

Saint Patrick's Church



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 10.30am

Vigil Mass (Sat) 5.30pm

Sunday Mass 9.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 2 March	No Mass	Weekday of Lent
Tuesday 3 March	12.00pm	Weekday of Lent Liturgy of the Word & Adoration
Wednesday 4 March	No Mass	Weekday of Lent
Thursday 5 March	12.00pm	Weekday of Lent Liturgy of the Word & Adoration
Friday 6 March	No Mass 6.00pm	Weekday of Lent Stations of the Cross
Saturday 7 March	No Mass <i>No Sacrament of reconciliation</i> SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5.30pm Sung Vigil Mass of Sunday	Weekday of Lent
Sunday 8 March	9.30am Solemn Mass <i>followed by refreshments in the Hall</i>	

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Second Collection This Weekend: Spiritan Fathers Mission Appeal
Next Week: CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection

First Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9,3: 1-7

In this ancient story, humanity's first sin is described symbolically as taking to oneself a privilege reserved to God.

Psalm (50) Response

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Saint Paul teaches that Jesus makes a very radical change in humanity's relationship with God — so big a change that Paul can only compare it to God's original creation of human beings.

Gospel Acclamation No 185

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

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Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Saint Matthew describes Jesus' temptations after his baptism in ways that remind his Jewish Christian audience of their Exodus experience and first covenant with God.

Please remember in your prayers

The Sick: Christopher Browl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher and all in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who care for them.

Pope Francis March Prayer Intention: that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Sundays of Lent: Days of Special prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments (those throughout the world who will be baptised at Easter)

Diocesan Prayer Link: English Martyrs, Chard with Crewkerne & Ilminster

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: Saint Patrick's Parish

NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A very warm welcome to Fr Gervase Moo of the Spiritan Fathers (Holy Ghost Fathers) who will make the Annual Diocesan Mission appeal this weekend. Fr Moo is from Ghana and will share with us something of the work of the Spiritans.

Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' film series continues in St Patrick's Church Hall on Thursday 5 March 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Popcorn & other cinema snacks & drinks provided. A big thank you to Mark for hosting this! Everyone had a wonderful evening again last week. Do come along! Topic: The Mother of God.

World Day of Prayer 2020 This Ecumenical service, written by the women of Zimbabwe, will take place at St Patrick's Church on Friday 6 March at 1.30pm There will be refreshments in the hall after the service. See poster for details.

Reconciliation: Celebrating the Father's Mercy: Bishop Declan invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Trowbridge Deanery Celebration with Confessions is 7pm at St John's Trowbridge.

Ecumenical Lent Course A six week Course entitle 'Saying Yes to Life' continues on Thurs 5 March (tea/coffee from 10am) at St Patrick's. Each session is repeated on Mondays at St Aldhelm's at 7.30pm (tea/coffee from 7.15pm) See poster for details. There is a notice-board list for volunteers to help with refreshments on Thursdays - 2 for each session please.

Lenten Formation - Preparing for Holy Week We gather for a series of 3 evenings in the hall to help us celebrate the Sacred Triduum (Three days) as a community with understanding and richness. Thursday 12 March '*Celebrating Holy Thursday*'. 19 March '*Celebrating Good Friday*'. Thursday 2 April '*Celebrating the Great Easter Vigil*'. We will look at what we celebrate, its background and why and how we celebrate this wonderful season of our redemption. Do come along!

CAFOD Family Fast Day falls this year on Friday 6 March. We are invited to give up a meal or have a simpler one than usual and give the saving to CAFOD. Our gifts will save lives. Gift Aid envelopes are available on the table and will be collected on Sunday 8 March. Thank you.

Spring Fling at St Patrick's School Fri March 6 from 6-9pm with music from Pibley barn and ceilidh band. Tickets £3 adult/ £2 child/ £10 family from sarahmcleod1980@hotmail.co.uk or Rachel King on 07742667171.

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Stations of the Cross Each Friday of Lent (beginning 6 March) there will be Stations of the Cross at 6pm in the Church. It gives us chance to make the journey of Jesus our own through these Lenten weeks.

Traidcraft Sale next weekend 7/8 March. Perhaps you might buy something for the food bank?

School Admission Appeals Panel Members The Department for Schools and Colleges are looking to recruit new panel members for School Admission Appeals. These take place during May, June and July. As a panel member you will receive regular training and can claim for travel expenses. If you would like to find out more about how appeals are conducted and what is involved, or to book onto the training please contact Jenny Fitzgerald on 0117 9025599.

Music Group next meets on Wednesday 11th March at 6.15pm. All welcome as we begin to prepare the music for Holy week and Easter.

Holy Communion by Self-Intinction At our gathering of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the question was raised about people bringing the host to the chalice for them to self-intinct. The Church teaches that intinction should **never** be self-administered and communion is always given and received. At a time when viruses are prevalent, please consider that our hands can be as much a source of pathogens as lips. We are informed that intinction is no safer than drinking and can introduce germs into the chalice. Dipping the host into the chalice can also threaten those with certain immune or allergic conditions, eg those with gluten intolerance for whom traces of gluten can be hazardous and are at greater risk when other communicants have dipped the host into the chalice. Kindly refrain from self-intinction and receive in one kind if you do not wish to receive from the chalice. Thank you for your understanding. Also, Extraordinary Ministers of HC are also asked by the Bishops to gel their hands before and after the distribution of Communion (Gel is available by the door)

RUH If you or a loved one is going into the Royal United Hospital please let the RUH Chaplaincy know on 01225 428331 or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital please have a word with Fr Michael.

And finally...real bulletin bloopers to make you smile:

“Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow”

“ The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8.30pm. Please use the back door”

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