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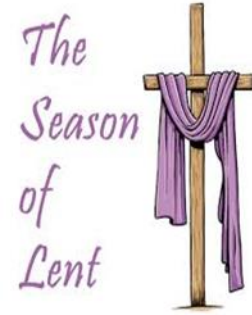
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First Sunday of Lent

Reflection: What does the session of Lent mean to you - fasting abstinence penance? Our attitudes to Lent can be very gloomy and negative. However, through our observance of Lent, we can begin to understand the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus and how it can teach us to reflect our own lives. We can use the 6 weeks of Lent almost like an annual retreat, a time for deepening the understanding of our Christian faith, a time for reflection and renewal, a time to make a fresh start. Our daily lives can become a competitive rat race without even knowing it. We can be surrounded by selfishness, greed, anger, hostility, jealousy and resentment, above all the desire to have rather than to share. Let us make Lent 2019 a time to building not palaces or empires but a society that is more loving and just, based on the message of Jesus, a message of truth and integrity, of love and compassion, of freedom and peace.

Please Pray for the Sick: Mary Lamberth, Yoland Rahim, Clement Akujiobi, P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, Patrick O'Reilly, Trisha Weldon, John Curry, Pat Hillman, Clément, Trish, Teresa and Masie.

Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.

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| Sat | 29/02 | 5.30 pm | Vigil Mass of Sunday | Mrs Diedre Callaghan (RIP) |
| Sun | 01/03 | 11 am | First Sunday of Lent | Kathleen (RIP) |
| Tue | 03/03 | 6 pm | Lent Feria | No Intention |
| Wed | 04/03 | 6 pm | Lent Feria | No Intention |
| Thurs | 05/03 | 6 pm | Lent Feria | No Intention |
| Fri | 06/03 | 6 pm | Lent Feria Stations of the cross after 6 pm Mass | Michelle Howell (Get well) |
| Sat | 07/03 | 5.30 pm | Vigil Mass of Sunday | No Intention |
| Sun | 08/03 | 11 am | Second Sunday of Lent | Bill Johnson (Get well) |

Second Collection

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver is here today to make an annual mission appeal on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary Work and will be grateful for your support.

Next Sunday there will be collection for Church Repairs and Conference Centre

Confessions and Rosary for the Month of March

Rosary in the Lady Chapel on weekdays Tuesday-Friday @ 5.30 pm before 6 pm Mass and Sundays at 10:30 am. Confessions on Saturdays at 5 pm or on request.

Baptism Preparation Course

The next courses will be held on Friday; 13th March 2020 @ 7 pm in the Lady Chapel. Before attending the course please email the office @stcatsiena@gmail.com for a form which you should complete and return.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Next RCIA programme will be Thursday 7:30 pm in the church. Please email the office @ stcatsiena@gmail .com for details about the RCIA programme

Something Extra To Do For Lent?

Ash Wednesday is on 26th February. Beginning on Friday 28th February there will be 6 pm Mass and The Stations of the Cross. Following this we will be having a **soup supper** with donations given to CAFOD. This is a great opportunity to do something extra for Lent. **You can team up as group to support this Lenten project.** Signup sheet at the back of the church. Please be generous with your time and help, **Thank You St Catherine's Parish Lottery Club**

Last year we started a Lottery Club. Our aim is to sell at least 100 numbers! You can buy a number for £2 per month /£24 per year. 50 % of all income goes to the church, 25% to 1st number drawn, 15% to 2nd and 10% to 3rd. Winning numbers for February: 1st 9, 2nd 36, 3rd 27. **Next Draw will be held on 23rd February** and winning numbers published in the next newsletter. **There are still numbers available**

Please contact the office @stcatsiena@gmail.com.

Church Repairs and Conference Centre

We need to raise approximately £50,000 over 5 years to cover the cost of essential Church repairs and a new Conference Centre with Kitchen. Many thanks for all your contributions so far.

| Need | Cost |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Essential Church repairs | £ 32,500 |
| Conference Centre | £ 14,000 |
| Total | £ 46,500 + VAT |
| Amount Collected so far | £ 14,530.94 |
| Amount remaining | £ 31,969.06 + VAT |

| Collections for January 2020 | Amount |
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| Weekly Collection (Loose) | £ 831.02 |
| Weekly Collection (Gift Aid) | £ 180.00 |
| Building Fund/ Conference Centre | £ 141.21 |
| Direct Payment (General collection) | £ 522.00 |
| Direct Payment (Building Fund) | £ 520.00 |
| Direct Payment (Parish Lottery) | £ 62.00 |

National Novena to St Joseph

Will be held on the 10th-18th March 2020 at St Joseph Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House Freshfield, Liverpool. You are invited to send in your petition and/or to request for Novena booklet to enable you to join in from your home by praying the daily Novena. Email: novenamhm@gmail.com for more information.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland.

Is on the 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Flight with 10 kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Hednesford

Is on Sunday 5th July 2020, Mass 4 pm. Further information will be communicated you later.

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