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The Week Ahead

Sunday Readings Year C Weekdays Year 1 Psalter Week 3

Sunday 23 March, Third Sunday of Lent

0915: People of the Parish

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Tuesday 25 March, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

0930: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1000: Special Intention (from Slawek)

1800: *Rosary Group (led by Steve, all are welcome.
This week we shall be praying Luminous Mysteries
for the People of the Parish)*

Wednesday 26 March, Lent Feria

0930: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1000: Special Intention (from Slawek)

Friday 28 March, Lent Feria

1830: Stations of the Cross (*Leaders please*)

1900: Sick & Housebound of the Parish

Saturday 29 March, Lent Feria

1000 - 1200: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration. During which you are invited to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *In this Jubilee Year, the 12th edition of "24 Hours for the Lord," a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, will be celebrated in dioceses around the world. As with previous editions, the event will take place on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, from Friday 28 March to Saturday 29 March.*

Sunday 30 March, Fourth Sunday of Lent

0915: Moira McGrath

Confession: Is available during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Mass Intentions would be very much appreciated



We remember in our prayers: The sick and housebound of the parish, Pope Francis, Fr Michael White and all known to us who are unwell at this time.

Recently Deceased: We pray for the Repose of the Soul of our most recently departed. Arthur Male R.I.P. Helen Smith R.I.P. Michael Robin Hudson R.I.P. Fr Dominic Innamorati.

Readers: This Sunday: Louisa & next Sunday Peter. (*Please ensure that if you swop, add it to the list in the church porch, the master copy. Any issues, contact Tracy on 07395 027087*).

Praying for Pope Francis: Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lent Soup Lunch Wednesday 19th March, 12.30pm with short reflection: Heartfelt thanks to Sheila & Jane & all those who helped and supported the Lunch which was both enjoyable and successful raising £177 towards WaterAid's Lent Appeal. This appeal is running for all of Lent and we do have our own jar just waiting for your loose change. Ooh, let's see if we can fill it!

Summer Concert: Evening of Tuesday 3rd June Cantorum choir concert. A light summer programme from a local choir. Bring and share supper afterwards in the marquee. Please bring a generous plate of food to share, as the choir will be hungry! Collection for the parish funds. Bring friends! Please save this date.

Pilgrimage to: Lourdes, Knock or Walsingham. Please see the Parish Noticeboard for full details.

Daffodil Sunday 2025 - Sunday 6th April 2025: This year, St Joseph's has a bric-a-brac stall at this event on April 6th from 11 till 4 at Newnham Paddox. We are not being charged for this stall and **all our takings will come to our own parish funds.** What we need from you...-BRIC-A-BRAC!!

Please bring anything saleable to church from baby equipment, through kitchenware or garden items, to ornaments, tools and fancy goods. (No books or jigsaws). Bring it in a reasonably clean condition and put it in the boxes provided in the garage. ASAP
-We also need to you to come along!

-A couple more volunteers to man the stall would be wonderful too. -They are also asking for volunteers to help with the setup of marquees etc at 9am April 5th and to clear at 4pm on the 6th.

Let's be marvellous with our miscellanea, fabulous with our frippery and dazzle them with all our doodads!
AND make some bucks for our bank account!
Any questions or to volunteer ring Liz on 07884314663.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord: The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38). Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Reflection: Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God's freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God's shout to us to wake up to the marvellous creatures that we all are by divine design. (*Franciscan Media*)

Lent 2025: Walk with Me prayer books are available in our Piety Stall after weekend Masses £1 each.

Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Thursday 17 April Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30pm

Good Friday 18 April – Solemn Liturgy 3pm

Holy Saturday 19 April – Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday 20 April – 9.15am

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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