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Mass is on page 73 in the parish mass book

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS**

*If you are new to the parish or have moved house within the parish please ask a collector for a Record Form, complete it and return it to the collector*

THIS WEEKEND		1st SUNDAY OF LENT		Year C
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>6pm</b>	(Vigil) Cowdall & Halliwell family intentions / EBC		
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>10am</b>	The Parish <i>In his pastoral letter the Archbishop refers to an online website for filling in a questionnaire re Synod 2020. It is at: <a href="http://Synod2020.co.uk">Synod2020.co.uk</a></i>		<b>Journey in Faith</b> 4.30-5.30pm <b>Youth group</b> 7-9pm Priory House <b>Family Rota of Prayer</b> Sullivan family, 35 Atherton Road
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9am</b> <b>12.15</b>	No Mass Deceased members of the Salisbury family		<b>Church Cleaning</b> 9am 'B' team <b>Mindfulness</b> 10-12 Priory House <b>Sacramental programme</b> 6.30pm <b>Widows Welcome</b> 7.30pm <b>SPUC</b> 7.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March.	<b>7.50</b> <b>12.15</b>	(with schools) Victor Howard anniversary James McManmon RIP		<b>High School Musical</b> 7pm H School <b>Baptism course</b> 8pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9am</b> <b>12.15</b>	Carol Finley Catherine, William & Roy Hodgkinson		<b>Word of Life</b> 7pm <b>High School Musical</b> 7pm H School
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8am</b> <b>12.15</b>	(Alverna) David Baron RIP Mary Kirby's intentions		<b>Volunteer Training</b> 9.30 - 12 <b>Lenten prep for Synod 2020</b> on the Joy of the Gospel 7.30-8.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>8am</b> <b>11:30</b> <b>12.15</b>	(High school) <i>Stations of the Cross in Church</i> Francis Williams RIP		<b>CAFOD Soup lunch</b> after 12.15 mass in the parish house <b>High School Musical</b> 7pm H School <b>Lenten Scripture</b> 7:30 – 8:30 at Alverna.
NEXT WEEKEND		2nd SUNDAY OF LENT		Year C
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9am</b> 9.30 till ends 5-6:00pm <b>6pm</b>	Christine Hayes RIP Confessions Confessions (Vigil) The Parish / Newsham family intentions		<b>Parish Workshop</b> 9.30 - 12.30
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>10am</b>	H School Boulton family thanksgiving / Sacramental Programme		<b>Journey in Faith</b> 4.30-5.30pm Priory House <b>Youth group</b> 7-9pm Priory House <b>Family Rota of Prayer</b> Jackson family, 4 Long Moss

**Confessions** are available at any time. Ring to arrange

**Adoration in church, St Joseph's Chapel** You are welcome to pop in any time

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £459.15**  
For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

**Gift Aid £414.05**  
**Many thanks**

**Week 9 500 CLUB Congratulations to C Whittle £100 Winner** (No 164) Agent: A Anthony

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK The Congregation says:**

*May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.*



**Rosary for the Unborn** The Knights of St Columba and SPUC pray the rosary

Intention for March - For medical staff that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life



**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL** Pupils at St Mary's are almost ready to raise the curtain! Our cast and crew would like to invite you to see their performance of 'High School Musical'. Our production of the Disney classic will take place on the evenings of Tuesday, 12th, Wednesday, 13th and Friday, 15th of March with a special matinee performance on Thursday, 14th March for local primary schools. Adults £8; Under 16 £5 Apply to the School office 421909

**Lenten Preparation for Synod 2020:** "The joy of the Gospel" of Pope Francis gives us the Spirit with which to approach the Synod. The first of four Thursdays in Lent is this Thursday 14 March from 7:30 – 8:30pm. You can acquire a copy from the Piety Shop if you do not have one. – a worthy Lenten activity.

## **THE PARISH BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME** Theia-Rose and Issac Luke Ashurst

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Paul Falcone, Carol Wright, Joe Mullin, Tony Kerrigan, Rosalia Lakot (Fr Leonsyo Akena's mother) Monica Maguire, Bernadette Clarke, Colin Bennett, Frank King, Vanda Brown, Pat McMahon, Bernadette Thompson, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standidge, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, Sharon Seddon, Margaret Evans, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, Vi Gardner, Joan Sullivan, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Glenda Kelly, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty, and connected with us, Elaine Brown, Malcolm Wright, Anthony McMahon, Chris Berry, Peter Keane, Alison Gardner, Kevin Barnes, and for all sick people known to parishioners.

**Urgent appeal for more church cleaners** We need both men and women to join the church cleaning teams. The cleaning is done on a rota basis, usually on Monday mornings 9am - 10am alternate weeks (or at a time to suit you), finishing with a cuppa and a biscuit. If you are interested and can spare some time to help, you will receive a warm welcome. Please phone Pat on 469381.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED** For all who have died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Catherine Hodgkinson, Pamela Mulhall, Denis Chatburn, Theresa Dean, Tony Benfold, Richard t Tyndall, Sr Teresa Ryan, Tony Lever, Mary Newsham and Eddie (Edmund) Purcell.

**Thank You** to all parishioners who have Red Boxes. Last year you raised a fantastic £2,990.90. Your prayers and donations continue to sustain all missionaries as they share God's love with some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people throughout the world. If you would like a Red Box please call Teresa Smith on 452745

**Parish Workshop on Liturgy: Becoming the Church we want to be** The Parish Council has embarked on a journey to develop our parish that brings us closer together in the one body of Christ. Over the coming months we will be taking small steps together learning from each other focussing on the 5 ministries of the early Church; WORSHIP, WORD, WELCOME, WELFARE, AND WITNESS; We begin with the ministry of worship. Each week we gather for Mass which is the source and summit of our faith. We want to learn about all that we do well, and all that is not quite so good, and find the way forward. On March 16<sup>th</sup> we are personally inviting all those involved as musicians, altar servers, flower arrangers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, sacristan to join us during the holy period of Lent to reflect on how each of our various roles contribute to the celebration of the Mass and how we go forward together, to develop and strengthen our faith and witness. We welcome anyone with an interest to join us.

**There will be two workshops Saturday 16th March 9.30 am to 12.30: come to both:**

**Saturday 30th March 9.30 am to 12.30 venue for both St Mary's Narthex.**

**Please sign the list in the narthex this weekend if you are attending.**

St Augustine said "By faithfulness we are collected and wound up into unity within ourselves, whereas we had been scattered abroad in multiplicity". All members of the Parish will be involved on this journey through the 5 ministries,

**SPUC 2019 Youth Conference** 'Be a Voice for the Voiceless' Friday 15th - Sunday 17th March in Milton Keynes. See poster or flyers in the narthex for details. Help is available with costs, please contact David Newton 451880

**CAFOD's Family Fast Day** Friday 15th March an opportunity during Lent to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Please eat a simple meal in solidarity with them and give what you save to help those in need. FFD envelopes are available in the narthex. *Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but drought last year killed all the fish and she is struggling to support her disabled husband and son.*

**A soup lunch for Family Fast Day** 15<sup>th</sup> March in the parish house after 12.15 mass. All are warmly invited. Please sign the list in the narthex or tell Lesley if you are attending, to help the caterers.

**HCPT Lourdes Trip 2019** 16 parishioners are going to Lourdes 16-23 August. Cost £733 each, all inclusive. Flights direct from Manchester to Tarbes. Places are still available if you would like to know more please contact Janice Wardley, Jackie Lee or Celia Neill via the parish house 455955, leaving your name and we will call you back.

**OUR WAY OF LIFE** The Archbishop in today's pastoral letter gives a very realistic view of the crisis of our present situation both in our country and in the Church. A Scottish priest we met at Ampleforth on retreat last week as a group of our parishioners were there for the same purpose said about the Church as we discussed our difficulties: "The Church is still where we go to find God's mercy, healing and redemption, and the presence of God himself. It is still where Christ is present in the world and there is nowhere else to go". We are the Church!

**A REFLECTION.** It is not just the Church but our country that is in crisis. Archbishop Malcolm has some very good words to take to heart: if there is an economic recession then we will have to give even more of our time and resources not only during Lent but possibly for longer. This is not a time for us to only look after ourselves, but a time to be generous of spirit and attentive to the needs of our neighbours. Website to refer to:

**WORD OF LIFE** **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful** (Lk 6:36). St Luke's gospel tells us that, after proclaiming the Beatitudes to his disciples, Jesus then invited his followers to love every person as a brother or sister, even those considered to be enemies. This invitation was almost revolutionary at the time but Jesus is very clear in stating that we are all brothers and sisters because we have one Father who always seeks out his children. God the Father wants to relate to us: he reminds us of our responsibilities but at the same time his love heals, nourishes and takes care of us. His attitude is motherly, compassionate and tender. This is the mercy of God who reaches out personally to every human being in their weakness and fragility. In fact, God prefers those who are excluded, rejected and on the periphery of society. Mercy is a love that fills our hearts and then flows out to others, to neighbours as well as strangers, to society around us. Since we are children of God, we can imitate and resemble him in his characteristic way of loving - by accepting and welcoming others and knowing how to wait until others are ready to accept this love.

*Full copy available in church, in the New City (free) & on the website.*