



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

1st Sunday of Lent - Page 152 in the Parish Mass Book

Readings: First Reading Genesis 2-7-9, 3: 1-7. Responsorial Psalm 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Second Reading: Romans 56:12-19. Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11

Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday the 22nd the season of Lent began, the Ashes reminded us of our mortality and how not to put earthly things before God. Lent can be a time of great spiritual growth if we use the time wisely. If our prayer life has become rather relaxed, Lent is the time to renew our spiritual conversations with our Heavenly Father, like any relationships the one we have with God needs our time. When we love someone, we seek that person out, we want their company and we wish to tell them everything that is going on in our lives both the good and the bad. If we profess to love God above all things, how will our relationship with him grow and mature if we neglect to spend any time in prayer. All of us in today's world lead busy lives and it is possible to neglect the ones we love, members of our own family and friends and even God. If you find yourself in this situation, why not use this Lent to reinvigorate your relationship with God and speak to him intimately in prayer and that means giving our time.

The Church is open most days of the week with the exception of when I am away and it is a real sanctuary of stillness and silence. At the heart of our Church is the Tabernacle in which is contained Jesus Christ himself. Not a symbol of Christ but Christ himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, he awaits us to pay him a visit and in the stillness of our Church we can open our hearts in loving conversation with him. On Fridays during Lent we will have Stations of The Cross just after the 6.00 pm Mass. It is a wonderful meditation on the Passion and Death of Christ on the Cross, if you have not been before take the opportunity to come. You might also want to attend the Friday evening Mass.

When I get back from seeing the Counsellor I thought it might be a good idea to start a Bible Prayer and Reflection Group on a Wednesday at 7.30 pm. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 8th and we will reflect on the Gospel of the 1st Sunday of Lent Year 1 (This Sunday's Gospel).

After sharing in last week's Newsletter, the fact that I have been suffering from depression for a while, I was completely overwhelmed with the support I received after Mass and notes and e-mails from so many. I found this most reassuring and a great comfort that I know I have your support, I even received a message from Cardinal Vincent Nicholls who somehow read our Sunday Newsletter.

I will be taking an extra day off next week in lieu of receiving Nora Procter's body into the church in what was my day off. I will be back on Friday 3rd to celebrate the 6.00 pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross. God Bless you & please pray for me next week. Fr. Sean.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 25 th	5.00 pm	John Brophy Anni
Sunday 26 th	9.00 am	Nora Procter R.I.P.
	10.30 am	Sheila Finucane R.I.P.

There will be no Masses on Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 1st

Fr Sean is away at the Counselling Retreat – Please keep Fr. Sean in your prayers.

Mass Intentions for March

Friday 3 rd	6.00 pm	John Moloney Anni
Saturday 4 th	5.00 pm	Alice & Reginald Sherratt R.I.P.
Sunday 5 th	9.00 am	Nora Procter R.I.P.
	10.30 am	For All the Holy Souls

There will be Stations of The Cross straight after the 6.00 pm Mass every Friday during Lent. Please try and join us for Mass and Stations

Nora's Funeral:

It was a Beautiful Funeral Mass, Nora would have been very pleased.

Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish –We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Dhoon Castells, Patrick Rice, Alison Marshall, Laurence Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Alice Perry, Paul Donnelly, Andrew Reilly, Matthew Fernandez

Anniversaries We pray for all who are recently deceased and their grieving families. Nora Procter, Olga Pinto & Gerald Ellicott

If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list, please let Annabelle know.

Free dates for Mass Intentions for March:

Monday 6 th	10.00 am
Tuesday 7 th	10.00 am
Wednesday 8 th	10.00 am
Friday 10 th	6.00 pm
Sunday 12 th	9.00 am
Monday 13 th	10.00 am
Tuesday 14 th	10.00 am
Wednesday 15 th	10.00 am
Friday 17 th	6.00 pm
Saturday 18 th	5.00 pm
Sunday 19 th	9,00 am

Please either e-mail me or ask me after Mass to book a Mass in the diary.

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Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday

Saturday

Reader: L Fabre
Eucharistic Minister: G Booth

Sunday

9.00 am
Reader: Paul Kelly
Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am
Reader: Andersons
Eucharistic Minister

Fr. Sean is starting a Bible Prayer and Reflection Group on Wednesday 8th and will reflect on the Gospel of the 1st Sunday in Lent (This Sunday's Gospel) 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. Please come along if you can, the meeting will be in the Sacristy and its going to be ongoing after Lent.

Lenten Prayer Group

There will be a Lenten Prayer Meeting on a Tuesday in the Sacristy from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm in person or via Zoom. Please e-mail Margaret Donnelly if you wish to join the pray meeting. margaret.donnelly@hotmail.co.uk

Social Club: A big thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the short survey on the types of activity you would like to see organized at our Church. We had over 40 responses. We have ranked the results based on who said they were definitely interested and maybe interested. Attached with the Newsletter will be the results of the survey.

World Day of Prayer 3rd March – We are hosting this at Corpus Christi, it will be at 2.30 pm in the Church, please come along and join us if you are able to.

Sausage Sunday - 12th – please join Margaret, Paul, James & Gerry after the 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses to enjoy a sausage in a bap, excellent coffee and great chat.

Churches Together Lenten Lunch Wednesday 15th at 12 Noon - 2.00 pm.

As we are hosting this lunch, I will need people to make soup and provide bread etc. I will put out a list at the back of the church this weekend.

St. Patrick's Family Quiz Night 18th As there is the big Match between Ireland and England it has been decided to start the Quiz at 7.30 pm, a sign-up list will be at the back of the Church this weekend and next weekend. Please join us if you can its a nice way to celebrate whoever wins! 😊

Wednesday Coffee Morning: As Fr. Sean is away on the first Wednesday of March, the coffee catch up after the 10.00 am Mass will be held on Wednesday 8th instead.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) -

Sue Wright PSR: tringsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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Church Offerings

If you are a weekly plate giver, would you please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Our bank details are as follows. Please do include your name as your reference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish, it is greatly appreciated.

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Standing Order Forms are at the back of the Church, if setting one up please remember to tick the Gift Aid box.



Children's liturgy

Children's liturgy will be held in the hall during the Sunday 9 am Mass. The children listen to a reading, have a discussion and do a related craft activity. We go from the church to the hall before the start of mass and return for the offertory. Suitable for ages up to eight years old. Thank you, Ide Powell.

Dates for your Diary for Feb/March

28th Tuesday – Lenten Prayer Group 8.00 – 9.00 pm in the Sacristy.

3rd: World Day of Prayer at Corpus Christi 2.30 pm

8th Coffee Catch up after the 10.00 am Mass

8th Bible Prayer & Reflection Group 7.30 – 9.00 in the Sacristy

12th Sausage Sunday in the Hall after the 9.00 am & 10.30 Masses

15th Lenten Lunch – we are hosting in the Hall – Soup & Rolls

18th St Patrick's Day Family Quiz Night – 7.30 pm (after the Ireland England Game)

Articles for the Newsletter - Please send any pieces for the Newsletter by Wednesday to tring@rcdow.org.uk

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