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21st February 2021

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT year B

Our God is Able

Martin Luther King

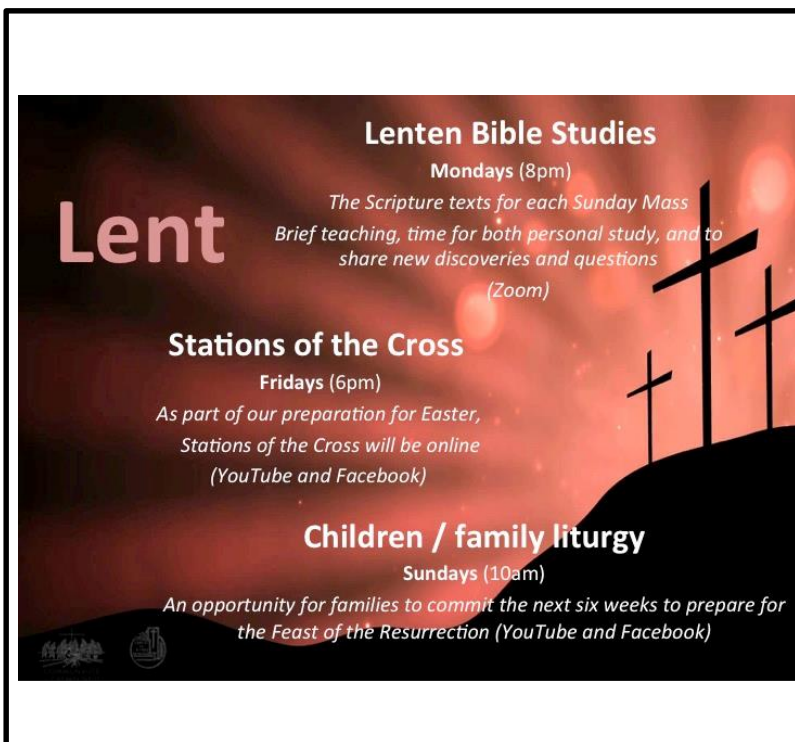
Let us notice finally that God is able to give us interior resources to confront the trials and difficulties of life. Each of us confronts circumstances in life which compel us to carry heavy burdens of sorrow, moments when jostling winds of adversity come with hurricane force and glowing sunrises are transformed into darkest nights.

Christianity has never overlooked these experiences of disappointment. They will inevitably come.

Admitting that moments will inevitably come when the weight of problems and staggering disappointments will invade our lives, Christianity goes on to affirm that God is able to give us the power to meet them. He is able to provide inner peace amid outer storms. This inner stability of the man of faith was Christ's chief legacy to his disciples. He left them with neither material resources nor a magical formula that would exempt them from suffering and persecution. But he left them an imperishable gift: "My peace I leave with thee." This is that peace which passeth all understanding.

Only God is able. It is faith in Him that we must re-discover in this modern world. Is someone here this morning moving toward the evening of life and afraid of that something called death? Why? God is able. Is someone here this morning all but on the brink of despair because of some grave disappointment? —the death of a loved one, the breaking of a marriage, the waywardness of a child. Why? God is able to give you the power to endure that which cannot be changed. Is someone here afraid of a bad health? Why? If it comes, God is able.

Extract from homily of Martin Luther King "Our God is able" in Strength to Love, 1963



Lenten Bible Studies
Mondays (8pm)
The Scripture texts for each Sunday Mass
Brief teaching, time for both personal study, and to share new discoveries and questions
(Zoom)

Stations of the Cross
Fridays (6pm)
As part of our preparation for Easter,
Stations of the Cross will be online
(YouTube and Facebook)

Children / family liturgy
Sundays (10am)
An opportunity for families to commit the next six weeks to prepare for the Feast of the Resurrection (YouTube and Facebook)

LENT

Mondays (8pm) – Lenten Bible Studies
Sessions will be approximately 1 hour in length, **Monday evenings at 8pm, beginning Feb 22nd and continuing until Easter.** Led by Deacon Ted Wood. To register and receive a Zoom link, contact the parish office.

Fridays (6pm) – Stations of the Cross
– replaces adoration
As part of our preparation for Easter, Stations of the Cross will be online on Friday evenings from 6 pm. Please join us via Facebook or YouTube to recall the suffering that Jesus undertook for our sake. The first Stations of the Cross will be on Friday 19th February.

Sundays – Children / family liturgy
On the six Sundays of Lent a Children's Liturgy of the Word will be available on YouTube and Facebook from 10am. An opportunity for families to commit the next six weeks to prepare for the Feast of the Resurrection.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURNS

The AFR is now available, please look at the website or collect a copy from the entrance hall.



OPENING OF THE CHURCH

- Please wear a face mask, this should cover your mouth and nose.
- For communion, there will be only one line. Then people will separate for the two communion stations at the front. Keeping a safe distance.
- In order to lessen the congestion at the exits, people should start to leave the church during the closing song after the priests have left.
- Please do not mingle inside or outside the church.
- Library will be locked for the time being.
- Please don't attend church if you or anyone in your household is ill.

TIMETABLE

Mass at 11am (except Tuesday)

Monday – Friday 10.45am – 2pm
 Saturday – 10.45am – 1pm **5.30pm Mass**
 Sunday – **9am Mass & 11am Mass**
Adoration 6pm (live streamed only)



FUNERALS

CLAUDE MIFSUD
 Wednesday 24th February at 1.30pm

MARTHA McGOWAN
 Monday 8th March at 12.00 noon
Please pray for their souls



ZOOM PRAYER GROUP

Last Saturday we were inspired by Ted Wood's talk on Christian Unity, illustrated by his own testimony. We now look forward to **Saturday 20th February at 2.30 pm** when Anne Coles will be speaking.
 Link from peterkrau@aol.com

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2021

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever. **Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, Caritas Westminster, Education Service.** Poverty is deepening across our Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.



Net For God DVD- Tuesday 23^d February -8.00pm - YouTube channel

Lebanon is experiencing an unprecedented economic crisis. The two huge explosions of August 4th 2020 have further aggravated this situation. The port of Beirut has been destroyed, as well as a large part of the city with its houses, hospitals and shops. Overnight people had nowhere to live and many had lost their livelihoods. In this extremely difficult context, people came together spontaneously to help and support each other, regardless of their social background and religious affiliation. This film tells us a story of hope and brotherhood.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Continues on Zoom, meeting with children and parents at 10am on Sunday 21st February. (No preparation on 28th February). 7th and 14th March. 21st March will be for the parents only. Please continue to pray for the children.



YOUTH GROUP

On Zoom for teenagers in year 10-12. Sunday 28th February 6-7pm.



FROM CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY

Mary Jo Radcliffe - Feb 27th 9.30 am to 1 pm

How can we keep hope alive?
 Please register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAuduqorzsvGdVwFMJk_P5k8dixcayNxzNQ

BT CLUB

Save the Date BT Club Mass
 Thursday 25th February 11am.
Sharing Project

An invitation is still open to you to "Share a Saint" that has special meaning to you or has a special place in your heart. All you need to do is send to the parish office or via email, a paragraph or two about your chosen Saint and we shall publish the details for us all to read.

Sunday 21 February 2021	FIRST SUNDAY of LENT year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Genesis 9:8-15. Ps. 24:4-9. 1 Pt. 3:18-22. Mk. 1:12-15.	Thursday 25 February	Lent Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Esther 4:17. Ps. 137:1-3. 7-8. Mt. 7:7-12.
Monday 22 February	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE Mass: 11.00am Readings: 1 Peter 5:1-4. Ps. 22. Mt. 16:13-19.	Friday 26 February	Lent Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Ezekiel 18:21-28. Ps. 129. Mt. 5:20-26.
Tuesday 23 February	Lent Feria NO MASS Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11. Ps. 33:4-7. 16-19. Mt. 6:7-15.	Saturday 27 February	Lent Feria Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19. Ps. 118:1-2. 4-5. 7-8. Mt. 5:43-48.
Wednesday 24 February	Lent Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Jonah 3:1-10. Ps. 50:3-4. 12-13. 18-19. Lk. 11:29-32.	Sunday 28 February	SECOND SUNDAY of LENT year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18. Ps. 115:10. 15-19. Rom. 8:31-34. Mk. 9:2-10.