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WEEKLY BULLETIN 27th FEBRUARY – 5th MARCH 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C

Sunday, 27th February	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Sr Janet Mead RIP</i>
Wednesday, 2nd March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	<i>Domingo Meneses RIP</i>
(Confessions available after Mass)			
Sunday, 6th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

ROTAS

Sunday, 27th February	Mass	Stewards:	Cory & Linda	Reader: Angela
		Minister:	Andrew	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila
Sunday, 6th March	Mass	Stewards:	Jackie & Colin	Reader: Carol
		Minister:	Mary	
		Counters:	Jackie & Colin	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

ASH WEDNESDAY ON 2nd MARCH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LENT AND IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE. Mass will also be celebrated at St Philip Neri at 12.10 pm and 6.00 pm

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS:

First Reading	<i>Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7</i>
Response	<i>It is good to give you thanks, O Lord</i>
Second Reading	<i>1 Corinthians 15: 54-58</i>
Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 6: 39-45</i>

Your Prayers are requested for: Janet C; Mary S; Stephanie W; Garry; Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; Tina T; Mary C, KP (Karen's brother-in-law), Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D and Mrs C. Casey. All those suffering from the coronavirus and those working in the NHS or Care Services; those working in essential services to keep our country functioning. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER SUNDAY MASS – ALL WELCOME

LENTEN RETREATS The Diocesan Adult Formation Service is offering a Women's Retreat on **Saturday 12th March** at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Nottingham (NG8 6AZ). The day will have input from the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and women from around the Diocese of Nottingham, with also times of reflection, prayer, socialising, confession and Mass. The theme of the retreat will be: **'Make the tent you live in larger; lengthen its ropes and strengthen the pegs!'** (Isaiah 54:2) and we will explore how we live out our faith in all areas of our lives and through the people we meet. The cost of the day will be £20 which includes a buffet lunch. The day will begin at 10.00 am and will finish at 5.00 pm.

The following **Saturday (19th March)** to celebrate St Joseph's Day, patron saint of men, we will host a retreat for Catholic Men at the Briars Retreat Centre in Crich. The day will focus on 'Friendship with Christ - Friendship in Christ' and will explore how as men we are called to not only grow in holiness but in fraternity too. the cost of the day will be £25 which includes breakfast lunch and dinner. The day will begin at 10.00 am and will finish after a curry at 5.30 pm.

SYNOD PRAYER

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray
from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of
the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen***

Food Bank: Thank you for your continued support and the foodbank is very grateful and amazed at our generosity every week of the year. Please continue to donate tinned meat and fish, UHT milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, coffee, fruit juice, nappies, toiletries and cleaning materials. Many thanks for your generosity.

SYNOD PROCESS: During Lent, each community, school and deanery is asked to begin looking at implementing their agreed actions. St Patrick's ideas were:

Short Term Action: Keep people in touch by delivering e.g., newsletters/cards/ talk to others/provide a meal for the elderly

Long Term Action: Train a hospitality group/Youth Mass/work together (with other denominations and communities etc.) to provide what is needed- e.g., faith development/social events

Deanery Actions: a Deanery Team be set up as soon as possible made up of one representative from each community in order to enact what is possible from the agreed actions and also to explore the funding and appointment of a co-ordinator.

Eucharistic Ministers: On **Saturday 2nd April** at 10.45 am - 1.00 pm in St Philip's Church Hall - reflection and update regarding leading a Service of the Word.

PPC MEETING: The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting shortly and if any parishioner has any issue which they would like the Council to discuss, please contact Fr John or Ken Daly. We are always looking for people to join this Council so if you think you have the time to join us, please let us know. **Ideas for a Parish Project to be undertaken during Lent and meet our Bishop's aim of Missionary Discipleship are welcome and can be given to any member of the Parish Council prior to the meeting (see note above).**

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal: Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is **Friday 11th March**, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/lent. Alternatively, Ann Neale is once again walking during Lent for CAFOD. The challenge is 5 kilometres a day for Walk Against Hunger. Donations can be made at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/anns-walk-for-hunger-page> and thank you to all those who donated last year.

SCHOOL NEWS: Following Diocesan advice regarding the current COVID-19 situation, Masses in St Patrick's School have now resumed on a class basis. Unfortunately, families and parishioners are unable to attend at this present time. The situation will be reviewed as soon as possible as the school has greatly welcomed the opportunity of inviting you all to Mass. Other school news available on their respective websites.

FUNDRAISING: Congratulations to Cory and Debbie who raised £250.00 with their Christmas lights display. Cory and Debbie have re-introduced Bingo sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. Raffle and Scratchcard prizes and refreshments. Proceeds to the Emily Harris Foundation for which Cory and Debbie have already raised over £2,030.

FINANCES: Sunday, 20th February

**Envelopes £140.00 Loose Plate £112.00 Standing Orders £135.00 Total £387.00
Development Fund £45.00**

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