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Fifth Sunday of Lent

17 March 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joanne Marklew, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

The Season of Lent

- On the Saturdays of Lent there is **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament & **Confessions** from 10.00am to 11.00am, with Benediction at 10.50am. There are **also Stations of the Cross** at 4.15pm.

- There are **Stations of the Cross** after the Lenten Sunday 10.00am Mass.

- On the **Mondays of Lent, Mass is at 7.15am.**

On Tuesday, **19 March** there will be a Mass for the **Solemnity of St Joseph**, along with St Joseph's School, at 10.00am.

Lenten support for the Carmelite Sisters at Kirk Edge: The Sisters have written to our UCM with a request for items they would find most useful, **particularly toiletries and cleaning products.** In order to prevent duplication a tear-off list is available to help with managing the donations at the back of church.

First Holy Communion preparation

Parents are the primary educators in the life and Catholic Faith of their children. Listed here is only that formal or direct parish preparation that will hopefully support them in this task. Classes will take place in the undercroft from 9.30am until 12 noon:

Saturday, 20 April &

Saturday, 27 April (final class).

Please remember the children and their catechists in your prayers.

Formal **preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place at St Joseph's from 9.15 to 10.00am on the following Saturday mornings: **20 & 27 April** and **11 & 18 May** (incl. rehearsal). Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Mass of Confirmation at St Joseph's on Saturday, 25 May, 2024 at 5.00pm

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, **are available to collect** in the church. *To save on costs*, especially as bank charges have risen significantly *please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order.* As usual, in order that its value does not decline, I respectfully ask that you also please consider an increase in your regular giving to keep pace with inflation. If anyone has not completed a **Gift Aid** declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then they can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. Thank you for your understanding and for your continuing support.

HOLY WEEK

- **Confessions:** on the Monday and Tuesday, **25 & 26 March**, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of **after-school** Confessions. **N.B.** The final public Confessions before Easter will be on Tuesday evening, **26 March, at 6.00 to 7.00pm** (or until finished if later).
- On Wednesday, **27 March**, at 11.00am Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** at the cathedral.
- On, **27 March**, the Wednesday of Holy Week, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in the church at 2.00pm. All welcome.
- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: **Washing of Feet:** There is a list at the back of church for those 12 people who are willing to have their feet washed during this celebration. Many thanks.
- **Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence;** everyone aged 14 years and older should abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 should fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.
- On **Good Friday** there will be a **retiring collection** to support the upkeep of **The Holy Places** in the Holy Land.
- **Altar Servers:** There will be practices for each of the Triduum services, on Holy Thursday at 6.45pm, Good Friday at 2.15pm and Holy Saturday at 6.15pm. Thank you for all that you do.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, 28 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday, 29 March

The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Holy Saturday, 30 March

The Easter Vigil 7.00pm

Easter Sunday, 31 March

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord 8.45am & at 10.00am

A Prayer for Passiontide and Holy Week

All-powerful, eternal God, you have chosen to give mankind a model of humility; our Saviour took on our flesh, and subjected himself to the Cross. Grant us the grace to preserve faithfully the lessons he has given us in his Passion and to have a share in his resurrection. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

THE SACRED LITURGY

<p>Sunday 17 March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am Kevin Hegarty <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Monday 18 March <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>7.15am</u> Vocations to the Priesthood</p>
<p>Tuesday 19 March <i>Solemnity of St Joseph</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am In Thanksgiving</p>
<p>Wednesday 20 March <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Thursday 21 March <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am</p>
<p>Friday 22 March <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">9 to 9.55am Exposition 10.00am</p>
<p>Saturday 23 March <i>Lenten weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">10 to 10.50am Exposition & Confessions 10.50am Benediction 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm Intentions of Margaret & Lisa Hegarty</p>
<p>Sunday 24 March <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>of The Lord's Passion</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am D M Bradley & Butler Families <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>

Please pray for Pat Collett *RIP*; for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £677.65 (£393.00 in offertory envelopes, £284.65 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Church Flowers: There is a **retiring collection this weekend** to help decorate our beautiful church for Easter.

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.