

Masses and Intentions Third Week of Lent

Saturday 23rd March 10:00 Repose of Holy Souls
Lent feria

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 23rd March 17:30
Sunday 24th March 10:00

Monday 25th March 09.15
Solemnity: Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday 26th March 09:15
Lent feria

Wednesday 27th March 09.15
Lent feria 19.00
Thursday 28th March 08:00
Lent feria

Friday 29th March 12.00
Lent feria 12:30
Saturday 30th March 10:00
Lent feria

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 30th March 17:30
Sunday 31st March 10:00
18:30

Year C

Eileen Connolly RIP
Health/blessings Alojzia &
Jan Grestiakova
18:30 People of the parish
Tony Holland RIP
Repose of Holy Souls
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Confirmation Mass
Maria Jankowski RIP

Year C

Betty Young (née Bannon) RIP
Lucy—recovery
People of the parish

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Third Sunday of Lent, 24 March 2019
“This is my name for all time; by this name I
shall be invoked for all generations to come.”
Exodus 3, 15

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| Confessions: | Saturday | 10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15 |
| Exposition & Benediction: | Saturday | 10.30 - 11.30 |
| Evening prayer, Rosary: | Saturday | 16.45 |

THE SEASON OF LENT

The parish Lent Course on The Creed continues on Monday 18 March at 19.30hrs in the Cenacle with an exploration of the God the Father almighty in the Creed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 12 noon.

READING PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tue 9th April 7.30pm St Joseph's

Thu 11th April 7.30pm St Anne's

Sat 13th April 11.00am English Martyrs

Mon 15th April 7.30pm St James

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday 27th March we welcome Bp. Kenney who will confirm 13 young people from our parish. Please keep them in your prayers. Mass will be at 19.00 hrs followed by refreshments in the Cenacle.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, READING SEEKS NEW CATHOLIC GOVERNORS

St Joseph's College, seeks to recruit new Governors, particularly people with skills in any of the following areas: IT, Health, Safeguarding, Finance or HR. Information from David Hallé, Chair of Governors on chair@sjcr.org.uk or on 07484 318174 or <http://sjcr.org.uk>.

EASTER FLOWER FUND

There will be a box at the back of the church throughout Lent to gather contributions for the Easter flower fund.

Many thanks for your support.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children aged 7 (school year 3) and up, together with a responsible adult, are invited to join us for an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Monday (22nd April). Meet in the cenacle at 6pm. For further details please contact : simonandhilarysmart@gmail.com.

CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Thu 19th - Fri 27th Sep 2019. Camino del Norte Stage 1: Ballota to Vilalba: 92 miles, note: we do not finish in Santiago (Stage 2 will be offered in 2020: Vilalba to Santiago.) Flights and coach £270. Hostel or hotel extra. Info & booking form available from the parish office. Closing date EXTENDED 31st March - don't delay

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle
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Last week's collection

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| Gift Aid | £701.46 | Loose | £501.76 |
| Standing Orders | | | £484.00 |
| CAFOD | £996.13 | | |

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C - Luke): How do I give my life a sense of direction? We stop from time to time, on certain significant birthdays or when life circumstances suddenly change, and ask ourselves whither go I? Most of us find ourselves in a groove determined by our family commitments, where we live, the work we do or the clubs/associations to which we belong. A "role" in our church community can also be our niche. Sometimes personal reflection or a sudden alteration in our situation provokes thought as to where we feel we are going, to reviewing our point of departure and questioning our point of arrival. Our biblical literature is full of people, men and women, who face life-changing decisions and are in search of a new sense of direction in their lives. Commitment to a God who only identifies himself as "I am who I am" has always made choices not only for the people of Israel in following him and abiding by the terms of the covenant relationship which defined them as a separate, chosen people, but makes the choices we have to ourselves make during life problematic too. Lent is a time of decision, but it is reassuring to know that it is also a time of grace, so the choices we make in giving direction to our own lives in this season stand the best possible chance of being on target.

First Reading (OT): Exodus 3, 1 - 8. 13 - 15: The story of the call of Moses is one of the most important texts in the history of the chosen people. Moses, having fled from Egypt, is a shepherd near Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) and while tending the flocks of his father-in-law he sees a strange phenomenon of a bush which is on fire but yet is not being consumed by the flames. On his approach, God speaks to him from the fire and so begins not only a whole new chapter in Moses' life but also in the history of God's revelation to humankind. God introduces himself to Moses as the one who is deeply concerned about the plight of his people who are being oppressed by Pharaoh, and who intends to set them free. Moses shows his lack of awareness as to the identity of the one who is speaking to him by asking for his name. In ancient religions, knowing the name of the gods one worshipped was a means to controlling them and forcing them to act on your behalf. God replies to Moses not with a proper name but with a verb: "I am who I am." It may also be translated as 'I will be who I will be' and the meaning is that the God of Israel will be known by what he does for his people and will not be under the control of anyone. God's revelation that begins on Sinai will come to a climax on Calvary.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 10, 1 - 6. 10 - 12: In this very sobering passage, Paul is warning the Christians in Corinth against any conceit or arrogance which might lead them to believe that since they have accepted Jesus nothing bad can happen to them.

Gospel: Luke 13, 1 - 9: The scene presented here is one in which Jesus challenges the traditional view that if something bad happens to you then it must be some form of punishment from God. Jesus, rejecting this idea, tells his listeners that any experience of hardship should be a reminder of the need to repent.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 160-162