

This week at St Lawrence's



25th/26th February 2012

First Sunday of Lent
(Missal Page 148)
Eucharistic Prayer III (Page 28)

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15
Second Sunday of Lent (Missal Page 151); Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34;
Mark 9:2-10

KEEPING A HOLY LENT

Fast From-Feast On

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.
Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from hostility; Feast on non-violence.
Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift.
Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that undergirds.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We extend a warm welcome to Josephine Bernadette Mary Doherty Smith as she is baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to her family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents are reminded that there is a meeting on Tuesday 28th February at 2.30pm or 7.30pm in the parish centre. At least one parent of each child must attend the meeting.

The Children's sessions are on Wednesday 29th February and Thursday 1st March at 3.30pm.

All workbooks should be handed in this weekend.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The next Class will be on Tuesday 28th February at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Please note that there will be a Class on Thursday 1st March at 7pm in the School Hall.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the 100th Anniversary celebration last weekend especially to our visiting priests, past parishioners, the choir, readers, altar servers, flower ladies and all those who made the delicious cakes and sandwiches and to our wonderful Social Committee for putting everything together.

PARISH NEWS

LENT

During Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am to 9.30am.

Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday at 10.00am and Saturday at 12.30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY

On Friday 2nd March there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at 7.00pm followed by Mass

PARISH LENT COURSE

"SAINTS HELPING US TODAY" – a six session DVD course exploring Therese of Lisieux, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Patrick, Ignatius of Loyola and Catherine of Sienna. The sessions will include group discussion and prayer. Thursday 1st March in the Parish Centre. Refreshments at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

REFLECTIVE HOUR OF PRAYER

A reflective hour of prayer will take place on Mondays in Lent at 10am in the Presbytery (after 9.30am Mass). All are welcome.

WEB RESOURCES

There are some interesting reflections available online through the Diocesan website on www.rcdow.org.uk or <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/>

FIRST FRIDAY CAFOD MORNING

CAFOD's First Friday Coffee Morning will take place this Friday after the Morning Mass.

UCM

The UCM will meet on Monday 27th February for a meeting to remember that Lent has now commenced and so can members bring readings or prayers or poems that can be read at the meeting.

REST IN PEACE

PATRICK MCNAB RIP

We pray for the soul of Patrick McNab RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 27th February at 9.30am

ELLEN O'NEILL RIP

We pray for the soul of Ellen O'Neill RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 19th March at 11am.

BERTHA MCDONAGH RIP

We also pray for the soul of Bertha McDonagh RIP who died earlier this week.

May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and may their grieving families and friends be comforted in their loss.

OTHER

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2nd March is Women's World Day of Prayer and this year the prayer is for Malaysia themed "Let Justice Prevail". There will be a gathering of local Churches at St Dunstan's Church in Lower Feltham starting at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day is on Friday 2nd March and a retiring collection will be taken up at all the weekend Masses on 3rd/4th March. Please take an envelope and if you are a UK tax-payer please fill in the form on the envelope so that we can receive 25p for every £1 that you give at no extra cost to yourself. Also, this Lent, the government will match pound for pound every donation made to CAFOD.

In addition, we have the CAFOD Lenten Boxes available at the back of Church. Please take one and put in any loose change or money saved from having given up a treat during Lent. The boxes will be collected after Easter.

SCHOOL NEWS

NURSERY APPLICATION FORM SIGNING

Fr Chris will be available on the following days to sign Nursery Application forms. Please come with your child and wait in the Church.

THURSDAY 3.45-4.45 pm: March 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th.
 April 26th
 SATURDAYS 9.30-10.30 am: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th April 28th

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 25th Lent Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Patrick Galligan RIP Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Rustum Pavia RIP
+ First Mass of Sunday		
+ Sunday 26th 1 st Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 14.00 18.00	Bernard DeLarge RIP (A) Dr Moran INT African Community Mass People of the Parish
Monday 27th Lent Feria	09.30 14.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament No Morning Prayer Funeral Mass – PATRICK MCNAB RIP Baptism of Josephine Bernadette Mary Doherty Smith
Tuesday 28th Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Arlene Juriansz INT Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 29th Lent Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Mary Clarke RIP
Thursday 1st St David	08.30 09.15 09.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Carmella and Hubert De Souza INT
Friday 2nd Lent Feria	08.30 09.15 09.30 10.00 19.00 19.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer Simon Johnston RIP Stations of the Cross Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Sr Mellitus RIP
Saturday 3rd Lent Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 12.30 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Rod & Margaret Moore-Saxton (in Thanksgiving 50th Wedding Anniversary) Stations of the Cross Sacrament of Reconciliation Barbara Walsh (in Thanksgiving)
+ First Mass of Sunday		
+ Sunday 4th 2 nd Sunday of Lent	09.00 11.00 18.00	People of the Parish George Maple RIP (A) Lily Coutinho RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Danladi INT

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