

**LENTEN EXTRA MASS:** During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross followed by Mass on Friday evening at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING:** Parishioners, your envelopes for April 2018 - April 2019 are now available for collection from the back of the church. Thank you very much for your contributions. If you are a tax payer and would like an envelope please contact Noel Harte on 07976439838.

**HEATING SYSTEM:** Thank you for bearing with us during the unusual time. As you know last weekend due to the extended period of cold weather an outside water pipe froze, and as can happen, it subsequently burst. Last Monday morning the Engineers came and looked at the problem and several things needed replacing, which due to the age of the boiler has taken longer than they expected. As you can see at present we have some blow heaters around the Church and these will remain until such times as we can get the heating back up and running.

**EXHIBITION AT THE HERBERT ART GALLERY:** On Friday 9th March, the Coventry Irish Society is launching a month-long exhibition, 'Irish Heart, Coventry Home' at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. 65 Irish people have been interviewed for this project and the resulting film will be shown at the exhibition. Furthermore, a variety of objects have been lent by the community and these will be put on display for the first time. The exhibition is free and will stay open until April. For further information ring 024 7625 6629 or website [http://www.theherbert.org/whats\\_on/1242/irish\\_heart\\_coventry\\_home](http://www.theherbert.org/whats_on/1242/irish_heart_coventry_home)

**WORLD POVERTY GROUP EASTER EGG RAFFLE** tickets will be on sale from this weekend (10th and 11th March). With the draw taking place on Palm Sunday after 10am Mass in the Joan Clarke Room in the Parish Hall. There are lots of lovely prizes to be won. If you would like to help sell the raffle tickets at the back of church please see Clare Cassidy or Maura Titman as your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**NATIONAL DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK (12th - 19th March):** Please remember and pray for those whose lives have been touched by dementia at an appropriate moment during the Prayer Week. For details please see the poster at the back of Church.

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY:** This Sunday we will celebrate Mothers' Day. Each of us has a mother; whether she is with us or has passed away. We pray for them and we wish them good health and happiness.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** It will be on Palm Sunday 25th March at 4pm. It is a great opportunity for us to prepare ourselves to celebrate our Easter with Joy, Peace and Happiness. So, please take this opportunity to reconcile with God and each other.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS** We require 12 gentlemen (any age). If you would like to volunteer to have your feet washed at this Mass please see Michelle.

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### FOURTH SUNDAY LENT - YEAR B.

Reading Year B Parish Mass Book P166 - Psalter 4.

Preface 1 of Lent - Eucharistic Prayer II.

**Sunday 11th March 2018**



**"God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved."**

(Jn. 3:17)

Dear parishioners, light and darkness are famous themes in John's gospel. Indeed, in today's gospel Jesus reveals to humankind his coming on earth as an envoy of the Father's love and mercy and as the light of the world. He shows us God's love and calls us to live as children of light. Sadly we often prefer darkness to light, because our deeds are evil. Jesus was sent to the world not to condemn the world but through him the world may be saved. However people judge themselves by their response to the light. How about us? We should ask ourselves if we truly practise Jesus' teaching and live as children of the light or do we still live in darkness of sin, selfishness and pride?

**Mass times and Intentions:**

Saturday	10th	05.00pm	Private Intentions.
Sunday	11th	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent.</b> 10.00am 04.00pm	Ellen Wynne - Intentions <b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction.</b>
Monday	12th	09.00am 03.00pm	Private Intentions. Mass at Avalon Court Nursing Home.
Tuesday	13th	09.15am	Private Intentions
Wednesday	14th	9.00am	<b>Eucharistic Service.</b>
Thursday	15th	12.00pm	John Roche - RIP.
Friday	16th	09.00am	Private Intentions. <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.</i> 6.30pm Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass.
Saturday	17th	<i>Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop &amp; Patron of Ireland.</i> 10.00am	Private Intentions.
Sunday	18th	05.00pm 10.00am 04.00pm	Mane & Joseph Beckett - Sp. Intentions. <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> Private Intentions. <b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction.</b>

**CONFESSIONS** Saturday After morning Mass & evening Mass.  
**BAPTISM & WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

<b>E. MINISTERS</b>	Saturday	05.00pm	P. Williams / T. Sutton.
<b>17th &amp; 18th March</b>	Sunday	10.00am	I. Bateman / O. McGinnity / N. Harte.
<b>READERS</b>	Saturday	05.00pm	C. Morris.
<b>17th &amp; 18th March</b>	Sunday	10.00am	D. McAree / Y. Owen.

**LAST WEEK OFFERTORY:** £409.10. (Including Gift Aid)  
**GIFT AID:** £293.40.  
**CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE:** £120.05. *Thank you for your generosity.*  
**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE (Carried on from last week due to cold weather, as requested by the Archdiocese).**  
**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR EASTER DECORATIONS.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** during 10am Mass on Sunday  
**TEA & COFFEE IN THE PARISH HALL**  
**CLEANING ROTA** for Wednesday 14th March 2018 - Parish Team.  
**COUNTING TEAM** next Sunday 18th March 2018 - Team 4.

**GOSPEL SHARE:** This Thursday at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS & EXPOSITION:** Every Thursday from 11am.  
**CATECHESIS:** Every Saturday from 10.45am to 11.45am for children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. If there are any queries, please contact Christine Knox at 02476 468732.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY OF OUR PARISH:** Jim O'Brien, Mary Hewson, Maureen Daly, Madeline Huntbach, Maureen Weir, Bridie Cooke, Phyllis Sage, Noreen McCarthy, Kathleen Cashman, Maria Fletcher, Rene Costelloe, Mary Hayes, Robert Dick, John Doran, Ellen Wynne, Nora Noonan, Peter O'Hara, Margaret Weiss, Lynda Thomas, Mavis Booth, Margaret Hall, James Lloyd-Cameron, Rev. Michael Wright, Kathleen Ollis. Hannah Milner, Delia O'Hagan, Bridie Birch, Betty Neary, Bernie McCarthy, Barbara McGwynn. Joan Kennedy, Mary O'Neil, Nancy Holingsworth, Sheila Staunton, Jim McGeoghegan, John May, Doris & Bernard Johnson.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Ellen Ryan, William Moore, Ellen Mooney, William Brown, Anthony McCahill, Elizabeth Good, Frederick Maddison, Mary Martin, John Cowburn, Sydney Fenton, Ernie Wagstaff, George Kevin Duffin, Irene M. McDonald, Sigmond Trafford, Julia Barry, Tommy Keogh, Patrick J. Kean, Sadie Edwards, Winnifred Lucas and Bill Hardy.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY** - 2 positions have become available on the Parish Council the position of Vice Chair and Chair of the Lay Ministry Committee. If you would like to consider standing for either or both of these posts please see Maura or Michelle and they will provide further information. The election of these posts will take place at the Parish Forum on Thursday 19th April at 7pm

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:** A rota has been put up on the notice board to cover Palm Sunday through to and including Easter Sunday. Can you please check this and if you are unable to fill your allocated duty will you please make arrangements for a colleague to cover you. Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIME TABLE:** Please pick up a Holy Week & Easter time table card at the back of Church before you leave Church so that you may know the time of services of our parish during Holy Week.

**ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S MASS** The Annual Mass in honour of St Patrick will be on Friday 16th March in St Mary & St Benedict's Church, Raglan St at 7.00pm,

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Bingo** - Doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm  
**Stay & Play:** Will resume on the 1st March 2018  
**Thursday Lunch Club** - After 12 noon Mass on a Thursday.