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2nd Sunday in Lent Yr C



17th March 2019

Mass Book: Page 156 Psalter Week 2

Readings:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalms 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 *resp v1*

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

Mass Times

Saturday	16 th Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	Paul Gleeson
Sunday	17 th Mar	8:30 am	Mass	Loreta Pierce
		10:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday	18 th Mar	NO MASS		
Tuesday	19 th Mar	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	John & Kathleen Twine
Wednesday	20 th Mar	9:00 am	School Mass (Yr 4) at Sacred Heart School	
Thursday	21 st Mar	NO MASS		
Friday	22 nd Mar	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Family
Saturday	23 rd Mar	10:00 am	First Confessions	
		11:15 am	<u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u>	
Saturday	23 rd Mar	6:00 pm	Mass	Dec'd Ireson Family
Sunday	24 th Mar	8:30 am	Mass	Dick Pierce
		10:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11.00-12.00 & 5.00-5.45pm

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

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 127.00 (NGA) £ 5.00

Loose £ 264.95 **Contactless £35.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 78.50 (NGA) £ 1.50

Second collection – Mary's Meals: £ 422.89 Many thanks

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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: **Pamela Margaret Jebb**

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Rose Byrne, Christopher Herman, John Gunn. *May they rest in peace*

✠ Please remember in your prayers **Pamela Jebb** who has died. The funeral Mass for Pamela will be announced shortly. Pamela has no existing family, so I am going to ask you – our Parish family – to be her family on this occasion. ✠
Lord, grant to our sister peace and joy in your kingdom. May she rest in peace.

Confirmation 2019 *Meeting for Parents on Tuesday*

There is a meeting for Parents of those candidates for Confirmation on **Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm**. The Mass of enrolment is Saturday 30 March at 6.00pm.

Lent Talks: A Series of reflections on the **Eucharist in the Life of the Church** beginning **this Thursday** 21 March at 7.30pm. We will be basing our reflections on Bishop Robert Barron's reflections on the Mass.

This talk will be repeated on **Friday morning** after Mass.

Pilgrimage to Littlemore: *This Saturday 23 March 2 - 5pm*

On Saturday, Fr Michael Miners of Watlington is leading a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Blessed Cardinal Newman. **Please arrive at Littlemore for Mass at 2.00pm**. It should finish by 5.00pm. All welcome.

Bishopswood School Visit: We welcome the children and parents for their annual Service on **Friday 29th March at 10.00am**. I would welcome volunteers who could help serve refreshments and come with a plate of Hot Cross Buns.

First Confessions: *This Saturday at 10am.*

The Service of **First Confessions (There will be visiting priests available for adults)** will take place this at 10.00 am, with Hot Cross Buns & Coffee.

Lent is ... Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day. – *The Second Collection today.*

Last Friday was the CAFOD Family Fast Day, the second collection follows this weekend. For many years you have been most generous for all the collections for those in need and particularly in respect for your support of CAFOD. Such consistent and ongoing support has been so encouraging.

The Retiring Collection next week: NOMAD

Nomad Youth & Community project is an active local charity based in Henley that supports children, young people and families at grass roots level. NOMAD provides support for those facing challenging situations in their lives and seek to work collaboratively with other organisations and agencies through delivering positive and individually tailored programs of support.

Celebrating the Mercy of God.

During Lent we consider how we can experience God's loving forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Today we reflect upon a question many people ask: what do I say?

The desire to 'confess our sins' is part of an ongoing conversion of mind and heart in a spirit of humility and repentance, which has a special significance during Lent. Before we consider what we might say, it is important to remember that the way we celebrate this sacrament will shape this element of reconciliation. We have two ways of celebrating the Sacrament: one may go to '*open confession*' which means face to face with the priest, either in the Church or in our home; or '*private Confession*', which means that there is a screen and entails a certain amount of anonymity. '

Open Confession' necessitates a certain dialogue as part of its nature. The Confession may be more of a chat, or informal in nature and may be a time when we wish to discuss with the priest a particular issue in our life. '*Private Confession*' is anonymous and as such will be principally influenced by the Penitent. This may be more formal. For many people, this may be an easier means of confession, but it does require a good deal of preparation if we are not simply to list our faults; in a manner which means that we may not reflect upon the positive areas of our lives at all.

The decision what to say is always the penitent's responsibility and is always respected by the priest. Sometimes people seek advice. The simple answer may be that we should confess whatever is on our conscience. Sometimes it is recommended that we might concentrate upon one area of our life. In this way we may bring before God something that has troubled us for some time. We may bring before God a weakness for which we may ask for his healing. Many people find this method particularly helpful, especially if they have not been to confession for some time.

Opening our life before God and confessing whatever is on our conscience is helpful for others. In this way they humbly place themselves before God and seek his loving kindness and mercy. Whatever we confess, it is important to repeat, that it is not necessarily what we say that is important, but the spirit of repentance that underlies this. We take responsibility for our actions in a way that may not be familiar in the rest of our life. This responsibility can be freeing, as we place this before God and seek his forgiveness. As we confess our sins, we may be more aware of our conversion and repentance, which began before we even entered the confessional, deepening in our lives, helping us to be more like Christ and experience his love, compassion and mercy at a new level. Fr Paul