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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		2nd SUNDAY OF LENT		Year C
DATE		MASS INTENTIONS		MEETINGS / EVENTS
Saturday 16 th March	6pm	(Vigil) The Parish / Newsham family intentions		
Sunday 17 th March	10am	Boulton family thanksgiving / Sacramental Programme		Journey in Faith 4.30-5.30pm Youth group 7-9pm Priory House Family Rota of Prayer Jackson family, 4 Long Moss
Monday 18 th March	9am 12.15	No Mass Katy Phillips birthday remembrance		Church Cleaning 9am 'A' team Mindfulness 10-12 Priory House
Tuesday 19 th March (St Joseph)	7.50 12.15	(with schools) Gerry Gough RIP Alan Donnelly anniversary		
Wednesday 20 th March	9am 12.15	Vincent Rice RIP (MM) Barbara Musgrave RIP		
Thursday 21 st March (The passing of St Benedict)	8am 11.00 12.15	(Alverna) Sr Austin FMSJ Funeral service Les Jolly Service of Word and Sacrament		Volunteer Training 9.30 - 12 Lenten prep for Synod 2020 on the Joy of the Gospel has been cancelled.
Friday 22 nd March	8am 11:30 12.15	(High school) David Baron RIP <i>Stations of the Cross in Church</i> Requiem Mass Joyce Simmonds		Lenten Scripture 7:30 – 8:30 at Alverna.
NEXT WEEKEND		3rd SUNDAY OF LENT		Year C
Saturday 23 rd March	9am 9.30 till ends 5-6:00pm 6pm	For the sisters FMSJ Confessions (B) Confessions (J) (Vigil) EBC / Les Jolly recently died		
Sunday 24 th March	10am	The Parish		Journey in Faith 4.30-5.30pm Priory House Youth group 7-9pm Priory House Family Rota of Prayer Trish Henshaw 16 Lowerhouse Road

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 £468.93**

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Gift Aid £399.10

Many thanks

Week 10 500 CLUB Congratulations to J Ellison £100 Winner (No 3) 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



The Parish Reconciliation Service for Lent takes place on Tuesday 2 April at 7:30pm. The High School students will lead us and we will have some first confessions of adults and children. Extra priests will be present. It is an important moment to meet Jesus who heals and saves us in our souls and bodies today as in his time on earth.

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.

Thank you for continuing to support the Local Food Bank. During FEBRUARY your donations helped us to support an average of 58 households every week by giving out 80 food parcels. We currently have ample stocks of pasta, baked beans and soup. However, we are short of: *Curry and pasta sauces, Tinned meat and fish, Packs of mash, Tinned Puddings, Cereal and Milk*. If you can help it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you

THE PARISH 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED For Joyce Simmons and Les Jolley and all who have died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Teresa Hayes, Maureen Walkden, Moya Ainsworth, Lily Sheeran, David Turner, George Cross and John Allum.

Ecumenical Brexit Prayer Service Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have asked local Churches Together organisations to hold prayer services on 29th March. There will be a short prayer service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to unite in prayer at this key moment in the history of Europe.

Easter Candles and Flowers if you would like an Easter candle £5, for your family, or in memory of loved ones who have died or would like to donate towards the Easter Flowers. Please fill in your details on one of the parish multipurpose or your own envelopes and hand in to the Priory asap.

Easter Sunday Garden Party We are planning a Parish Easter Celebration. After the 10am mass we will meet in the garden, weather permitting, for a Jacob's join and various games: an Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet parade, races and craft activities. A list will be available shortly to organise food for the Jacob's join and Easter bonnet parade; please start planning your bonnets. We would be grateful if parishioners could donate Easter eggs of various sizes. Anyone wishing to help at this celebration please speak to Cath & Tim Sullivan or ring 07800 771575.

Lenten Vigil at Cardinal Newman College on 2nd April at 6.30pm. All are invited to a service of prayer and reflection with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Youth Group Lent Project Our Youth group have decided to collect as many crisp packets and Bread wrappers as they can during Lent. These can be dropped off at specific locations and after recycling, the materials are re-designed into various items, such as robust public seating, bags for life, plus many more!

This prevents many of the plastic items from entering our seas and oceans, where they threaten marine life - and ultimately the life on this planet.

If it is successful and well supported by the Parish, we can become a public drop-off point (with collection bins outside in the church grounds). As a public drop-off point, we would get paid for the waste packets & wrappers by weight. Any income could be given to a designated Charity of our choosing! Monies raised during Lent by the Youth Group will go to CAFOD?

Fundraising St. Mary's High School. St Mary's is one of ten schools selected to take part in the Rock FM Cash for Kids 'School Challenge'. We have 4 weeks in which to fundraise for the school. Our fundraising will be match funded up to £2000. The school who raises the most will receive a further £1000. A collecting bucket is in the Narthex.

What can you do to help? In your workplace you could organise a quiz, raffle, sponsored event or just make a simple donation to our [personalised fundraising](#) page. The latest date for donations is 12 noon on Thursday 4th April. This is the kick start to helping us resurface our aging astro-turf, a facility used not only by the school but local sports clubs. Many thanks in anticipation for your support. See poster in the narthex for more details.

Wonderful News There will be an ordination in our Parish at 12 noon on Sunday 28 April. A consecrated lay man who was in England for 30 years will be ordained here by Archbishop Malcolm to help the Church in a Mission Country. If you wish to come, sign the list as parishioners will be laying on food for the guests in the Club.

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 Jesus is transfigured showing something of his true person, the Word of God made flesh. The divine and the human are united, and this has affected the whole of creation including human beings.

A REFLECTION. Yet Jesus, all powerful Word of God through whom all things were made becomes "a nobody, a worm and no man" to save the world by his cross. He taught us without hesitation to love each other and everyone including enemies. What a contrast in the tragic massacre of 40 of our brother Muslims in New Zealand on Friday last, and the hatred that divides our own country. Let us do something about it. If you meet a Muslim man or woman, be friendly and welcoming. Why not come to the Prayer Service called for by Churches together of Britain and Ireland on Friday week about our Political situation? Or pray to God personally; he answers prayers!

WORD OF LIFE **Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful** (Lk 6:36). 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.

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Unfortunately, in our personal and social lives we breathe an atmosphere of growing hostility and competition, of mutual suspicion, judgment and fear of others. Grudges accumulate and lead to conflicts and wars. As Christians, we can give a clear witness of refusing to be swept along by these negative attitudes. We can try to be free from ourselves and from outside circumstances, and begin to rebuild the weakened or broken bonds in our family, workplace, parish community, political party or country.

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