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Sharon Trainor, Thomas McNeil, John Doyle

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Roberts, David Johnson, Joe Gracey, Tommy and Alice Bulmer, Bishop George Brunner, Canon Patrick Bluett, Fr Edmund Hickey,

MASSES RECEIVED

John & George French, Irene & Lucy Walsh, Fr John McKeever (B'day), Pat Donnelly, Joe Gracey, John Doyle.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

DECREE ISSUED BY TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY BISHOP OF MIDDLESBROUGH PASTORAL MEASURES TO IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE RISKS OF COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSION

Having received professional advice and as part of a united response on the part of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, in response to the Covid-19 virus, in order to reduce possible transmission, by this decree I instruct that the following pastoral measures be implemented in all churches and chapels of my diocese, effective from 14th March, 2020:

- The sign of peace is to be suspended at Mass.
- Holy Communion from the Chalice shall cease to be offered to the lay faithful. The practice of intinction is NOT to be introduced as an alternative.
- Those who receive Holy Communion on the tongue should receive on the hand instead. Their doing this represents an act of loving charity to their community.
- Holy water stoups are to be emptied.
- Ministers should wash and also sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- Shared towels should not be used in toilet areas or the sacristy.
- Shared hymnbooks and Mass books should cease to be used.
- Collection baskets or bags should be available for the offertory collections on the way out of Mass and not passed up and down the aisles at the offertory.
- On Good Friday, the traditional 'Veneration of the Cross' is to be observed by a simple genuflection.

In addition to the points above the Bishops Conference of England and Wales have instructed that:

- Newsletters once used must not be left for others to use and should be taken home.
- Anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from attending Mass and liturgies, the Sacrament of reconciliation, or any parish social events.
- Suspend all catering, including teas, coffees etc. at parish gatherings where multiple people touch mugs, tea pots, utensils, biscuits etc.

If the virus spreads within the parish or the local community we will need to take further measures so if you are unfortunate enough to test positive for the virus please let us know immediately.

For more information see www.cbcwe.org.uk.

A paper copy is available to view on request from Fr. Michael or the parish office.

In the meantime, as always, let us pray for the sick and those who care for them, and commend the souls of the dead to the mercy of God.

MASSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK

DAY	TIME	PLACE	INTENTION	FEAST
Saturday	6.30 pm Vigil	St. Andrew's	Golden Wedding	
Sunday	9.30 am	St. Andrew's	Margaret Ann Johnstone	3rd Sunday of Lent
	11.00 am	St. Anne's	Very Special Intention	
	12.15 pm	St. Peter's	Dennis McGough	
Monday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Robert and Jason Frankland	
Tuesday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Fr Jack McKeever	St Patrick
Wednesday	9.15 am	St. Anne's	Ben and Sabina Ramsey	
Thursday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	James Shannon	St Joseph
Friday	10.30 am	St. Andrew's	Caveney Family	
	7.00 pm	St Andrew's	Amy Lumley	
Saturday	9.15 am	St. Andrew's	Gerald Doyle	

CONFESSIONS: Each Saturday, 9.45-10.15 am & 5.30-6.00 pm at St. Andrew's Church



POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE 2020

Pope Francis on Almsgiving:

"There is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further and consider the structural aspects of our economic life."

LENT IN OUR PARISH

LENT is a penitential season designed to help us draw closer to God by **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. Here are some of the ways in our parish you can join in to help you prepare for the great feast of Easter:

EVERY TUESDAY Saints and How They Help Us, DVD in the **Conference Room at 7.00 pm**. This week we learn all about **St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland**. Patrick was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ. Patrick may have been born in Scotland, England or in

Northern Wales. He considered himself both a Roman and Briton.

EVERY FRIDAY at 6.40 pm, Stations of the Cross at St. Andrew's Church followed by **Mass at 7.00 pm**.

ALMSGIVING: All money collected will once again go towards sponsoring **Chisom Ilechukwu**, now in his third year of training at the Seminary in Nigeria. All donations can be placed in our **Lenten Alms box** situated at the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at St. Andrew's Church. At St. Anne's and St. Peter's you can put your alms in a sealed envelope marked Almsgiving and place it in the collection bags at the offertory. We can also spend time with someone who would welcome a listening ear.

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS IN OUR PARISH

Every weekday before Mass — **Rosary**
Tuesday after Mass — **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday after Mass at St. Anne's — **Divine Mercy**,
Thursday after Mass — **Novena** to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Friday after morning Mass — **Stations of the Cross**

LOURDES SOCIAL EVENING, 27TH MARCH

With the increased precautions over Covid-19 Coronavirus, the Lourdes social evening planned for Friday, March 27th is cancelled. It is hoped to reorganise the function at a later date if possible, however, it is unknown how long the restrictions from the Bishops Conference will be in place so if anyone would like their ticket refunded please contact Eileen Nugent.

If you have bought raffle tickets at the back of church please keep them safe in case the event is reorganised for a later date.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH

The total raised from the Family Fast day Soup Lunch on Friday was £195 for Cafod. Thank you to everyone who organised it and made it possible, made the soup and attended. Please return any Family Fast Day envelopes ASAP.

LITTLE FLOWER BABY BANK

The Little Flower Project Baby Bank was recently launched at St. Thomas More's Church Hall, Beechwood. Expectant mums and parents with young children can drop in between 10am and 12 noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month to have a cuppa and pick up baby essentials and supplies - nappies, wipes, clothes, baby toiletries, etc. Donations of items in good condition would also be gratefully received. For further details Email Marie at thelittleflowerproject@gmail.com or find us on Facebook - 'The Little Flower Project'

DIARY DATES

With the exception of the Parish Bingo, ALL parish fundraising functions are cancelled until further notice. Thank you.

COUNTING TEAM: This week 'E' Next week 'A'

PARISH HALL SECURITY

Last Thursday morning we found the door of Room 6 in the Parish Hall kicked in. There was nothing in there of any value and all other rooms were left untouched. We think that the culprit walked in the main doors when they were opened for the Wednesday evening dance. With this in mind the security lock on the front doors has been activated and will be left activated permanently. If people are going for a smoke please ensure that door is properly closed when re-entering and that the lock is properly engaged. This is for everybody's security and safety.

PARISH FUNDRAISING FUNCTIONS

The parish quiz pencilled in for April or the VE Day Vintage Tea booked for May 8th will not now go ahead because of the Coronavirus crisis. No further functions will be planned until the crisis has passed.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

However, we will have an Easter Egg raffle with three prizes and tickets will be on sale from next week after all Masses.

BINGO PIE AND PEAS CANCELLED

PLEASE NOTE: The pie and peas planned for Thursday's bingo session has been cancelled because of the increased precautions and restrictions over the Covid-19 Coronavirus. The bingo will be on at the normal time Monday and Thursday.

BONUS BALL DRAW

Wednesday, 4th March: **No — 12 —**

£30 each goes to: **Mary Owens** and **Pat Temple**

Contact Paul Terry with your winning ticket to claim your prize.

THE CLEVELAND NEWMAN CIRCLE

On Wednesday, 18th March Cleveland Newman Circle at 7.30 pm for a 7.45 start in the Cathedral Hall, Fr Pat Kilgariff will reflect upon the divine inspiration found within Holy Scripture and consider how each of us may turn our own ear to hear the sound of his voice.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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