

Sunday Mass 8:30am & 11am. Daily Mass 9:30am.
Confession: After Sat. am Mass and on request

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial psalm: The Lord is compassion and love. (Ps 102).

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent (C)

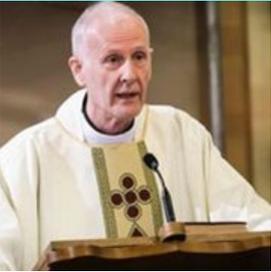
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St Patrick's Night: £296.42 Raffle: £270.00

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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 25 *Annunciation of the Lord*



And finally- weekly thought from Fr. Paul.

Brexit has taken an unexpected turn. St Rita of Cascia, the patron saint of impossible cases, has intervened. Mrs May has been given until 22 May, the feast day of St Rita, to make up her, and Parliament's, mind. I urge everyone, therefore, to pray to Rita to get the country out of the mess it now finds itself in. It would be remiss of me to say where I stand - parish priests are supposed to stay

neutral before their parishioners when it comes to politics - but as a Guardian-reading Leftie (of the mild variety), I cannot for the life of me see why we have to leave Europe. Interestingly, the European Bishops' Conference have said that the bishops of England and Wales, and Scotland, are still welcome to attend their meetings. When things get to the point that we have to be reassured that we are still European, it is a sad day. And it's not just about economics and trade; it's about a whole host of other things, like culture, identity, a common history, etc. Whether we like it or not, we are European. All this Brexit business is, in my opinion, the last, sad, consequence of England's decision to forsake the Church and go it alone in the 16th century. Not only David Cameron, but Henry the Eighth has a lot to answer for. **St Rita, pray for us.**

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24th March 2019 - Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Our Father: Pope Francis teaches

“God is not ambiguous, He is not hidden behind riddles, He has not planned the future of the world in an indecipherable manner.” In his catechesis on the third petition of the “Our Father”, Pope Francis said that we can see the will of the Father expressed in the words of Jesus: God wills “to seek and to save that which was lost”. This, the Pope said, “without any shadow of doubt, is the will of God: the salvation of all human beings”, of each one of us individually. Because of His love for us, God “knocks on the door of our heart” in order “to draw us to Himself, to lead us forward along the path of salvation”. God, the Pope said, “is close to each one of us with His love, in order to lead us by the hand to salvation”.

“And we, in prayer, ask that God’s seeking might come to a good end, that His universal plan of salvation should be accomplished,” Pope Francis continued, “first, in each one of us, and then in the whole world.”

God’s desire for the salvation of human beings, and of the whole world, means that our prayer that His will be done does not mean “bowing our heads”, like slaves, to an unalterable fate. On the contrary, “God wants us to be free,” the Pope said; and “it is His love that frees us”. “Thy will be done”, he said, is “a courageous, even combative prayer” precisely because there is so much evil in the world, which is not according to God’s [antecedent] will.

The Our Father, he continued, “is a prayer that kindles in us the same love [that] Jesus has for the will of the Father, a flame that impels one to transform the world with love”. There is nothing of random chance in the faith of Christians, the Pope explained: “Rather, there is a salvation that waits to manifest itself in (continued overleaf)

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the life of each man and woman, and to be fully accomplished in eternity.” If we pray, he said, “it is because we believe that God is able and desires to transform reality, overcoming evil with good.”

Pope Francis pointed to the example of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, when the Lord prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this chalice from me; but not my will, but yours, be done!” Although He is “crushed” by the weight of evil in the world, Jesus “confidently abandons Himself to the ocean of love of the will of the Father”. In His love, God will never abandon us, the Pope insisted: “He will always be with us, beside us, within us. For a believer, more than a hope, this is a certainty”.

TUESDAYS IN LENT – series of audio-visual presentations in the hall to help us through Lent:

26 Mar: ‘St Augustine of Hippo’, film by Bishop Barron, with question and answer session.

2 April: ‘Best Lent Ever’ – Lent for teenagers, presented by Ewan Walker.

9 Apr: ‘Broken’ – final episode of the BBC drama series about the life of a parish priest in the north of England. Discussion afterwards with Fr Paul.

RETIRING COLLECTION – this weekend for SPUC and Episcopal charities.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Tuesdays in Lent – a series of audio-visual presentations in the parish hall.

Sun 31 Mar – Parish Open Assembly 12.45am in the Church. **Please note the change of date** from 6 April

TUESDAYS IN LENT – please come along to the video on St Augustine by Bishop Barron, which features the frescoes in San Gimignano and the tomb of St Augustine in the Augustinian church in Pavia, near Milan. There will be a question and answer session afterwards.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place each Friday in Lent at 7pm.

EASTER TRIDUUM OF HOLY WEEK

(No Morning Mass

Thursday to Saturday)

Holy Thursday 18 April

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7pm

Good Friday 19 April

Passion of the Lord 3pm

(Confessions afterwards)

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday 20 April

Easter Vigil 9pm

Easter Sunday 21 April

Mass 11am

PARISH OPEN ASSEMBLY/AGM –

Sunday 31 March, 12.30-1.30pm, in the church. The main focus will be on what kind of parish we wish to be, and how best to make our church building more welcoming and suitable for worship. A questionnaire has been devised for distribution to the whole parish. All parishioners are welcome. It is an **open meeting**.

Lily Livingston, a Catholic resident in Blenham House, passed away on 21 March. *May she rest in peace.*

NOTICES for Third Sunday in Lent (C)

ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC (RCIA) – A course for those wishing to become Catholics or who need adult confirmation: **Thursdays at 7pm** in the parish house. Please pray for Gareth Hogg, who is preparing for baptism in St Joseph’s this Easter, and for Duarte Silva, who will be confirmed.

LEGION OF MARY – meets weekly at the new time of **Sunday, after the 11am Mass (12.15pm)**, in the small room of the hall. New members are always welcome...

If you wish a home visit from the Legion of Mary, please put your name and contact number on the clipboard at the back of the church and they will come and pray in our home for your intentions, bearing a statue of Our Lady

WALK OF WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY – an ecumenical venture involving all our local churches, starting at Stenhouse Baptist Church (above Tesco/Greggs) at 6pm, finishing at St Nicholas on the Calder Road, and taking in St Joseph’s. Do come along, even if only from St Joseph’s, or St David’s. Fr Paul will be there – in his habit!

AUGUSTINIAN LIFE – copies of the magazine of the Augustinians in Britain are available in the church porch free of charge.

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT – our Archdiocese has been chosen to be audited by the Social Care Institute for Excellence/Children in Scotland on 26-28 March. The team wants to hear from anyone who has disclosed abuse, shared concerns of unsafe people or practice, and also from survivors of non-recent Church-related abuse, their families and friends. Copies of a notice containing further details are available at the back of the church.

‘EARTH HOUR’ – a short vigil will take place on Saturday 30 March, 8.30-9.30pm. to pay for the earth, our ‘common home’, as Pope Francis calls it, in the spirit of his encyclical *Laudato Si’*.

LENTE TALKS FOR YOUTH - ‘ON THE WAY: Walking with Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem - Sundays March 10 & 24, April 7, 5-7pm at the Gillis Centre. Talks, discussion, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Confessions and a social. See poster.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST – On Saturday 30 March, 11.00am-12.30pm, a workshop will take place for our eucharistic ministers who were unable to attend the one in the Gillis Centre. New ministers will be commissioned and existing one re-commissioned at the mass of the Lord’s Supper in Holy Week.

FR IAN is in San Gimignano this weekend, to celebrate Fr Brian’s Month’s Mind. Please pray for Fr Brian’s happy repose.

LENTE ALMS – a Lenten Alms box will be left at the foot of the lectern during Lent. The money will go to the Diocesan Care Fund. The box will be emptied after each Mass.

SPUC APPEAL – Angela Okolo will make an appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children on Sunday 31 March. A second collection will follow.