

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'Laetare' Sunday

31st March 2019

Mothering Sunday



Mothering Sunday is always celebrated in this country on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So, each year, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home... a day off to visit their mother and family, usually taking gifts of cake or flowers. Nowadays it's a day to show our mothers how much we appreciate and love them. Happy Mothering Sunday!

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: please collect your new box of envelopes from the back of the Church, and please do not use them until next Sunday 7th April. If you Gift Aid your donation, would you please complete one of the forms to help update our records. Many thanks.

LENTEN ALMS: Our Lenten Alms this year will go to the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, which has a special focus on food poverty. If you have not done so already, please pick up a Cardinal's Appeal donation leaflet from the table by the door for more information. Please read it and pray for its aims, and, if you choose to do so, give generously. You can bring your donation to any Mass. There will be a final collection on Palm Sunday, 14 April.

GLOBAL HEALING: To learn how our faith can help us care for our common home, come along Tuesday, 2 April, 7:00 – 8:15. We'll use a video presentation from our bishops based on Pope Francis's letter "Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home."

DAYTIME MEETING ABOUT EUCHARIST: This coming Wednesday, 3rd April, 11:15 – 12:30 there is an opportunity to watch one of the talks about the Mass given by Bishop Robert Barron at the Eucharistic Congress earlier this year. Both our earlier speakers highly recommended his talks. Here's an opportunity for those who are unable to come in the evenings. Do come along. This follows the 10:30 Mass on Wednesday.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: the next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will be on Tuesdays 2nd & 9th April at 7.00pm in St John's Church, Duncan Terrace. You should please attend both sessions.

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES: Readers and Communion Ministers, please indicate on the papers by the notice board when you are available in Holy Week

FRIDAYS IN LENT: Mass and Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Opportunity for Confession following Stations.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION: The next class is on Monday 1st April, in the Crypt at St John's from 6.45pm – 8.00pm. Please make every effort to be there on time!

VOLUNTEERING HERE: The teams that do regular **cleaning** in church could use more help. Interested? Let Zeny Sagun or Sister Miriam know.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £220.90 loose cash: £193.63

Thank you for your generosity

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Douglas Goodbody who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Liam Buckley, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh, Russell Reyes, Florence S Philip, Amidu (Blessing) Yamba, Evelyn Corcoran, Gerry Corcoran, Eamon Hanahoe, Mary Paditey, Kieran Vos, Bridget Ryan, Barbara Baggs.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 31 st March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>(Parish Mass Book p.168)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 1 st April	Lent feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 2 nd April	Lent feria	10.30am	Intentions of Bl. Sacrament School
Weds. 3 rd April	Lent feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Friday 5 th April	Lent feria	<u>7.00pm</u>	Private Intention
Saturday 6 th April	Lent feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 7 th April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>(Parish Mass Book p.176)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Joseph Taylor RIP

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm