

Masses and Intentions Fourth Week of Lent

Saturday 30th March 10:00 Repose of Holy Souls
Lent feria

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	30 th March	17:30	Betty Young (née Bannon) RIP
Sunday	31 st March	10:00	Lucy—recovery
		18:30	People of the parish
Monday	1 st April	09.15	Tony Elliott RIP
<i>Lent feria</i>			
Tuesday	2 nd April	09:15	Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Lent feria</i>			
Wednesday	3 rd April	09.15	Seamus Sammin
<i>Lent feria</i>			
Thursday	4 th April	08:00	Repose of Holy Souls
<i>Lent feria</i>			
Friday	5 th April	12.00	Stations of the Cross
<i>Lent feria</i>		12:30	Repose of Holy Souls
Saturday	6 th April	10:00	Health/blsgs Alojzja & Jan Grestiak
<i>Lent feria</i>			

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	6 th April	17:30	Peter Lennon RIP
Sunday	7 th April	10:00	Kathleen Singleton RIP
		18:30	People of the parish

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, 31 March 2019
“Your brother here was dead and has come to
life; he was lost and is found.”
Luke 15, 32

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 1 April at 19.30hrs in the Cenacle with an exploration of the human nature of Jesus in the Creed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 12 noon.

LOCAL 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

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HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY

Wishing all mothers a lovely day with their families.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

New boxes of gift aid envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. They will start next week.

EASTER SPRING CLEAN

Meet in the church at 10.00hrs on Wednesday 17th April. Everybody welcome - even if you are not a 'regular'.

EASTER ROTA

The rotas for Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday are up on the boards for the next two weekends. Sign up asap.

Last week's collection

Gift Aid	£187.50	Loose	£624.71
Standing Orders			£484.00

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?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle
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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Year C - Luke): Reconciliation is at the heart of the Christian calling. Christian commitment to reconciliation projects, e.g. the foundation of the EU in the late '40's or the Peace & Reconciliation movements in South Africa and the analogous negotiations leading up to the Good Friday agreement in the north of Ireland, were again inspired by the forgive and be forgiven principle we find articulated in the Our Father. If the season of Lent were to come and go without us giving some time to thinking about reconciliation, then something would indeed be missing. It would be tragic if we came to Easter without being moved by the overwhelming compassion of our God who seeks out the lost and celebrates our return to him. It would also be tragic if we were to forget that if we welcome God's forgiveness for ourselves then we automatically become ambassadors of that forgiveness to others. We must be careful not to end up like the older brother who is resentful of God's generosity to the undeserving.

First Reading (OT): Joshua 5, 9 - 12): This reading takes us to another important stage in the history of the chosen people. Under the leadership of Joshua they have just crossed the River Jordan and entered the Promised Land; they are no longer wandering pilgrims but a settled people in a land of their own. That will bring with it new challenges, for now they will no longer need to rely on God to sustain them with manna as in the desert but will be able to eat the produce of the land they have worked. The temptation now will be to forget about God in the effort to become rich and powerful in their new country. Unfortunately, as the passage of time was to show, many Israelites succumbed to this temptation and the covenant which had made them the people of a liberator God was abandoned in favour of the ways of oppression and greed.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 5, 17 - 21: Paul offers us an excellent summary of what the gospel is all about as he places the focus on forgiveness and reconciliation. His enthusiasm for what has taken place in Christ leads him to find dramatic and exciting ways to describe it. This time he argues that anyone who lives in Christ is now a new creation - the old ways have gone. Not only that but they have also been given the task of sharing this news, of becoming ambassadors for Christ. This is indeed a wonderful calling for by it we have the opportunity of bringing others to an awareness of how much they are loved by the Father. What God has done in Christ is to take on our sinful nature so that through him we might take on the nature of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 15, 1 - 3, 11 - 32: It could be said that there are two important journeys in the great parable of the Prodigal Son. One is that of the younger brother who realises the foolishness of his ways and turns towards home not sure what to expect and certainly not expecting the welcome he finds there. The other journey is, at least in distance, much shorter. It is that of the older brother who remains out in the fields unable to make the brief trip home because of his rage and anger. It is a Lenten journey so many of us could make to our personal profit.

Readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 169-171