



Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

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Sunday 5th March 2017 – First Sunday of Lent

Mass Book : P151

Saturday 4 th March <i>Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent</i>	5.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	Intentions of Margaret McCormack
Sunday 5 th March <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Myra and Jack Froud RIP
Monday 6 th March <i>Monday of the First Week of Lent</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Holy Mass	Beatrice Dance RIP
Tuesday 7 th March <i>Tuesday of the First Week of Lent</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Anthony John Sibeth for his quick recovery from a stroke.
Wednesday 8 th March <i>Wednesday of the First Week of Lent</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass – School Y6	Dorothy Louisa Fitzgerald RIP
Thursday 9 th March <i>Thursday of the First Week of Lent</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Holy Mass	Intentions of Jane Ackers
Friday 10 th March <i>Friday of the First Week of Lent</i>	10.00am – 11am	Holy Hour starting with Stations of the Cross.	
Saturday 11 th March <i>Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent</i>	5.30pm 6.00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	Jeffrey Horsburgh RIP
Sunday 12 th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	Valerie Dobson RIP

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died recently. We remember also those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for all the sick or housebound in our Parish and those who are particularly poorly at this time.

PARISH COLLECTIONS : Last week's offerings amounted to £579.05

Standing Orders for last week : £690

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Office. This week the parish office will be open on **Tuesday** and **Thursday 9.30am – 12.30pm** If you have anything you would like included in the bulletin please submit it (email or in writing) by **Wednesday midday** at the latest.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 19th March at 1pm: Irish Sunday Lunch - **POSTPONED**

Sunday 9th April at 1pm: Caribbean Lunch

Friday 26th May at 7.30pm: Quiz

Sunday 11th June at 1pm: European Buffet

Flower Team: New rotas are now ready for collection from the porch.

A LENTEN COURSE FOR THE PARISH

Life to the Full - Bringing the Bible Alive

5 Wednesdays 7.30 - 9pm beginning on 8th March, in the church hall.

This is a Catholic Faith Exploration DVD course, with the CaFE team, plus contributions from Fr. John Farrell OP & Fr. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor. Each week, there will be a talk, discussion and prayer, refreshments & an interesting bookstall provided.

Enquiries: mary@swccr.org.uk or Susan 01803 391704

Disabled Access: A message from the surveyors who have sadly hit problems.

"I am e-mailing with an update re: the new disabled access ramp as a problem has occurred with the proposed start date. The council's Planning Department wrote a letter to me on the 1st February requesting minor amendments to the submitted plans but this was not delivered to me until the 24th February. I have amended the plans and resubmitted them but I must inform you that Planning have confirmed that there still needs to be a 21 day public consultation period after the approval of the plans which means that the proposed 6th March start date will have to be pushed back until very late March/early April. The Planning Department has apologised for this administration error on their part but unfortunately the statutory process must be adhered to and this is the reason for the programme set back.

Please be assured that I am working to resolve issues as they arise. I am meeting with the building contractor this afternoon to check some dimensions and will try to make contact with you to explain the situation". Senior Surveyor.

CARIBBEAN LUNCH

Sunday 9th April 2017 in the Church Hall at 1pm

50 Tickets available from the office or after Mass - £10

Traidcraft: Saturday 4th March (Yes! This weekend!) Fairtrade's BIG BREW in the hall after 6pm Mass.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 2017

Florence is a hard working mother who is devoted to her family. Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet so they gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school.

In this weekend's Mass First Reading from Genesis, we hear an account of how all human beings are created by God, giving each person an inherent dignity. When Florence was trained by the Sisters and given just a few small fish, her life was transformed. Thanks to your support, her God given dignity was respected as she was able to provide for her family.



Please take a CAFOD envelope from the porch to support Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence.

Return your envelope, with donation, next weekend. If you pay sufficient income, please complete the Gift Aid form and put it in the envelope.



A Prayer for the First Week of Lent

God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will.