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Sunday 10th March	4th SUNDAY OF LENT 10.00 am: Mass
Monday 11th March	Weekday in Lent No Mass
Tuesday 12th March	Weekday in Lent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 13th March	Weekday in Lent 9.30 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Thursday 14th March	Weekday in Lent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 15th March	Weekday in Lent 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 16th March	Weekday in Lent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 17th March	5th SUNDAY OF LENT 10.00 am: Mass

'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 this weekend (10th March) for the Retired Priests' Welfare Fund.

Please pray for: Tony Clark, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Sr Anna Hawke CJ, Tony Gibbons, George Young, Michael Hutton, John Rommell, and all others whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

Rotas for 10th March		
Readers		Eucharistic Ministers
First Reading:	Brian	Eileen
Second Reading:	John M.	Lynne
Intercessions:	David R.	

Rotas for 17th March		
Readers		Eucharistic Ministers
First Reading:	Jean D.	Sue
Second Reading:	Dorin	Eileen
Intercessions:	Diya	

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.

Retired Priests' Welfare Fund

Within our Diocese, the Retired Priests' Welfare Fund plays a vital role in supporting the clergy who have devoted their lives to nurturing our faith. This weekend's second collection provides an opportunity for you to express gratitude and contribute to their ongoing support costs. Additionally, please take a bookmark as a reminder to be thankful for their dedicated service and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers rota

Please see the new Eucharistic Ministers rota at the back of Church.

Next week – 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 16th March at 10:00am (after Mass). Many hands will make light work!

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.

Book recommendations

The books mentioned below have been compiled by a member of our diocese and each is crafted with the intention of providing solace, guidance, and inspiration to those navigating the complexities of life.:

1. "*When Life Falls Apart: Discovering Rays of Hope Amidst Shadows*", which offers comfort and direction during challenging times.
2. "*A Pilgrimage in Prayer: Forty Days with the Virgin Mary*", a journey that invites readers into deeper contemplation and connection with faith.
3. "*In Mary's Footsteps: A 30-Day Path of Prayer and Reflection in Uncertain Times*", focused on Marian devotion, providing a structured path for spiritual reflection and growth.

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