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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

*Second Sunday of Lent: Year C*

SECOND WEEK OF LENT: 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year I / Psalter Week II)

<p><b><u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Lenten Feria</u></b> 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><b><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></b></p>		
<p><b><u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Second Sunday of Lent Year: C</u></b> 4:00 pm: Confessions 4:30 pm: Mass; Jenny Weran RIP 6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis): Barbara Woods RIP (B &amp; D Smith)</p>			
<p><b><u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Second Sunday of Lent Year: C</u></b> 9:00 am: Mass; Lally &amp; Costello Family RIP 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis): Patrick &amp; Bridget Munnelly RIP (Kathleen Willis) 4:00 pm: Reception: Helen Gildea RIP</p>	<p>9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019</p>		
<p><b><u>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Lenten Feria</u></b> 11:00 am: Requiem Mass; Helen Gildea RIP</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">                 Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <b>TOTAL:</b> Chad: Intercare: SVP:             </td> <td style="width: 50%;"></td> </tr> </table>	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <b>TOTAL:</b> Chad: Intercare: SVP:	
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<p><b><u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (Solemnity)</u></b> 9:30 am: Mass (St Francis of Assisi Long Eaton): Holy Souls 1:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i></p>		
<p><b><u>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Lenten Feria</u></b> 9:00 pm: Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>*CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</b> The Envelopes will be collected in the Second Collection <b>THIS WEEKEND.</b></p>		
<p><b><u>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Lenten Feria</u></b> 9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion 9:30 am: (St Francis of Assisi) Service of the Word and Holy Communion</p>			
<p><b><u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Lenten Feria</u></b> 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Plowright &amp; Faulkner Families 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross</p>	<p><b><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></b> Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim &amp; Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning and Louise Whitham.</p>		
<p><b><u>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Lenten Feria</u></b> 11:00 am: First Confessions: Holy Communion Children and their Parents</p>			
<p><b><u>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Third Sunday of Lent Year: C</u></b> 4:00 pm: Confessions 4:30 pm: Mass; John Morrissey RIP (Michael) 6:30 pm: Mass (St Francis): Barbara Woods RIP (Curtis)</p>			
<p><b><u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Third Sunday of Lent Year: C</u></b> 9:00 am: Mass; Dina &amp; John Whitfield RIP 11:00 am: Mass (St Francis): Sarah &amp; Michael Munnelly RIP (Kathleen Willis) 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p>			

<b>ROTAS:</b>	<i>4:30 pm</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<b>Welcomers:</b>		D Wilson & M Roy
<b>Next Week:</b>		M Cookson & S Neely
<b>Readers:</b>	T Johnson	N Wilson
<b>Next Week:</b>	A Simmons	S Yarwood
<b>Offertory:</b>	J Brennan & J Fox	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
<b>Next Week:</b>	K Twomey & J Lyons	R & N Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	R Marlow & C Kitching	<b>Next Week:</b> V Loffreda & J Backhouse
<b>Cashiers:</b>	A Simmons	<b>Next Week:</b> J Brennan
<b>Flowers:</b>	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	<b>Next Week:</b> NO FLOWERS IN LENT
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Begley	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Powell
<b>Brasses:</b>	K Bennett	<b>Next Week:</b> L Newbold

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Helen Gildea*, who died on *Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019*. Helen will be received into Church on *Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019* at *4:00 pm* and her Requiem Mass will take place on *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019* at *11:00 am* followed by Burial at Beeston Cemetery. Also for *Felix Gildea* who died on *9<sup>th</sup> March 2019*. Details of the Funeral arrangements for Felix have yet to be confirmed. We remember them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019*. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Sale last weekend – details of the sale are on the notice board at the back of the Church. Any profit made from the sale of fairly traded goods in the parish goes to Mary's Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World schoolchildren – information about Mary's Meals can also be found on the notice board. The next fair trade sale will be *6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019*.

**FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP:** continues on Fridays throughout Lent. There will be homemade soup and a roll after the 1:00 pm Mass. The cost will be £2 each and the proceeds will be given to CAFOD.

**EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE:** The Bazaar Committee are again running an Easter Chocolate Raffle, there will be three delicious chocolate prizes and the winning ticket will be drawn after Easter Sunday mass. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of *30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019*.

**SITUATIONS VACANT:** Lay Chaplain Vacancy – The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust seek to appoint a dynamic Lay Chaplain to work in St Thomas More Secondary Catholic Academy and three local primary schools St Anne's Buxton, St Mary's New Mills and St Mary's Marple Bridge. This would be an ideal position for anyone seeking to start a career in Chaplaincy or Catholic Youth Work as they will receive support and mentoring from the Catholic Multi Academy Trust. For more information please visit [www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies) or contact the CMAT's Lead Lay Chaplain Joe Hopkins [jhopkins@srscmat.co.uk](mailto:jhopkins@srscmat.co.uk) or 07708907498. Closing Date for applications *Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019*.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Preparation Classes will continue after Mass on *Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019* in the Parish Hall at *10:45 am*. First Confession **NEXT** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 at 11:00 am.

### **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: Even Christ Needed to Pray.**

We often overlook one of the most remarkable pieces of evidence that shows how important prayer really is: Jesus prayed. Last week we saw Him go off into the desert to pray. In today's Gospel passage, we see Him go up the mountain to pray. In dozens of other Gospel passages we see the same thing. Let us think about what that implies. Jesus Christ was God become man. His human nature was infused with the power of His divine person. He was perfect, sinless, without any tendencies to selfishness, laziness or pride. His character was flawless, firm as the mountains and gentle as a mother's caress. His mind was beyond brilliant, filled with the radiance of divine light and understanding. He had no emotional scars from a difficult family upbringing; Mary was without sin too and Joseph was a saint, no personality disorders, no lacks, no wounds, no imperfections at all. And yet, over and over again in the Gospels, we see Him go off to be alone in prayer: "Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray." Sometimes we even read about how He had to get up early to make time for prayer. Other times He had to stay up late to make time for it, but He always did it. Jesus needed to pray. If He, who was perfect in every way, needed prayer in order to fulfil His life's mission, what does that imply for us, who are so imperfect, so weak, so vulnerable to every sort of temptation and wounded by every kind of sin? Christ was a man of prayer and, as He himself put it, "no disciple is greater than his master." (John 15<sup>20</sup>). If He needed to pray; so do we.

**HAIR TODAY GONE FOR LENT:** Thank you to all who have sponsored me for the haircut. Monies will be collected after the Masses this weekend. Please see Jane Powell, who has kindly offered to co-ordinate this.

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