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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th March, 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)
Psalter Week 3

Sunday	Third Sunday in Lent
8.00am	People of the Parish
10.15am	the Joseph Family well-being
5.50pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6.30pm	Special Intention
Monday	Lent Feria
9.30am	Joseph Family well-being
Tuesday	Lent Feria
9.30am	no intention
Wednesday	Lent Feria
9.30am	Stephen Morgan's Intention
Thursday	Lent Feria
9.30am	no intention
Friday	Lent Feria
9.30am	no intention
Saturday	Lent Feria
9.30am	no intention
	5.30-6.30pm Confessions & Adoration
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Lent
8.00am	People of the Parish
10.15am	no intention
5.50pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6.30pm	no intention

*Confessions: after Saturday morning Mass
and by request or appointment at any time*

MASS RESPONSES

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4th March, 2018

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

**"Destroy this sanctuary,
and in three days I will raise it up."**

MARION ANTIPHON FOR LENT

Ave Regina Caelorum

**Hail, Queen of the heavens,
hail, Lady of the angels.
Root of our salvation
and our gateway to heaven,
the light of the world was born to you.
Be joyful, Virgin of glory,
most beautiful of all in heaven.
We greet you now, true beauty –
pray for us to Christ.
V. Let me praise you, O sacred Virgin.
R. Against your enemies give me strength.
V. Let us pray:
Grant to us, O merciful God,
protection against our weakness,
that we who remember the holy Mother of God,
by the help of her intercession,
may rise from our sinfulness,
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Pope's Lenten Reflection

On this on the Third Sunday of Lent, the words of the Apostle Paul, which today the liturgy proposes for our meditation, resound in my mind: *"We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God"*.

I have nothing to propose or give to those whom I shall meet except Christ and the Good News of his Cross, a mystery of supreme love, of divine love that overcomes all human resistance and even makes forgiveness and love for one's enemies possible. This is the grace of the Gospel that is capable of transforming the world.

The Church, therefore does not pursue economic, social or political objectives; the Church proclaims Christ, certain that the Gospel can move the hearts of all and transform them, thereby renewing people and societies from within.
(Pope Benedict XVI)

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Once again, the Pastoral Area Penitential Service will be held at the Sacred Heart, Fareham, on Tuesday 20th March at 7pm. **Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are held here in the Lady Chapel, on Saturdays during Lent from 5.30-6.30pm. Come and be reconciled!**

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS:

Monday, 2 Kings 5:1-15; **Tuesday**, Daniel 3:25,34-43;
Wednesday, Deut 4:1,5-9; **Thursday**, Jeremiah 7:23-28;
Friday, Hosea 14:2-10; **Saturday**, Hosea 5:15-6:6.

Saint of the week

March 9th, Saint Frances of Rome, (d.1440)



Frances' life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor.

Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to marry her.

As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer.

So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.

Reflection: Looking at the exemplary life of fidelity to God and devotion to her fellow human beings which Frances of Rome was blessed to lead, one cannot help but be reminded of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who loved Jesus Christ in prayer and also in the poor. The life of Frances of Rome calls each of us not only to look deeply for God in prayer, but also to carry our devotion to Jesus living in the suffering of our world. Frances shows us that this life need not be restricted to those bound by vows.

MASS INTENTIONS

If there are no intentions booked for Masses on Sundays or during the week, *no intention* will be printed following the Mass time. Requests can be made at any time for any of these Masses, just ask Fr Peter. There is a new form online to book Mass intentions under the heading FORMS. Leave a telephone message or send an email to the Parish Office to request a particular date.

Teach me dear Lord frequently and attentively to consider this truth: that if I gain the whole world and lose thee, in the end I have lost everything; whereas if I lose the whole world and gain thee, in the end I have lost nothing."

Cardinal Blessed John Henry Newman

Forthcoming Events

St Patrick's Night Quiz & Social

17th March 7pm Church Hall, BYOB & snacks.

Tickets on sale after all masses £5 only.

Get a group of family and friends together as a team?

For further details speak to FR reps.

Ladies Night, 11th May

2 course meal £10. Tickets available soon.

To reserve in advance please contact Maggie 575375

The SVP thanks everyone who supported the Lenten Soup Lunch. An amount of **£300** has been raised for the SVP Disaster Fund which is helping the victims of Cyclone Okhi which hit SVP Conferences in India.

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken next weekend, March 11th, the 4th Sunday of Lent, to support the work of the SVP in the Parish.

For those who haven't yet been given it, by me, there is a new **Missio Magazine** in the box in the Foyer. If your red box is full you can leave it with the Repository volunteers (NAMED BOXES PLEASE). Alternatively you can take envelope from behind magazines and put money in that.

CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION

A sincere thanks for the very generous response to this year's CAFOD collection. A total of **£1051.76** was sent to the organisers, including Gift Aid.

You can still contribute to the Lent appeal online at www.cafod.org.uk or by calling 0300 100 0089.

Remember that all donations received for the appeal until the 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government.

REPOSITORY

St Patrick's Day and Easter cards are now available in the Repository

Rosary on the Coast

for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles
Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm

Rosary on the Coast is an initiative of the Lay Faithful across the British Isles inviting the faithful of our nations, with the support of our clergy and Bishops, to a Day of Prayer for Faith, Life and Peace. You can find information on their Facebook page and website where you can also read the Briefing Document for the event.

<https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/rosaryonthecoast/>

DIOCESAN DAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS!

The Educational Chaplaincies team have organised an inspiring day to help develop the mission of our Diocese in prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Saturday 5th May at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth. All adorers from throughout the Diocese together with those who have thought about adoring but have never done so, are invited to attend the day. I also invite those who would like to know more about the Blessed Sacrament to come too.

This will be a day for all to come and Adore!

Please remember in your prayers

Oliver Russell, Irene Hollywood, Joan & Jim Brown, Pat Juke, Joseph Dolan, Siobhan Jefferies, Samantha Donohoe, Pat & Hugh Cooke, Marion Celand, Eileen Parsons, Irene Otter, Maria & John Marvao, Michelle Gray, Kol Thelis, Val Stoker, Thomas McCartney, Dennis & Mamie Allen, Pat Elward, Netta Tracy, Sue & John Forer, Josie Cutcliffe, June Paris, John Kinneavy, Susan Bolton, Michael Cutcliffe, Mark Jones, Joyce Redding, Natalie Mahon, Jeanne Key, Kazyz Madeley, Joseph Chisholm, Anne-Marie Mooney,