

Lent is a time when we share the desert with Jesus. Time to fast, pray and sacrifice.

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Saturday	22 Mar	<u>10.00am</u> <u>6.30pm</u>	Mary Downing RIP (Ann.) FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Thanksgiving: Grace Iloanya – Grace Okafur	
Sunday	23 Mar	<u>9.00am</u> <u>10.30am</u> <u>4.00pm</u> <u>5.00pm</u>	Paul Coleman RIP – Debbie Planner Knights of Columba Stations of the Cross FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	3rd Sunday of Lent (C)
Monday	24 Mar	<u>8.30am</u> <u>9.00am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH William Mahon RIP (Ann.)	
Tuesday	25 Mar	<u>8.30am</u> <u>9.00am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Fr. John McCormack RIP (Ann.)	The Annunciation of the Lord
Wednesday	26 Mar	<u>8.30am</u> <u>9.00am</u> <u>6.00pm</u> <u>7.00pm</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Margaret Warby RIP (Ann.) – J. Crowley - 7.00pm CHILDREN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL - 8.30pm LENT TALKS Talk 3: I Believe in Jesus Christ, His only son our Lord – Fr. David Gummatt	
Thursday	27 Mar	<u>8.30am</u> <u>9.00am</u>	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Mark Labouchardiere RIP E. Labouchardiere RIP (Ann.)	
Friday	28 Mar	<u>8.15am</u> <u>8.30am</u> <u>9.00am</u> <u>3.30pm</u>	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: MASS: Fr. Timothy Daly EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH Good Rest of Malgorzata Tuszynski – Alicia Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	29 Mar	<u>10.00am</u> <u>6.30pm</u>	Althda Prosogolaviciqi RIP – Maglida FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Carmel Ramsing – Budaly Family	
Sunday	30 Mar	<u>9.00am</u> <u>10.30am</u> <u>4.00pm</u> <u>5.00pm</u>	Stephanie Scowen RIP – Carmele Chris White FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Stations of the Cross Elizabeth Oberman RIP – Renee Francis	4th Sunday of Lent (C)

CLEANING TEAMS: 23.3.25 Julia & John Murphy 30.3.25 Bijo Joseph 6.4.25 Karen & Steve Coleman 13.4.25 Filipinos 27.4.25 Polish Team

LENT TALKS: Each week we become a community in prayer. What binds us together is those truths expressed in the Creed which we all recite together. We are constantly reminded that we are subsistent on God author of life and love. At mass the recitation is by rote. We do not always have the time to reflect on God’s infinite love on the whole of humanity. The Lent Talks this year are on the Creed. We have already listened to the introduction and overview of the history and the nature of the Creed. The second talk was based on the first article, “I believe in God the Father.” It is only when we acknowledge God as our Father that we are able to embrace the rest of the Creed which part of it is shrouded in mystery and beyond comprehension in its totality. This is where the finite meets the infinite. This week’s talk will be delivered by Father David Gummatt. The title of that talk is: “I believe in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, Our Lord.” This brings us halfway through the Lent Course which is made up of six sessions. The talks are being streamed and a resume is attached to the newsletter in the hope that more parishioners will participate in this Lenten exercise. We still invite you to join us in person if all possible.

PARISH MASS BOOK: We have received a second enormous donation towards the parish mass book. I would like to express my sincere gratitude towards this couple for the generous offer. This means that now we have been able to purchase two out of six books to cover a three year cycle (A, B, C). At present we are on Year C. These books are not to be taken away.

CONFIRMATION: The number of the confirmation forms received is still very modest. I am giving a chance for more forms to come in. Once we have a satisfactory number we shall start planning for the course. Application Forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation are to be found on the table in the church porch.