



# THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 6th – 13th MARCH 2022

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

Sunday, 6th March St Patrick's, Forest Town 11.00 am Mass *People of the Parish*

Tuesday, 8th March St Patrick's, Forest Town 2.15 pm Year 6 Mass

Wednesday, 9th March St Patrick's, Forest Town 9.15 am Mass *Juliana Eze RIP*  
(Confessions available after Mass)

Sunday, 13th March St Patrick's, Forest Town 11.00 am Mass *Peace for the Ukraine*

### ROTAS

Sunday, 6th March Mass Stewards: Jackie & Colin Reader: Carol  
Minister: Mary  
Counters: Jackie & Colin Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

Sunday, 13th March Mass Stewards: Kevin & Sheila Reader: Ann  
Minister: Maria  
Counters: Kevin & Sheila Cleaning: Linda, Val & John

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Tuesdays: St Joseph, Shirebrook 9.30 am Thursdays: St Teresa's, Warsop at 10.30 am  
Fridays: St Philip Neri 7.00 pm

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS:

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

**Response** *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress*

**Second Reading** Romans 10: 8-13

**Acclamation** *Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God*

**Gospel** Luke 4: 1-13

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**

### CAFOD Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

**AID FOR VICTIMS OF WAR IN THE UKRAINE:** A group of parents from St Patrick's School are organising a collection of items to help those affected by the war in the Ukraine. Items such as bandages, dressings, basic first aid kits, children's gloves, towels, batteries nappies, torches, soups, energy bars and sanitary napkins are all required. The items can be left in the Church Hall from 12.00 noon until 2.00 pm this Sunday. Any item 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.

**LENTEN "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS:** These are available in the church porch at £1 each and are a lovely way of meditating on the value of Lent.

**MICHAEL MULHALL RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mick Mulhall who died last week. Our prayers and condolences go to all his family and friends.

#### **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.

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** It was lovely to see the church full last weekend as we welcomed the children preparing for their First Holy Communion. The next sessions are at 10.20 am on **Sunday, 20th March** and **27th March**.

**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 11 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](http://cafod.org.uk/lent).

**SCHOOL NEWS:** Some school Masses will now be celebrated in St Patrick's Church although initially only the relevant class will attend. Other school news available on their respective websites.

**FUNDRAISING:** 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, 27th February**

**Envelopes** £166.25   **Loose Plate** £120.82   **Standing Orders** £135.00   **Total** £422.07  
**Candle Money** £173.43   **Donations:** £200.00   **Development Fund** £32.00

**Thank you for your generosity**

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