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12th March 2017 THE NEWSLETTER for the Second Sunday in Lent (A)

Parish Masses for the First Week of Lent

| Date | Time | Intention | Feast |
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| Sa 11 th | 5.30pm St P's | Priest's Intention | Vigil of the 2 nd Sunday of Lent |
| Su 12 th | 8.30am St P's | For the parish | 2 nd Sunday of Lent |
| Su 12 th | 10.00am St J's | Priest's Intention | 2 nd Sunday of Lent |
| M 13 th | 7.55am | Elizabeth & Richard Seed R | Lent Weekday |
| T 14 th | 8.00am | Jacques Davis S | Lent Weekday |
| W 15 th | 8.00am | Priest's Intention | Lent Weekday |
| Th 16 th | 7.55am | Priest's Intention | Lent Weekday |
| F 17 th | 8.00am | Priest's Intention | St Patrick B |

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope
 P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversaries of whose deaths occur at this time:

Doreen Howell, Anne Holden, Brian Carr
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
 Amen.*

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 4th/5th March

| Vigil | 8.30am | 10.00 am | TOTAL |
|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| £83.10 | £77.75 | £83.32 | £244.17 |

Readings at Mass

| | 2 nd Sunday of Lent | 3 rd Sunday of Lent |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 st Reading | Genesis 12:1-4 | Exodus 17:3-7 |
| 2 nd Reading | 2 Timothy 1:8-10 | Romans 5:1-2,5-8 |
| Gospel | Matthew 17:1-9 | John 4:5-42 |

Things to do in Lent.

Something you might think of doing in Lent is **Spiritual Reading**. Our faith can remain very childish if we only rely on what we were taught in school. It is not that the beliefs of the Catholic Church have changed.

Rather, the world we live in now has changed and is very different to the world we lived in as children and the Church is trying to express Her beliefs in ways that are meaningful to the modern world. These ways are expressed in writings, books and other forms of the media.

There are resources at hand for you to read here in the church. I regularly put newsletters and periodicals from all sorts of organisations which are involved with

people and their problems. As you know, I encourage you to take these items and read them at your leisure at home. You will soon discover what the Church is doing in every corner of the world.

The internet brings a wonderful source of all kinds of material to your desk-top. For daily prayer, try **"Sacred Space"**. Also www.ThePopeVideo.org
 For long articles to read at your desk, look at www.thinkingfaith.org

To purchase books and pamphlets, try www.ctsbooks.org or www.rpbooks.co.uk

Events in Lent.

Sunday, April 2nd at 3.00pm - **A Mass with Anointing of the Sick** followed by refreshments in St Joseph's Chapel and School. More news and information later.

Wednesday's of Lent at 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross in St Joseph's Chapel.

Saturday, 25th March.
 2.00 – 4.00pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** with **confessions** available.

Also, **'A Prophet for our Day'**. A series of four talks and discussions during Lent.
 Second Session Tuesday, March 14th at 7.30pm in St Joseph's School.

The Jesuit Pastoral Conference

8th – 10th June 2017

In 2017, a meeting is planned in the Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire.

The dates and times are from **5.00pm on Thursday, June 8th** until after **lunch on Saturday, June 10th.**

The theme of the meeting is a study of the three encyclicals issued by Pope Francis since he became Pope. They are:

Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel

Laudato Si – Care of Planet Earth

Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Married Love.

I recommend this opportunity very highly. Pope Francis has taken his responsibilities very seriously indeed and we need as a parish to take on board his wishes for the Church of today.

If you would like to attend, please see Fr Griffiths.

'A Prophet for our Day'

Lenten Talks and Discussions

14th, 21st & 28th March 2017

in St Joseph's School at 7.30pm with refreshments.

From Fr Griffiths:

This week's theme is The Teaching and Message of the Prophets – Monotheism.'

The Jews were continually forgetting their God and going after the gods of the local tribes. How did the prophets call them back to their faith? What gods are we going after today? Who is calling us back? What am I doing to prophesy to the people around me?

Praying with the Pope in March, 2017

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.

Knowing the Faith.

'Classes' on various aspects of Catholic teaching.

Venue: The Parish Priest's office. Enter by the stepped entrance at the side of the church.

Time: 7.30pm.

Next Meeting: March 13th 2017

Topic: Praying the Mass

Don't forget **Stations of the Cross** on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7.00pm in St Joseph's School Chapel.

