

As we begin our Lenten journey, starting this Wednesday, we pray for the humility to walk back into the open arms of God.

Jesus teaches us to give, pray, and fast in secret, and in this way to give glory to God. Let us think about these three good deeds a little more deeply today.

Give. How can I give joyfully, and not reluctantly or out of self-righteousness? Can I look into the eyes of my sister or brother living in poverty, seeking to understand their hopes and struggles, and give generously to bring healing?

Pray. How can I create space to pray to the Lord? Can I close the door on the world, away from the hustle and bustle, to rekindle my relationship with God? Can I make time every day to do this, trusting that God's grace will bring light to my life and to those around me?

Fast. How can I give up some of the things I normally indulge in to create more space for God? Can I give up chocolate or wine, complaining or arguing; and instead try to grow in love, peace, and kindness for my neighbours near and far?

Lent prayer

Loving God, we pray that we may grow closer to your son, our Lord Jesus, and share our love with our sisters and brothers who are most vulnerable. Amen.

Act. How can you give, pray or fast today to give glory to God? Please give to our Lent Appeal or pray for our sisters and brothers in Zambia. Thank you - the people we work with around the world are always grateful for your support.

This reflection was written by Rachel McCarthy from CAFOD's Theology Programme.

Lenten Prayer

*Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.*

*Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.*

Amen.



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Dn Joseph S.



5th – 12th March 2017



*Jesus fasted for 40days
and 40 nights*

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| Sunday 5.03 | 10am | Holy Souls Malayalam Mass: Lukose Joseph RIP, Kathrikutty Joseph RIP, Bridget RIP, John Thomas BDay | Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11 |
| Monday 6.03 | 12noon | Anette Garvin Get well | Lev 19:1-2.11-18 Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tue 7.03 | 10am | Peggy Doherty RIP, Chinnamma Philip RIP | Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wed 8.03 | 10am | Dympna Clifford RIP | Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thu 9.03 | 10am | Katie Doherty RIP | Est C:12.14-16.23-25 Mt 7:7-12 |
| Friday 10.03 | 10am 6.30pm | Benita Thomas BDay Deceased members of Durkin Family | Ezek 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26 |
| Sat 11.03 | 10am | Michael & Rose O'Rourke RIP | Deut 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday 12.03 | 10am 11.30am | Alexander Adamowicz RIP & Raymond Campbell RIP Malayalam Mass: Alin Praveen Ints | Gen 12:14 2Tm 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9 |

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday or whenever required
Monday to Friday Mass in the Presbytery, Saturday & Sunday in the church**

Feasts of the week: Tuesday, Ss Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs.

**Today: a short talk by Rose Kennedy about CAFOD.
Next Sunday: CAFOD second collection.**



A Time of prayer and reflection in preparation
for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Stations of the Cross: every Friday after each Mass

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 10th March



Lets FAST and PRAY this LENT.....lets change the WORLD

Scripture says that the prayer of one does much. (James 5:16)
therefore the prayer of many together will be more powerful still.

Station Masses

Wednesday 8 March 7.30pm - St Thomas More

Friday 17 March 11.00am - St Patrick's

Wednesday 22 March 7.30pm - Holy Cross

Wednesday 29 March 7.30pm - Our Lady's Market Harborough

Wednesday 5 April 7.30pm - St Joseph's

Rosmini Centre: Saturday, 11th March. Scripture Study with Fr. Antonio Belsito IC: "The Challenging Beauty of the Book of Revelation". 10.30/11.00 - 1.30 pm followed by a shared table. Tea/coffee provided. (Mass is at 10.00). All are welcome. Please do phone or email: 01509 813078; rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com

St Peter's Parish Bazaar. Saturday 11 March 2017. 10.30am - 2.00pm. A big fundraising event to support three good causes each year. This year the proceeds will be divided between Parish Funds, Retired Priests Appeal and LOROS.

FLAME3 - 10,000 reasons - a National Catholic Youth Event at Wembley Arena on Saturday 11th March 2017, a mix of prayer, worship, music, speakers and fun with young Catholic people. A coach has been organised by Leics Active Catholic Youth to travel to Wembley for the day for £20. Details at www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2017. More information from Seamus O'Looskan, on 0116 241 4057 or email solooskan@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk or James Noakes Chaplain English Martyrs Catholic School on 0116 242 8880 or JNoakes@englishmartyrs.org.

St. Patrick's Day Mass at 11am at St. Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys, Leicester. Friday 17th March. Celebrant Alan Williams of Brentwood Refreshments and music in Parish Centre afterwards until 2.30pm.

St. Patrick's Parish Dance. Saturday 18th March from 7.30 pm to midnight. Dancing to "THE CLADDAGH". Tickets £8 available from Jo Edwards or the Parish Office: 0116 235332 parish.centre@saintpatrick-leicester.co.uk.

Children's liturgy training day. A Refresher course if you would like to know more about this important Ministry and share your experiences. Speaker: Catherine Darby SND, adult and parish formation consultant. Held at the Diocesan Centre, Mornington Crescent, Mackworth, Derby DE22 4BD on Saturday 18th March 2017 10am - 3pm. To book contact Diane on: 0115 9539841 / email formation@nrcdt.org.uk Cost £5 per person. Bring a packed lunch, refreshments provided.

Are you interested in becoming a **Foundation Governor** at one of our Catholic Schools? If so, please contact Fr. Paul or visit www.catholiceducation.org.uk. Application forms from the Parish Office.

NEW
ENVELOPES

Anyone not on the list for envelopes and would like a set, please fill in a form at the back of the church. If any of your details have currently changed, please pass on your new data. If you would like to use a standing order instead of envelopes, please speak to Mary Uczniak. If you are a tax payer, the church can gain an additional 25% of your contributions at no cost to yourself - only your signature is needed!

Financial details: Loose Plate £231.07. Envelopes £383.60. Malayalam £238.88. Second collection for Pax Christi £175.55. Thank you very much for your generous donations.
300 Club: 26th February £100 Mr P. Killeen (18), £50 Mr P. O'Rourke (189).

Parish Hall Bookings.

The details for booking the Parish Hall have changed. For any enquiries on how to book the Hall, please contact 07527829413 or email moghallbooking@gmail.com



We urgently need more drivers to bring our elderly parishioners to Mass on Sunday. If you can help, please contact Maila Taylor at the back of the church after the 10am Mass.

Please bring your charity box to church to emptied
and collect your free magazine.



Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church for this. Please indicate if the Mass is for a deceased person, sick person, or other intention.
Mass will be celebrated on requested date.

Thought for the week: "Be an encourager. Scatter sunshine. Who knows whose life you might touch with something as simple as a kind word." ~ **Debbie Macomber**