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8th Sunday Yr. C



3rd March 2019

Mass Book: Page 144 Psalter Week 4

Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16 *resp cf v2*

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Rare Readings!

Did you know that because the date of Easter is so late – we have not heard the readings for the 8th Sunday of Year C since 2001 !

Mass Times

Saturday	2 nd Mar	6:00pm	Mass	Gerard Brady
Sunday	3 rd Mar	8:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30am	Mass	Anna Stephenson
Monday	4 th Mar	NO MASS		
Tuesday	5 th Mar	9:15am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30am	Mass	Fr Colum Rafferty

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday	6 th Mar	9:30 am	Mass	with Sacred Heart School
		7:00 pm	Mass	
Thursday	7 th Mar	6:45pm	Evening Prayer	
		7:00pm	Mass	
Friday	8 th Mar	9:15am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom families
Saturday	9 th Mar	11:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday	9 th Mar	6:00pm	Mass	Marife, Maria, Mariano Waken
Sunday	10 th Mar	8:30am	Mass	Rose Byrne
		10:30am	Mass	Kate Hunt

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 17.00 (NGA) £ 5.00

Loose £ 261.83

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R&R Appeal (GA) £ 94.00 (NGA) £ 11.50 Loose £ 105.25

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Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Barbara Brogan, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D'Souza, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died:

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Howard Green, Rose Byrne, Christopher Herman.

May they rest in peace

Anna Stephenson - Committal of Ashes

Today at the 10:30 Mass we pray with the family of Anna Stephenson, as we place her Ashes into the Columbarium after Mass.

Her ashes will be placed before the altar in the Church during Mass, and after a service in the Church at 11.30am we will proceed to the Columbarium.

First Holy Communion Preparation: *This Thursday 7 March.*

The Meeting for Parents will take place on **Thursday 7 March at 7:45pm** in the Church Meeting Room. We will discuss **First Confession**.

Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the Season of Lent.

There are two masses, **9:30 am & 7:00 pm**, during which ashes will be distributed.

Do make an effort to start Lent on this high note.

The Season of Lent: there are lots of opportunities to have a great **Lent:**

- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays of Lent.
- **Holy Hour and Exposition:** Saturday 11 – 12.00 Noon.
- The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available at the same time.
- **“Walk with Me” Booklets and Calendars** are in the Church Narthex.
- **Ecumenical Lent Lunches:** Thursdays at Christchurch. See poster.
- **Lent Talks:** A Series of reflections on the **Eucharist in the Life of the Church** beginning this Thursday 21 March at 7.30pm

Retiring Collection: It has been our practice to have a retiring Collection each Sunday of Lent: Next Week: **Mary’s Meals**; 17 March: CAFOD Family Fast Day. 24 March: NOMAD. 31 March: Fr Hudson’s Society. 7 April: Friends of the Holy Land. 14 April: Easter Flowers.

Mary’s Meals – Next Sunday’s Retiring Lenten Collection

This is a new initiative, seeking to bring hope to a hungry world - a global movement of people from all walks of life, united by a belief that no child in this world of plenty should endure a day without a meal.

Mary’s Meals provides life-changing meals to some of the world’s poorest children every school day. We are a no-frills charity with a single idea that works by providing one good meal in a place of learning. Children are drawn into the classroom, where they can receive an education which could one day free them from poverty.

Mary’s Meals is named after Mary the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. We reach out to people of all faiths and of none. Our vision is that in this world of abundance, every child will receive one daily meal.

Mini Vinnies

A new initiative at Sacred Heart School

I'm sure many of you are familiar with the St Vincent de Paul Society = the SVP. In the past the SVP has been the social outreach of many Parishes, as it seeks to provide assistance to those in need. Its motto is '*turning concern into action*'. Today the SVP is focused upon visiting the bereaved and the lonely, and caring for those in material need.

Less well known is the junior SVP '*Mini Vinnies*' for 7-11-year olds. The aim is to form a spirituality of care and action which will form the children for life and encourage those corporal works of mercy, which is the hallmark of a follower of Christ. *Mini Vinnies* will be a school of faith. Through face to face visits with the elderly and their neighbours' *Mini Vinnies* are called to encounter Christ, hidden amongst the poor and those in need. At Sacred Heart School, *Mini Vinnies* will be launched on Ash Wednesday (this week) at the 9.30am Mass in Church.

Mini Vinnies seeks to live-out the values of the SVP:

Christ Centred: To acknowledge the presence of Christ everywhere.

Compassionate: To show a compassion that is non-judgemental towards those with whom we work.

Respectful: To respect the dignity of all in the knowledge that we are all equal.

Generous: To be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves in the service of others.

Responsive: To be alert to the ever-changing needs in the communities in which we work and to respond accordingly in order alleviate poverty in all its forms as well as we can.

Accountable: We recognize our accountability to those we seek to help; whilst acting within the limits of our own knowledge and skills.

Confidential: To respect the confidentiality of those we help, whilst recognising that the physical and mental wellbeing of any vulnerable party must always be paramount.

The SVP strives to achieve these values through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, through prayer, friendship, mutual support and encouragement. We pray that the launch of *Mini Vinnies* will bear fruit in a spirituality of serving Christ in one another, and especially those in need.

Please pray for our *Mini Vinnies* and the success of this new venture.

Fr Paul