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26th March 2017 THE NEWSLETTER for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (A)
 Masses for this week. 'Laetare' Sunday

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 25 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent
Su 26 th	8.30am St P's	For the parish	4 th Sunday of Lent
Su 26 th	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	4 th Sunday of Lent
M 27 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Lent Weekday
T 28 th	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Lent Weekday
W 29 th	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Lent Weekday
Th 30 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Lent Weekday
F 31 st	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Lent Weekday

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:

John Gillett, Philip Holden, Celia Roberts, Eugene Erdozain, Oliver Ryan, Cecily Holden.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
 Your prayers are also asked for the repose of the soul of **Frederick Ridout**, father of David Ridout, teacher in the College. Frederick Ridout died recently.

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 18th/19th March

Vigil	8.30am	10.00 am	TOTAL
£40.65	£61.33	£131.33	£233.31

Collection for CAFOD: £372.33

Additional Collection 248.23

Readings at Mass

	4 th Sunday of Lent	5 th Sunday of Lent
1 st Reading	1Sam 16:1,6-7, 10-13	Ezekiel 37:12-14
2 nd Reading	Ephesians 5:8-14	Romans 8:8-11
Gospel	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-45

Things to do in Lent. Fasting.

Thankfully, in our day, food and drink are in reasonably plentiful supply for most of us, and fasting, or dieting as it may be more truthfully called is the order of the day simply to keep us in good health because we are easily tempted to overeat and drink. Such 'dieting' is not the fasting the Church recommends for Lent. Our Lenten fast is, or is meant

to be, a disciplining of the body which keeps us fit and alert for the service of God, Our Lord. We shake ourselves up physically because we may have become somewhat lethargic and lazy, rather preferring to indulge our own comfort than stir ourselves for others. Couch potatoes, no longer in service!
 If our Lenten fasting is coupled with generosity for the poor, when we give to those less well off than ourselves what we save by holding back on all manner of things, then our fasting becomes not only helpful, perhaps even life-saving for us but also a good deal of help for the poor, and certainly life-saving for them. If our fasting does help us to become fitter and healthier human beings, let us give God the praise and thanks for the health and strength He gives us so that we can go on serving Him in others.



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

Tuesday, 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 – Future Salvation

The prophet Isaiah contains some of the most beautiful and moving religious poetry ever written. We shall look at the famous 'Servant Songs' and the consoling messages he writes for a troubled and suffering people.

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

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick used to be given only in times of near-death. It was known as Extreme Unction, or anointing at the very last! In these more enlightened and pastoral times, the sacrament is more freely given. So who can be anointed? Certainly, the elderly, and especially those who find that old age is beginning to limit their mobility etc. Secondly, anyone with an ongoing health condition, so if you are taking regular medication, you may ask to be anointed. If by chance, you are expecting to go into hospital for treatment or an operation, you should certainly ask for the anointing of the sick. Of-course, if you are seriously affected by an ongoing illness, then do ask to be anointed. Our parish celebration of this sacrament will take place within a mass for the sick and there will be refreshments afterwards.

So that we know how many to cater for, please let Fr Griffiths know if you are coming to this special mass.

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

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 27th 2017

Topics: 'The Practice of Confession' and the 'Lord's Prayer'.

Money Matters.

From Kaz Poloczek.

The new Gift Aid Envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the church for the new tax year starting on April 6th.

If you have not yet joined the Gift Aid Scheme and you pay Income Tax and would like to consider joining the Scheme please ask Fr Griffiths or Kaz Poloczek (01254 826527) for a Gift Aid Form.

If you no longer pay tax and are a member of the scheme, please let Fr Griffiths know that you have stopped paying tax. Also, if you have changed address since you joined the Gift Aid Scheme, please let Fr Griffiths or Kaz know so that our records can be updated.

If you Gift Aid using a cheque, this needs to be handed in before the end of March.

As Parish Priest, I would like to thank all you who are able and who Gift Aid their church donations. This increases your contribution by 25% and makes a considerable difference.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Kaz for all his hard work in running the Scheme. His efforts are very much appreciated. Fr PG SJ