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Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th March 2019

1st Sunday of Lent - Year C



LAST WEDNESDAY the Church invited us to embark on a journey, the journey of Lent which is a journey towards Easter. We are a baptised people but have not yet lived fully

the life of a Christian. Lent calls us to a change of heart and a fuller living of the Gospel. In today's Gospel we see Jesus struggling against temptation because He, too, shared our human weaknesses; yet He did not sin. He remained faithful and true to His Father. Through His grace we, too, can resist temptation and overcome sin.

"Support us, O Lord, in all that we have undertaken and help us to support one another. Let Your Word guide us and Your Holy Spirit strengthen and inspire us so that, having died with Christ to sin, we may rise with Him to a new and glorious life at Easter."

MASS INTENTIONS

John Rawsthorne and Phyllis Burns

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH - CAFOD LENTEN FAST

You will find the CAFOD Lenten Fast envelopes attached to the Newsletter. Please return them next weekend.

A REMINDER

- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.
- The church will be open each day from 8.00 a.m. until dusk for private prayer.
- Please continue to bring in food to help the Food Bank at the Foxton Centre, especially tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin e.g. meat - also, anything suitable for homeless people with no cooking facilities. However, the Centre is not able to accept any alcoholic drinks. There are boxes at the back of the church.
- Please also bring in clothes/bedding (but no duvets, please) for the Rwanda Group Trust Charity Shop. These can be given in any condition as those not fit for sale can be weighed in for cash. There is a box in the porch.

Lenten Schedule

Each Wednesday in Lent, starting next Wednesday 13th March, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00 p.m.

Each Friday during Lent there will be a Lenten Lunch in the Parish House following Service of the Word at 12.00 noon in church. £1.00 for a bowl of soup and a bread roll. All proceeds will go to the Rwanda Group Trust. **If you can help to make soup, please sign the list on the table at the back of church.**

LITURGY NEXT WEEK

Monday 11th

9.00 a.m. Service of the Word

Tuesday 12th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Wednesday 13th

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Eddie Dowd

Thursday 14th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

1.00 p.m. Funeral Service for Veronica Singleton

Friday 15th

12.00 noon Service of the Word

Saturday 16th

6.30 p.m. First Mass of Sunday - Dennis Walton

Sunday 17th

10.00 a.m. Mass - George Richardson



DID YOU KNOW ... at the beginning of 2019, CAFOD renewed its commitment to the poorest people in our human family around the world. We believe that no one should be beyond the reach of the love and support they need to thrive. As Catholics, we are driven by the belief that if one of us is hurt, hungry or abandoned, we all are hurt, hungry and abandoned but at CAFOD we are forced to turn away one in three requests for help because we don't have enough money to go around. Please be generous on Lenten Fast Day so we can help even more people. Thank you.

DIGNITY IN DEMENTIA

Alan Clayton (guitarist with the music group) is starting a Dementia singing group at the Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre on Sharoe Green Lane. Alan has been affected by family members who have had dementia and says it is heart breaking to see what family and friends have to go through when the people they love slowly fade away.

Music offers a unique way for people with Dementia to communicate with others and to continue to feel connected and valued. The carer attending will also feel extra support from the other group members who are in the same situation as them.

To help buy equipment for the group and to get it up and running, Alan is putting on a fund-raising event at Preston Playhouse **on Friday 26th April at 7.30 p.m.** It is an evening of music and song and features local artists including Peter Cobb, our music leader and Alan himself. Tickets are on sale from the Box Office 07738 915848 or www.Prestonplayhouse.com. Otherwise see Marian Vaughn who is running the Box Office.

There is a poster on the notice board in the porch with more details of the concert or to read more about what has inspired Alan in this venture, take a notice from the table at the back of church or speak to Alan on 07989 554878.



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Francis Burns, Sam Dowd, Pam Raggett, Betty Whiteside, Eric Grimes, Jackie Lyons, Maureen Hetko, Maria Butterworth, Fred Griffiths, Bernadette

Benson, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Joan Muir, Susan Lavelle, Mary Gallagher, Fiona Turnbull, Teresa Flanagan, May Eccles, Marian Roberts, Mary Randall, John Thornton, Vin Riley, Fr. Ted and for all who are sick.

For the housebound and those in hospital.

For carers and all who are anxious for the health of their loved ones.

For the relief, comfort and solace of all refugees and the homeless.

For missionaries and for all victims of strife and terrorism.

For peace in all the troubled areas of our world.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

Our Lady, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.

For all who have died recently, especially Eddie Dowd and Veronica Singleton and for John Rawsthorne and all others whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



COLLECTION LAST WEEK (including Buildings' Fund) £718.54
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Parish Buildings' Fund £56.72
SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Rwanda Group Trust
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: CAFOD
BUILDINGS' FUND TOTAL TO DATE: £12,367.82
MASS ATTENDANCE: Saturday 6.30 p.m. = 75 Sunday 10.00 a.m. = 151

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	Leviticus 19 vv 1-2, 11-18	Matthew 25 vv 31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55 vv 10-11	Matthew 6 vv 7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3 vv 1-10	Luke 11 vv 29-32
Thursday	Esther 4 v 17	Matthew 7 vv 7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18 vv 21-28	Matthew 5 vv 20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26 vv 16-19	Matthew 5 vv 43-48
Sunday	2 nd Sunday in Lent	
	Deuteronomy 26 vv 4-10	Romans 10 vv 8-13
	Luke 4 vv 1-13	

ST. GREGORY'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Saturday 16th March - Artist Assured
 Bingo - Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtime
 The Centre is available for hire for private functions
 Bookings can be made by contacting the Secretary or the Stewardess on 01772 798336 or 07539 611952 (mobile)
 Why not visit our friendly club?

NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Finding Peace and Healing:** A week of events with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal from 9th to 14th March at St. Clare's. See the Notice Board for times.
- **Preston Area Churches** invite you to an Ecumenical Lenten Series "Becoming Fully Alive" - each Monday throughout Lent at 7.30 p.m. at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street. Refreshments available. More details of each of the evenings and guest speakers are on the notice board in the church porch.



MUSIC GROUP

The group will next meet in church on Monday 15th April at 7.00 p.m. to look at music for the Triduum and Easter. Anyone who can sing or play an instrument is very welcome to join us - all levels of ability. If you do not wish to be part of the group but just wish to learn the music you are also very welcome.