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Saturday	19 Mar	<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Vincent Ounsworth RIP - Family
Sunday	20 Mar	<u>8.00am</u>	Pietro Carfora - Lucia Carfora
		<u>10.00am</u>	Good Estate of Ania Leszczewska - Jack Sabramowicz & Janet Crowley
		<u>12 Noon</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH <u>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT(C)</u>
		<u>3.00pm</u>	BAPTISM: Sienna Saith Kelly
		<u>4.00pm</u>	BAPTISM: Danny Amuza
		<u>4.00pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Good Estate of Iris Deacon - Moira Oldham
Monday	21 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION - Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Catherine Borong RIP
		<u>6.00pm</u>	-7pm CATECHISM CLASS
Tuesday	22 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION - Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Mary Downing RIP (Ann.)
Wednesday	23 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION - Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Robert Rich RIP - Eileen O'Dell
		<u>11.00am</u>	Requiem Service: Kathleen Ida Rudman Rip
		6.00pm	7.00pm CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		<u>5.40pm</u>	- 6.40pm CATECHISM CLASS
		7.00pm	- 8.30pm (3rd) LENTEN TALK: 'The Gospel of Matthew' by Mrs Laura White
Thursday	24 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION - Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	William Mahon RIP (F.M.)
		12 noon	WEDDING: Caroline Maughan & Owen Maughan
Friday	25 Mar	<u>8.15am</u>	DARENT VALLEY HOSPITAL: Mass: Fr John McCormack RIP (Ann.)
		8.30am	EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION - Deliverance from the Pandemic
		<u>9.00am</u>	Thanksgiving - Hazel Jay Marabar THE ANNUNCIATION of the LORD
		<u>3.30pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday	26 Mar	<u>10.00am</u>	Margaret Warby - J Crowley
		<u>10.30am</u>	- 11.30am CATECHISM CLASS
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Whitney Nicole Smith
		<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Rosi Moosberger - Rita Usher
Sunday	27 Mar	<u>8.00am</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		<u>10.00am</u>	Jim & Eileen Mahon RIP - Anne, Patrick & Family
		<u>12 Noon</u>	Joseph Francis RIP - Mother <u>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT(C)</u>
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Gabriella Tofunmi Ayobami
		<u>4.00pm</u>	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
		<u>5.00pm</u>	Simon Evans RIP - Christine Evans

NEW CLEANING TEAMS:

26.03.22: Team 'B' (Edith Ranson, John Murphy)

03.04.22: Team 'C' (Afro-Caribbean Community)

12.04.22: Team 'D' (Lesley Hovell, Doris)

LEPRA: St Joseph Leprosy Centre was established in 1993 in the Khargome district of Madhya Pradesh, India and is run by the Sisters of St Joseph's. Reconstructive surgery is carried out at the Centre to reverse the damage caused to hands and feet, and the sisters care and support people through faith and love. A Retiring collection will take place this weekend 19th & 20th March 2022.

CHURCH CAR PARK: The Church Car Park needs urgent care. We had a persistent fault with the lights. We think the problem has been resolved after months of searching for the fault. The actual grounds together with the green spaces needs attention. I hope we can organize a team of volunteers perhaps on a Saturday morning. The grounds need to be cleaned and the trees and grass trimmed. A date will be set after we build a team of volunteers. Should you wish to volunteer please give us your name. To facilitate the process you may wish to complete a form, headed, "GROUND MAINTENANCE". (Forms to be found at the back of the Church).

JUNIOR CLUB & YOUTH GROUP: I am very keen to set up both clubs as soon as possible. Anyone who wish to join is asked to fill the appropriate form headed, 'JUNIOR CLUB' & 'YOUTH GROUP'. Once you fill the form you are asked to return to the Presbytery.

MINIMART/BAZAAR: This event is fast approaching we need volunteers to help organize the stalls. Due to the pandemic we have lost a number of key volunteers. I am also appealing to those who have helped us in the past to please come forward. Your assistance will be much appreciated.

LENT TALKS: This week's talk on 'Art and the Passion' has brought to light a fresh perspective as how to look at the passion of Jesus through the eyes of various artists and writers. The attendance to these talks has been very encouraging. We will meet again on Wednesday for the third meeting. The title of this meeting is, "THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW" by Mrs Laura White.

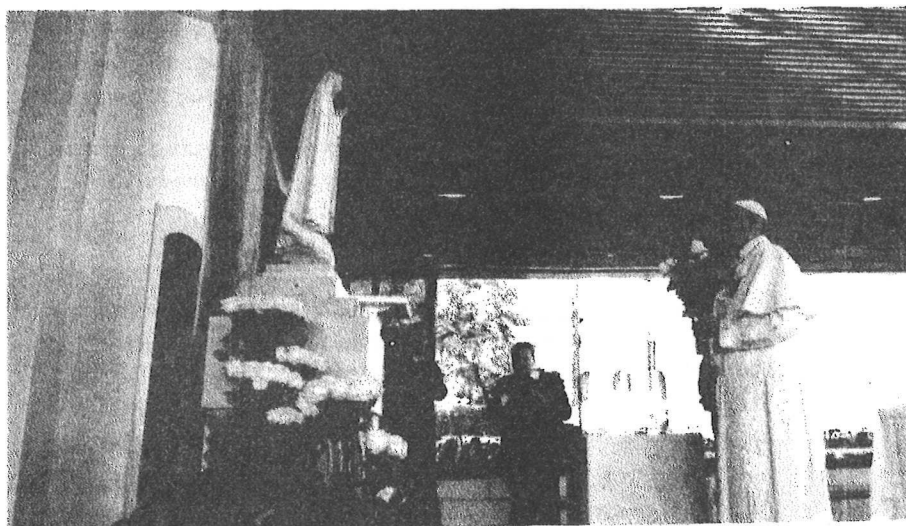
Banns of Marriage:

- 1) Charlotte Pierzchniak & Mark Kieran Ranson
- 2) Seanna Marie O'Neill & Jon James Hutchinson
- 3) Maureen Morgan McGinley & Michael Aiden O'Brien
- 4) Alphonsus Stokes & Mary Maughan

CAFOD: UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL – PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED LEAFLET.

Pope to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to Immaculate Heart of Mary

The consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Pope Francis will take place during the Celebration of Penance on 25 March in St Peter's Basilica.



On 21 November 1964, Pope St Paul VI renewed the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart in the presence of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope St. John Paul II composed a prayer for what he called an 'Act of Entrustment' to be celebrated in the Basilica of St Mary Major on 7 June 1981, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

In June 2000, the Holy See revealed the third part of the secret of Fatima.

At the time, the then-Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, pointed out that Sister Lucia, in a letter of 1989, had personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration corresponded to what Our

Lady wanted: "Yes, it was done," wrote the visionary, "just as Our Lady had asked, on 25 March 1984".

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SUNDAY PLUS

One more chance

The God who notices

By Fr Denis McBride
C.Ss.R.

The great revelation to Moses in today's first reading shows a God of action who is moved to act on what he sees: "I have seen... I have heard... I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them... to a land... where milk and honey flow." God is not simply an onlooker, one who gazes but keeps his distance. That is why the all-seeing eye of God is a radically incomplete image of God: God is more than an unblinking onlooker who spends an eternity staring at people's mistakes and misfortunes.

Through Moses we know that God sees and is moved

to act on it. But the question is whether God will stay awake to human suffering. Will God keep on caring for people or will the day come when God will run out of mercy?

The answer to that question is given in the revelation to Moses. The answer is in the name of God, "I Am who I Am". The very name of God affirms God's fidelity and staying power. God will never be a "has-been" God for he will always be "I Am". Our Lord's name is an assurance of his presence: "I'll be there." So there is the good news that God does not take people on and then drop them at the first sign of trouble. God does not flirt with people. Over and against our infidelity, the name of God affirms God's unchanging fidelity to us.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.



The Annunciation of the Lord

"Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word... See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter... Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord,' she says, 'be it done to me according to your word.'"

St Bernard of Clairvaux

"The Gospel tells us that, after the annunciation of the angel, she went in haste, she lost no time, she went immediately out to serve. She is the Virgin of readiness, Our Lady of Readiness... In many of life's moments when we stand in need of her help, her protection, let us remember that she does not make us wait: she is Our Lady of Readiness, she immediately goes to serve."

Pope Francis

Loving Lord,
when I blunder
through life, you
always give me a
second chance to
make good. Help
me to make use
of those golden
opportunities.

✠ Amen.

Feast of the week
Friday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord

Annunciation carol

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

"For know, a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee;
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

S. Baring-Gould

Today:
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Monday:
2 Kings 5:1-15
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday:
Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday:
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday:
Jeremiah 7:23-28
Luke 11:14-23

Friday:
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday:
Hosea 5:15-6:6
Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday:
Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32