Confessions		
4:30 pm: Mass; Jenny Weran RIP		
6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis): Barbara Woods RIP (B & D Smith)		
<u>Sunday 17th March: Second Sunday of Lent Year: C</u>		
9:00 am: Mass; Lally & Costello Family RIP		
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis): Patrick & Bridget Munnely RIP (Kathleen Willis)		
4:00 pm: Reception: Helen Gildea RIP		

ROTAS:	<i>4:30 pm</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
Welcomers:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Next Week:		D Wilson & M Roy
Readers:	M Sully	S O'Brien
Next Week:	T Johnson	N Wilson
Offertory:	M & A Simmons	D & D Wilson
Next Week:	J Brennan & J Fox	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
Coffee:	L Whitham & M Calladine	Next Week: R Marlow & C Kitching
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:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Helen Gildea*, who died on *Friday 22nd February 2019*. Helen will be received into Church on *Sunday 17th March 2019* at *4:00 pm* and her Requiem Mass will take place on *Monday 18th March 2019* at *11:00 am* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. Also for *Maura Martin* who died on *1st March 2019* and whose Funeral Service will take place at Bramcote Crematorium Reflection Chapel on *Tuesday 12th March 2019* at *11:15 am*. We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

***CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY THIS LENT** is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. **THIS** Friday, 15th March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD's global Church network – one of the largest Aid Networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from Church this week and give whatever you can.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters were overjoyed with all the donations they received from our Parish and Mother Damian sends her thanks to you all. The next visit will be *Monday 25th March 2019*. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: Many thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade Sale. As in previous years we are continuing to support Mary's Meals – a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren. The date of the next Fair Trade sale will be **THIS WEEKEND 9th/10th March 2019** when there will be the opportunity to order Fair Trade Easter eggs. Details of the last Sale is on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the Church.

FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP: continues on Fridays throughout Lent. There will be homemade soup and a roll after Mass. The cost will be £2 each and the proceeds will be given to CAFOD.

PARISH BRUNCH: Thank you to all who attended this event, it was very enjoyable – the amount raised was **£ 84.00**.

MISSION: Copies of the Spring edition of MISSION TODAY are available in the Church Porch please help yourself to a copy. If you have got a Red box that needs to be emptied would you bring it in or if you would like one for your home please contact me: Tel. 0115 917 6697. Many thanks – *Diane Wilson*.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Preparation Classes will continue after Mass on *Sunday 10th March 2019* in the Parish Hall at **10:45 am**.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: Put God First.

What is my heart seeking? I will find it in the desert. In the Bible, God speaks to His people in the desert. In the silence of the desert we come face to face with both the good and the bad inside each one of us. In the desert we decide who will be first in our lives: God or myself. Most of us cannot go off and spend weeks alone in a literal desert. But Lent is like the desert. The Church gives us this time to listen more closely to God and to grow in our relationship with Him – and that means putting God first. Jesus shows us how. In the Gospel today, the Devil tempts Jesus. He does this by proposing three ways to put something else before God: ***Comfort – Seeking***; Jesus has been fasting for 40 days. He's probably a little bit hungry by now. So, the Devil tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, putting His comfort ahead of the Father's will. Food is good, but it won't fill our hearts. ***Pride***; The Devil takes Jesus to a mountaintop and shows Him the whole world. He tells him "I will give you all of this – I will give you power and control – if you bow down and worship me." Success is good, but it won't fill our hearts either. ***Vanity***; The Devil suggests that Jesus throw Himself off the temple, because the angels will save Him. Imagine how much this would impress the onlookers. The esteem of others is good, but it too won't fill our hearts. What is Our Lord's response to all this? He tells the Devil – "I know that none of those things can make a person truly happy. I will choose my Father above everything else." Jesus shows us how to put God first.

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