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Newsletter

1st March 2015

2nd Sunday of Lent

On Tabor, Peter, James and John encountered the glorious Christ. But it is only after Jesus has risen from the dead that they understand the significance of what happened upon that mountain. The mountain of the glorious appearance of Jesus only makes sense in the light of that other mountain, Golgotha, the place of the crucifixion. On the cross Christ shares all our pain and suffering; this is Christ's glory.





Sometimes, we might like to think that sharing in the glory of Christ will make us invulnerable to human weakness and suffering. With Peter we say that it is wonderful to be there, and we wish to build a dwelling place so that Christ can stay forever with us. Yet remaining with Christ means following him to that other mountain, the place of the cross. Jesus enters into glory not through rising above our suffering, but by embracing it.

In order for us to enter into his glory, Christ calls us to follow him on the path to the cross. It is very tempting to remain on Tabor, but we are called to return to our lives. Each of us is confronted by suffering: the pain and disappointments of our own lives, the sufferings of those around us. Even a few moments in the presence of the risen

Christ can bring us relief from such suffering. Christ enters into it and transforms it.

As Christians we are called to follow Christ and enter into those places where people suffer. We can only do this as Christ's disciples, allowing him to enter into our own pain, so that we can show to others this healing love. This is what it means to show the glory of Christ.



Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Jim Ballantine RIP</i> <i>There is a second collection for CAFOD</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: Elaine Rowe</i> 12 Noon <i>Baptism: Ruben Thomas Edwards</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p> 	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Choir Group  3.00pm CLC Meeting, St. Peter's 6.00pm Parish Council Meeting, HFR 6.00pm Youth Group
2.15pm <i>School Mass: Private Intention</i> 7.00pm <i>Mass: Private Intention</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 2nd March St. Chad Patron of the Diocese Feast</p>	7.30pm Proclaim Discussion Groups, St. Peter's 8-9.00pm Dancing
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Fred Longley RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 3rd March Lent Feria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club 7.30pm 'Finding a Voice', St. Margaret's 2-3.00pm + Marriage Preparation Course 7.30-9.00pm
<i>No Service</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 4th March Lent Feria</p>	9.30-11.30am Art Group <i>No Whist</i>
7.00pm <i>Mass: Pauline Jenkins RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 5th March Lent Feria</p>	Church Cleaning - Team 1 10.45-12.15pm Music Group 1.30pm Proclaim Discussion Groups, St. Peter's 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers 7.30pm SCJ Meeting, 71 Home Farm Crescent
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: Marie Devaney</i> 10.30am <i>Women's World Day of Prayer Service, Methodist Church</i> 7.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 6th March Lent Feria First Friday <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i></p>	<p>-No Scripture Reflection this week -First Friday visitation of the sick</p> 4-6.00pm Karate
9.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i> 9.30am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i> 10-10.45 <i>Exposition and Adoration</i> <i>Sacrament of Confession</i> 12 Noon <i>Baptism: Marketa Siekierska</i> 6.30pm <i>Mass: Margaret Dowling RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 7th March Lent Feria</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>There is a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance.</i></p>	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World 1-4.00pm Hall booked
10.00am <i>Mass: James Ballentine RIP</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Sheila Hepburn RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p>	10.05am Children's Liturgy Coffee and Tea after 10am Mass Tuesday Club 
Collections £466.15 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £100.46 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Last Week 22nd February</p>	Attendance: 295 

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Marie Kelly, Seren Robertson, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Hugh Williams, Eddie Hoare.

Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bert Brind, Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Mary Jenkinson
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Bernie & Robbie Burns

Anniversaries

Cath Canning, Claire Lawson, Henry Griffin, John Ryan, Catherine Lane, Esther Rainbow, James Michael Kelly

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Baptism

Ruben Edwards

Sunday 1st March 2015 at 12 Noon

Marketa Siekierska

Saturday 7th March 2015 at 12 Noon

Baptism Preparation Meetings

These are usually held on the last Monday in any month, at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

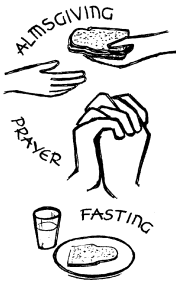
Fr. Sebastian Namattathil

I hope you will all welcome Fr. Sebastian, from Kerala, who has come to join us in our parish for a few weeks. Fr. Sebastian has cared for parishes in India and will now be spending time gaining insight into the life and workings of a parish within our archdiocese before taking up his role as chaplain to the Keralan community as well as looking after a diocesan parish of his own. He will be resident in the presbytery and is keen to be of service to us, pastorally and in other practical ways. Knowing St. Joseph's parish and your ability to provide a warm welcome, I feel sure Fr. Sebastian will very soon be made to feel at home as he begins to establish himself within our deanery and to share his pastoral experience with us.

ACTIVITIES DURING LENT 2015

Stations of the Cross

We will be holding Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm. Stations of the Cross is a devotion which brings us right into the footsteps of the Lord as he journeys to the cross. It is traditionally an important part of our preparation for the glory of Easter Day.



Lenten Scripture Reflections

The Lenten Scripture Reflections will take place on the following Fridays during Lent: 13th March, 20th March and 27th March. Each session will take place in the parish hall at 10.00am and all are very welcome.

NB: There will be no Scripture Reflection session this coming Friday, 6th March, as the Women's World Day of Prayer service takes place at that time.

Churches Together

We will be sharing with the other churches together in Whitnash Warwick Gates & Bishops Tachbrook for this year's Lent course at the Chapter House, St Margaret's Church, on Tuesdays (3, 10, 17 & 24 March) at 7.30pm. The course is around the film 'The King's Speech', entitled "Finding a voice". Please let Pam Howell know if you plan to attend. Pam tel 259466/ email revpamhowell@gmail.com

Requested books have now arrived and are ready for collection from the sacristy. Please leave the £4.99p in the box and write your name on the sheet of paper available, when you collect your book.

Lent 2015—Proclaim Discussion groups

These sessions are taking place in St. Peter's Parish Centre, Dormer Place, on Thursdays at 1.30pm and Mondays at 7.30pm

General Election 2015

The Bishops have written a joint letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies will be available at this weekend's Masses and can be obtained with other information, from the Bishop's Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk. Please read the letter and encourage others to do the same.

Next Week—8th March 2015

Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

May Murphy
Tony Harris, David Harwar, John Ireson
Sr. Angela, Mary Hendry

Readers:

Jan Ireson
Sophia Brain
Amy Cawood

28th Feb	7.30pm Skittles Evening
28Feb/1stMar	2nd Collection: CAFOD
1st Mar	6.00pm Parish Council Meeting HFR
6th March	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service
7/8th Mar	2nd Collection: Cathedral Maintenance
29th Mar	11.00am Easter Fayre, Hall

Skittles Evening



To be held tonight, after the Vigil Mass - do come and join in for a fun evening of skittles!

Easter Fayre. Sunday 29th March 11am

Save the date! Sunday March 29th St. Joseph's School PTA and parishioners of St. Joseph's church will be holding an Easter Fayre in the hall after the 10.00am Children's Mass. We need some volunteers to run the cake stall and the teas and coffees. We would like to meet with any parishioners who may be interested in helping with this event or have any ideas of how we can make this event really successful. We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to have a craft stall/homemade produce stall so please get in touch. If you feel that you would be able to contribute please contact Dawn on 07792939984 or dawnsauvage@aol.com



200 Club

Collections for March will take place at all Masses this weekend, 28th Feb/1st March. If you would like to join the 200 Club please have a word with Fr. Bob or Anne Buttrum. It is only £1 per month. The new lottery year starts in April - a great time to join!

A Thank You

We should congratulate Myrna and David, who have been invited to a reception at the House of Lords this week as a "thank you" for all the painstaking work which they have done for many years in collecting and preparing used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. A well-deserved accolade. Equally, congratulations and thank you to all those from St. Joseph's who have so faithfully passed on their used stamps for this work.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday: Dancing
Tuesday: Tuesday Club
Wednesday: Art /Choir/ Whist Drive
Thursday: Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday: Karate
Saturday: Slimming World
Sunday: Youth Club

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES Garden Design Competition



Youth Group are running a competition to design a small garden area just outside the hall which the Youth Group plan to look after. We would like it to be as attractive as possible and it can be a combination of flowers and vegetables and include space for wildlife. We have received a bundle of garden design entries from school, so thank you all. If anyone has not yet entered, the design needs to reach Youth Group **by this weekend at the latest**. There is a box in the Holy Family Room in the church for the entries or they can be handed to Fr. Bob. Information from Amy Cawood amy.cawood@btinternet.com. There is a prize of £25 for the winning design.

Front Porch/Narthex Library Area

If anyone has any books that could be donated for the Library, where the Youth Group are creating a special area, they would be very gratefully received. They can be for adults to borrow or for children to use during Mass. They should ideally be of a spiritual nature and in reasonable condition. The Youth Group will set up a system for borrowing the books. Thank you!

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year, Women's World Day of Prayer is this coming Friday, 6th March at 10.30am at the Methodist Church and men are welcome! St. Joseph's has been asked to provide two readers at the service (who need to be women) plus one more person to carry a bowl and place it on a table. If you would like to take part please contact Anne Buttrum on 422174

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY—Friday 27th February

Thanks to our speakers at last weekend's Masses who explained the work of CAFOD and this year's focus for our Fast Day collection. Envelopes will be collected today—if you missed them last week, there are still some