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<b>Sunday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>10.00 am: Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St Casimir</b> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Weekday in Lent</b> <b>9.00 am: Rosary      9.30 am: Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Weekday in Lent</b> <b>9.30am: Mass at St Anthony's School</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Ss Perpetua and Felicity</b> <b>9.00 am: Rosary      9.30 am: Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St John of God</b> <b>8.30 am: Adoration      9.30 am: Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St Francis of Rome</b> <b>9.00 am: Rosary      9.30 am: Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>10.00 am: Mass</b>

'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News!' (Mark 1v15)

Weekly Masses continue this week as normal. On Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross just after morning Mass.

If you would like to offer Holy Mass for any of your intentions, please contact Fr. Joseph.

There will be a second collection next weekend (10<sup>th</sup> March) for the Retired Priests' Welfare Fund.

**Please pray for:** Trauda Kirby, Donald Curtis, Rose Mulchinock, Christine Clarke, Francis Wheatley, and all others whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

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**Rotas for 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Readers**

**First Reading:** Richard

**Second Reading:** Eileen

**Intercessions:** Ivan

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saji

Helen

**Rotas for 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Readers**

**First Reading:** Brian

**Second Reading:** Margaret F.

**Intercessions:** David R.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Eileen

Lynne

Please let Chris know of any changes so newsletter rotas can be updated accordingly – contact details overleaf.

# Notices

## Preparing for Mass

In this Lenten season, a reminder of the two bells before Mass: the first to provide a short period of quiet ahead of Mass, and the second to mark the start of our celebration of Mass.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal – Thank you

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's *Family Fast Day* appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

## Confirmation sessions

The next meeting for candidates will be at **5:00pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** in Church. Please arrive as promptly as you can.

## Children's singing

On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March between 7:00pm and 8:00pm** (following First Communion) there will be singing for young people in the Church.

## SVP food donations

SVP are currently collecting for supplementary food hampers for distribution ahead of Easter. All items gratefully received, the donations box in the Church porch. Thank you for your continued support.

## SVP Coffee Afternoon

The monthly SVP coffee afternoon will take place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2:00-4:00pm**, in the Marist small hall, with a quiz, and on every first Thursday of the month. All welcome.

## Lenten Mass in St. Anthony Primary School

Next **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**, there will be no Mass in St. Anthony, instead Holy Mass will be in St. Anthony Primary School at 9.30 am. All are welcome!

## Easter Raffle

Hot on the heels of the successful Christmas Raffle, Jean has launched our Easter Egg Raffle. Donations of prizes welcome, and tickets are now on sale in the Church porch after Mass.

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to dedicate a lily to a loved one at Easter, there is a basket in the Church porch with leaflets to provide their names. A donation of £2 (via the basket) is asked for and will support flowers for the Church at Easter.

## Advance Notice – Church cleaning and gardening for Easter

All those who can assist are invited to help give the Church and surrounding area a good spring clean ahead of Easter, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am (after Mass). Many hands will make light work!

## Attention Ministers of the Word

A reading rota for the Easter Triduum is being prepared. Readers are required for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you are available to read, please let Mary Broadhead or Isabel Carrick know in order that the rota is shared.

## Hospital Chaplain

If you, or someone you know, is in hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, please contact Deacon Bob directly on 470456.

## Catholic Voice

Don't forget to get your copy of the new March Catholic Voice.

Items for the newsletter should be given by Wednesday for inclusion