

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 14, 2021

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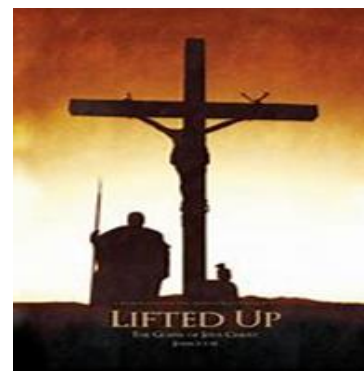
WELCOME TO CHURCH

We are delighted to have you worship with us. Here are some safety tips to stay safe:

1. Wear face covering/mask
2. Follow the instructions of the wardens on Track and Trace and sitting arrangement
3. Sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church.
4. Avoid touching any surfaces.
5. Always maintain the 2-meter distance.
6. Use gloves or sanitize your hands before coming up to the lectern to read.
7. There will be no congregational singing.
8. A gentle bow and/or a smile is sufficient for a sign of peace.
9. Make your offertory donations in the wooden boxes at the entrance as you enter or leave the church. Consider using the gift aid envelopes (ask any of the wardens) or opening a Standing Order (through the parish office).
10. Remain seated until directed by a warden to proceed to receive Holy Communion while maintaining social distance following the markings on the floor. Hold out your hands fully stretched out to receive communion standing and in silence. Adjust your face covering to put communion in your mouth, cover your face properly again before returning to your seat through the side aisle.
11. Depart at the end of the Holy Mass in an orderly way following the warden's instructions, and avoid mixing with people outside your household or bubble.

Thanks for worshipping with us today!

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 13 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	All Mothers of our Parish
		11.30am	Holy Mass	Evelyn and Norman Wood RIP
Monday 15 <i>Lent Feria</i>	1.15pm		Funeral Mass	David Mark Gallimore RIP
Tuesday 16 <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
	11.00 pm		Funeral Service	Kevin Raftery RIP
Wednesday 17 <i>Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Brian Keane RIP
		6pm	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	
		7pm	Holy Mass	Special Intention
Thursday 18 <i>Lent Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
Friday 19 <i>SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	For our Parish Stewards who keep us safe at this time.
	10.00am to 11.00am		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		3pm	Stations of the Cross	
	7pm		Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 20 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
		11.30am	Holy Mass	Loretta Barnet



LENT (*Lifted up to save*)
The 40 days of Lent is like a school where we learn that Jesus was lifted up on the Cross to save the world. The "wounded healer" - Jesus, is hanging on the cross to heal our wounds and reconcile an estranged world to the Father; to teach us what sacrifice and love mean; to make us whole again. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that anyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life."
MORE PRAYER, MORE LOVE, MORE HEALING.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS

of David Mark Gallimore, Kevin Rafferty and all those whose anniversary fall at this time. May they rest in perfect peace.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact us at the parish office.

CONFESSIONS

Sacred Heart

Friday 10.00am – 11.00 am (During Adoration)

Saturday 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Sunday 9.00am – 9.20am

St Joseph's

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm (During Adoration)

Sunday 11.00am – 11.20am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart

Friday 10.00am – 11.00am

St Joseph's

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm

FR STAN'S DROP IN

If you need to speak with Fr Stan, you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm. No appointment needed.

PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS

The list for March 2021 is in the porch. Please sign to volunteer to pray for vocations on one day during the month on behalf of the parish.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

OFFERTORY COLLECTION AND FUNDRAISING

Sacred Heart 7th March

Gift Aid £87, Non-Gift Aid £200.72 Total £287.72

Cathedral Maintenance Gift Aid £20.45, Non-Gift Aid £44.50 Total £64.95

St Joseph's 7th March

Gift Aid £164, Non-Gift Aid £97.60, Total £261.60

Cathedral Maintenance Gift Aid £30, Non-Gift Aid £86.10 Total £116.10

OUR PARISH OUTREACH

Our Parish Outreach/ Food Bank at St Joseph's House is open every Tuesday 11am to 2pm. It is open to all people in our parish area who may be in need. As we thank all those who have supported the project so far, we wish to let you know that presently we only accept food items and toiletries. Thanks for your continued assistance.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Monday 15th March, Requiem Mass for David Mark Gallimore at Sacred Heart 1.15pm;

Tuesday 16th March Funeral Service for Kevin Rafferty at Sacred Heart 11am with reception into the Church on Monday 15th March 6pm.

HOLY WEEK 2021 SCHEDULE

Maudy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 1st April

7pm Sacred Heart

7pm St. Joseph's

(Prayerful Watching in the two Churches till 9pm)

Good Friday 2nd April

The Passion of the Lord

3pm Sacred Heart

3pm St Joseph's

Stations of the Cross

7pm Sacred Heart

Holy Saturday Vigil 3rd April

8pm Sacred Heart

EASTER CONFESSIONS

There will not be an organised communal celebration of Penitential Service as the covid-19 pandemic lockdown persists. Opportunities for confessions will continue to be offered during the usual times (30 minutes before every weekend Mass and during Eucharistic adorations in both churches).

Individuals can also make private appointments through the parish office.

Before the weekend Masses of 27/28 March, with the help of another priest, we shall offer extended opportunities for confessions.

OFFERING AND DONATION ENVELOPES

While we continue to encourage online donations through Standing Orders fresh offering and donation envelopes are available at the porches of our churches. Please collect yours; and those who do not have particular numbers assigned to them yet are encouraged to get one through the Church wardens or parish office. Thanks for your continued financial assistance to our parish.

APPRECIATION

The installation of CCTV cameras and Streaming gadgets in the Sacred Heart Church was completed on March 12. We thank All Churches Trust for funding this project.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

Hope as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey.

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her "living water" (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would "be raised on the third day" (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father's mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father's forgiveness.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God's forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference" (*ibid.*, 224).