



19 – 25TH MARCH 2017

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday	19th	9.30am	Family Mass	(Angela Gaffney)
		11.15am	Solemn Mass	(People of the Parish)

Liturgy at 9.30am

Entrance:	720	Be still for the presence of the Lord
Offertory:	779	O God you search me and you know me
Communion:	938	Soul of my Saviour
Recessional:	721	O Lord my God

Liturgy at 11.15am - Please use the specially prepared music sheets

FROM FATHER MICHAEL

PRAYER

I've been trying to pray, on and off, for sixty years, and I still haven't cracked it - the prayer of an infant crying out for food and love, the prayer of an adolescent yearning for love of a rather different kind, the semi-monastic style of prayer of my early adulthood in the Anglican ministry, the prayer of a young husband and father trying to square the circle of domesticity, earning a living, and church, the prayer of a priest zealous for the growth, unity and integrity of the church, the prayer of a seeker after truth, the prayer of a sinner. Lent is the time when I should redouble my efforts. But if there is one thing I have learnt it is that ultimately prayer is not what I do. True prayer is what God does inside me, before me, behind me and beside me. As St Paul says in our second reading *the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

This is prayer, to know this love, to attend to this love, to be aware of this love and to share this love. Or to use the language of our gospel reading, prayer is to drink of the very water of life that *will turn into a spring inside....welling up to eternal life.*

LENT LUNCHES 12:00noon – 2:00pm Tuesdays

21st March Earlsdon Methodists, 28th March All Souls, 4th April Hearsall Baptists

CATECHESIS AND FORMATION

Learn more about your faith. Support those preparing to be received into the church at Easter by attending the last few sessions on our Thursday evening Journey in Faith, 7.30pm

23 March - Prayer

30 March - Mary and the Saints

FOOD BANK & HARDSHIP FUND – to help local families in difficulty

Monday	20 th	St Joseph, husband of Blessed Virgin Mary	12.00noon	Mass	(Margaret Smith)
Tuesday	21 st		9.15am	Mass	(Maureen Mohan)
			6.00pm	Reception of body of Alec Doris	
Wednesday	22 nd		12.00 noon	Requiem Mass	Alec Doris
			6.00pm	Reception of body of Chris Egan	
Thursday	23 rd		12.30pm	Requiem Mass	Chris Egan
Friday	24 th		7.00am	Mass	(Fr John Galcius)
			6.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	25 th	The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00 am	Mass	(Edith Turner)
Sunday	26 th	Fourth Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Family Mass	(Angela Carolan)
		Mothering Sunday	11.30am	Solemn Mass	(Sonja McKernan)
			12.30	Holy Baptism of	Arun Adizie

Confessions Saturday 10.30 am

MARCH / APRIL

Reading the Gospel together Tuesdays 1.30-3pm in parish room. All welcome.

Wednesday 22 nd	7.30pm	Gospel Choir practice
Tuesday 28 th	7.30pm	Meeting for families preparing for Baptism.
Sunday 9 th April	4.00pm	Liturgy of Reconciliation and Confessions
Monday 24 th	7.30 pm	Finance Committee

SUMMER FESTIVAL AND PARISH GARDEN PARTY, Sunday 2 July. Book the date!

11.15 Mass followed by drinks, lunch and games in the Presbytery Garden for all the family.

EASTER TRIDUUM

13 th April	Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper & Watch of Prayer until Midnight
14 th April	Good Friday	3.00pm	Liturgy of The Passion & Veneration of the Cross
15 th April	Holy Saturday	8.15pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Many thanks to all who have a **Red Box** in their home and to all the collectors. Last year this parish raised £3,161.77, a wonderful amount.

The Red Box collection (Missio) supports some of the most vulnerable, marginalised people throughout the world. Many are children who have no homes, they are cared for, educated and trained for work, so that they are able to lead fulfilled lives.

Please continue to support the work of the Red Box. If you would like a Red Box or would like any more information, please see Jean Keenan.

"THE GIFT" LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE. To be held at Christ the King Church – 6 sessions beginning at 7.15pm on Thursday 27th April, 4th, 11th 18th, 25th May and 8th June. If you wish to know more, an overview of the course will be held on Sunday 23rd April at 6.30pm at Christ the King Church. Please see flyers for further information."

