



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

Fr George Bennett PP

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Year B

Saturday Vigil	10 Mar	5.00 pm	John Walsh (RIP); Catherine & John Hegarty (RIP); Richard Walsh (RIP); Elizabeth & Ned McElligott (RIP)
Sunday	11 Mar	10.30 am	Thomas Joseph Perkins (Anniv); May McDermott (RIP); Lena Gould (RIP); Sean Connolly (RIP); Holy Souls
Monday	12 Mar	9.30 am	<i>Eucharistic Service followed by Rosary</i>
Tuesday	13 Mar	9.30 am	Peggy Jordan (RIP); May McDermott (RIP)
Wednesday	14 Mar	7.00 am	Irene (Sick)
		9.30 am	John Dunphy (RIP)
Thursday	15 Mar	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>St Patrick's whole school Mass</b> Int: Jesilda Partheepan
Friday	16 Mar	9.30 am	Jackie Mash (RIP); Margaret Kenny (RIP)
Saturday	17 Mar	9.30 am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament + Confessions</i>
		10.00 am	Tom, Christy, Bill & P.J. McElligott (RIP)
		<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
		<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Mary Lily Frame</b>
Saturday Vigil	17 Mar	5.00 pm	Jonnie Rutter (RIP); Lisa McKernan (RIP); Mai Doherty (Anniv); Breda Somers (Spec Int); Patrick Hegarty (RIP); Kenneth McTigue (RIP)
Sunday	18 Mar	10.30 am	Sean Connolly (RIP); Jo Gibbons (RIP); Peter Casey (Get Well); Rose Turner & family (Spec Int); Nive & Sajeesh (Spec Int)
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday: 9.30 - 9.50am; 4.30 - 4.50pm</b>			
<b>Devotional Candles:</b>			
<i>Sacred Heart:</i> Special Intention		<i>Divine Mercy:</i> E Reyes (Spec Int)	<i>Our Lady:</i> Thanksgiving
<i>St Joseph:</i> Special Intention (BK)		<i>St Anth:</i> Joseph	

Music Liturgy			
Entrance:	40	Communion:	398
Gospel Accl:	416	Recessional:	215
Offertory:	570		

Last week's 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection:	£490.88
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll (Cathedral maintenance)	£124.95
CAFOD box:	£11.86

Counting Team for next Sunday	H
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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, especially **Mary Lily Frame** whose Requiem takes place next Saturday at 1.00pm. Pray also for those who mourn for them, and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

### CAKE SALE

Sincere thanks to all those who brought in cakes to sell and to all those who bought them. We made a total of **£200** which will go towards funding Elliot from Cardinal Wiseman School who is going on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage as a helper.

### THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Your prayers are asked for the sick and lonely of the parish, those in hospital and the housebound, especially:

<b>Peggy Catlin</b>	<b>Hazel Carroll</b>
<b>Jim Moran</b>	<b>Carmen Kohn</b>
<b>Breda Somers</b>	<b>Jim Smith</b>
<b>Nan Shiels</b>	<b>Sarah Reynolds</b>
<b>Rosemary Doherty</b>	<b>Mary Robinson</b>
<b>Theresa Smith</b>	<b>Margaret Wigit</b>
<b>Eileen Connolly</b>	<b>Irene Sadler</b>
<b>Gerald McDade</b>	

May God grant them comfort and ease of pain.

### HOLY HOUR

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, 6pm in the Lady Chapel (brought forward from last week because of bad weather). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and you are invited to join in our prayers for the clergy.

### MISSIO MAGAZINE

The Spring issue is now available at both entrances to the church. Please feel free to take a copy.

## PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on  
each member of our parish.  
Warm our hearts with your love,  
so that we can follow you more closely.  
Enlighten our minds so that we can  
understand the truth of your word.  
Protect and strengthen all marriages  
and family life.  
Make our homes places of prayer,  
peace, harmony and welcome.  
Inspire us to work together with enthusiasm  
and build our parish into a loving  
and caring community.  
We make our prayer through  
Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.

## ANNUAL REPORT

If you haven't already done so, please pick up a copy of our Annual Report. Congratulations to all of us for all that has been achieved.

## FRENCH MASS

French Catholic Community of Coventry. If you speak French or you want to praise God in French, join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at **1.15pm** here at St Patrick's. You are also invited to charismatic prayers in French, held in the Lady Chapel every Friday evening at **6.00pm**. For further details contact Mr Luc Kone on 07914 825 102.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Every Thursday from 5-7pm, in the new Parish Room behind the church. If you are struggling to come to terms with the loss of a loved one please come and see what is being offered and if it will be of help to you. The group is open to anybody – not just Catholics – so if you know somebody else who is bereaved, please let them know of this group and invite them to attend. See poster for further details.

## ROSARY ON THE COAST

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. Be part of Great Rosary Prayer on the coast of the British Isles! Let us all stand on the coast and encircle our country with a Living Rosary for Life, Faith and Peace. See poster for further details.

## DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK

12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March marks 10 years of Dementia Prayer Week. Please remember in your prayers all those suffering with dementia and all those who care for them.

## PURPLE COVERINGS

Next weekend you will notice that all statues and crosses will be covered in purple drapes. The crucifixes will remain this way until Good Friday and the statues until the Easter Vigil. People often ask why the Catholic Church follows this practice, so I thought it may be good to give an explanation here. This is actually an ancient custom that dates back to 9<sup>th</sup> Century Germany when the altar was shrouded in purple for the whole of Lent. As time progressed the practice was changed to us just covering the statues and crucifixes for the last two weeks of Lent – sometimes called Passiontide.

The idea is to focus our minds on the central mystery of this time – the Passion of Christ and his road to Calvary – by removing from our sight objects of beauty in the church. While the church never forbids devotion to the saints, at this sacred time it recommends that we direct our attention fully to the time of year and the mysteries of Easter. You will notice that the Stations of the Cross are not covered as these are considered a help to us focussing of Jesus' Passion and death.

Purple is used as it is a colour of sorrow and it symbolises that the church is in mourning.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Thank you to all those who have volunteered so far. If you would like to volunteer there is still time as we will only start our programme after Easter. We also still need volunteers for our Youth Programme.

## HOMELESS APPEAL

Many thanks for responding to our recent appeal for specific items. We continue to ask for regular food items, e.g. tinned meat, soup, tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, pasta, rice and cereals. Your kindness is always appreciated by the charities we support. Please take a few minutes to read the thank you letters we have received from the charities, on the notice board by the side entrance to the church.

## DAY OF PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-4pm at SS Mary & Benedict Church, Raglan Street, Coventry.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 <sup>th</sup> May:	Quiz night at St John Fisher's
19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> May:	Cake and Plant Sale
16 <sup>th</sup> September:	Sponsored Walk
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> Sept:	Cake and Plant Sale
13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> October:	Harvest Festival
9 <sup>th</sup> December:	Christmas Raffle
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Mince pies/Small Gifts Sale