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Stations of the Cross

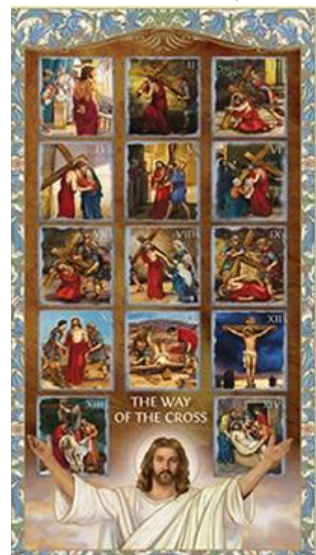
Introduction

The Stations (or Way) of the Cross are a mini pilgrimage; a set of prayers and meditations which help us to remember and share in the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. This meditation on the death of Our Lord is undertaken by individuals and groups throughout the whole year. However, it is a particularly popular devotion during the season of Lent.

History

During the early centuries of the church, Christians travelled to Jerusalem to walk in Jesus' footsteps. Pilgrims travelling to the site of Christ's crucifixion often walked one particular route (known from the 16th century as the Via Dolorosa). Following the 'Way of the Cross' they would stop at regular intervals to pray and to remember key moments of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. During the Middle Ages, as pilgrimage to the Holy Land became difficult, imitation Ways of the Cross spread across Europe.

The number of stations (scenes) marking Jesus' journey to the Cross has varied considerably over the centuries. Starting as an outdoor devotion on roads leading to a church or shrine, by the end of the 17th century sets of images had found their way inside religious houses and churches. In 1731, Clement XII fixed the number at 14 and that has remained the custom since then, although the scenes and prayers continue to change. The addition of a 15th station, the Resurrection of the Lord, has grown in popularity during the twentieth century.



The Stations of the Cross

Before each station, pray: "We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world."
Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father, and "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on me."

1. Jesus is condemned to death.
2. Jesus bears His cross.
3. Jesus falls the first time.
4. Jesus meets His mother.
5. Jesus is helped by Simon.
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
7. Jesus falls a second time.
8. Jesus speaks to the women.
9. Jesus falls a third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments.
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
12. Jesus dies on the cross.
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross.
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Heavenly Father, You delivered your Son to death on the Cross to save us from evil. Grant us the grace of the Resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praying the Stations of the Cross

Praying the Way of the Cross requires only that you meditate on each station.

Before each station you may say: *'We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.'*

After each station you may say an Our Father, Hail Mary, or Glory be to the Father.

Sharing the Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join our Parish, either in person or online, in sharing the Way of the Cross, every Friday at 6:15pm and Sunday at 6:15 pm.

INFORMATION

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1212.42. (Standing orders: £766, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £446.42) Third World collection: £20. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift-aided. Counting Team this week: E (Next week: A). This weekend there will be a voluntary second collection for CAFOD.
- **Offertory Envelopes:** New envelopes, for parishioners who use the weekly numbered offertory envelopes, are available for collection at the back of church. If you wish to use the weekly envelopes, or take out a monthly standing order, please contact David Dilkes on 07954255001.
- **RCIA Programme 2018/2019:** The next session of our Come & See programme will be on **Monday 18th March at 7:45pm** in the Parish Centre. The topic for this session is '**Prayer**'. Everyone is welcome.
- **Parish Retreat:** Our parish retreat will take place in the parish centre on Saturday 6th April from 10am to 1pm. Our guest presenter will be **Monsignor Daniel McHugh**. Everyone is welcome so please make a special effort to join us in our Lenten preparation. If you have not yet done so, please sign the list at the back of church if you are able to attend on this day.
- **Penitential Day of Prayer:** On **Saturday 13th April**, we shall have a day of Adoration & prayer as we prepare for Easter. It will begin with Mass at 10am and conclude with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 5pm. Throughout the day, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign your names on the sheet at the back of church to indicate the time you will be in church during the day, to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It is important that there are at least 3 people for each time slot so please try to be flexible when selecting the most convenient time for yourself. Our priests will be available to hear confessions during the day; there will be additional priests here during the afternoon.
- **Film Show 'God's not Dead 3: A Light in the Darkness'** will be shown in the Parish Centre on Friday 12th April, at 7:45pm. Light refreshments will be available. Please come and join us with your families.
- **Anniversary Mass in London:** There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving in our Vocationist church in London (Our Lady, Queen of Apostles) at 6pm on Tuesday 9th April. We are considering booking a coach if there are enough people who would like to attend the Mass. Please write your name on the list at the back of church if you are interested. At this stage, we do not know the cost.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of John Hanley who died on Tuesday 26th February. He will be received into church at 4pm on Thursday 21st March and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 22nd March at 11:15am. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Malcolm Flaherty who died on Thursday 28th February. He will be received into church at 4pm on Wednesday 20th March and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 21st March at 9:45am. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- **Job Vacancy:** There is a vacancy for a 'Senior Administrative Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General', based at Cathedral House in Birmingham. It is a full-time position (35hrs per week). Please contact Gerry Dryden for a full job description or for more information: 0121 230 6224 Or email – gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Friday 22nd March 2019.
- **Memorial Garden:** Orders for the plaques will be placed shortly. If you still want to take advantage of the 'bulk' offer price from the supplier, and have not yet followed up your expression of interest, please complete a form and return it by the week-end of 23/24 March. Forms are still available at the back of the church.
- **Maryvale Court:** The Sisters. & residents of Maryvale Court are holding a Spring Fayre on the 18th May 2019. We would appreciate your help for all our stalls - groceries, Health & Beauty, bottles for the Tombola & craft. Donations will also be appreciated. Please do come along and support us.
- **'Bacon Butties':** Next Sunday, we shall be having a 'Bacon Buttie Sale' after 9am and 11am Mass. All proceeds will help the young people of our parish who are going to Lourdes. Please be generous!
- **Youth Retreat:** On Palm Sunday, 14th April, there will be a retreat for the younger members of our parish. It is open to those who are in Years 6-10 and will take place in the Parish Centre between 3pm and 7pm. Please sign the sheet which will be at the back of church from next week onwards.
- **Summer Camp 2019:** Summer Camp is open to all 12-18year olds and takes place from 4th-8th August or 11th-15th August. The days are packed with talks, activities, prayer and trips. For more information, please visit www.bcys.co.uk or email beccy.roseman@kenelm youthtrist.org.uk.

- **General Parish Information:** Please see the poster at the back of church, and also on the noticeboard outside church, for general parish information.
- **Refreshments:** Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments, in the Pastoral Centre, on **Thursdays after 10am Mass and on Sundays after 9am Mass.**
- **School News:** Our Lenten offerings are going well. As a school we have decided to focus on three charities for our Lenten almsgiving. CAFOD, Father Hudson's Society and the Mayor's Charity. We were delighted to welcome Anne Mitchel from CAFOD into school to talk to us about the work of CAFOD. She reminded us that we should all believe in a world where every woman, man and child can flourish. But the reality is we are forced to turn away one in three requests for help, simply because we don't have enough money to go around. We, who have plenty are called to share with those who have nothing. We remind the children of this constantly! Next week I will update you on the amazing offerings of prayer that the children are making. Catherine Amos Head Teacher.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Sacrament of Confirmation	Wednesday 10th April - 7pm
First Holy Communion	Sunday 12 th May - 9am
First Holy Communion	Sunday 12 th May - 11:30am*
First Holy Communion	Sunday 19 th May – 11am

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

Hail Mary.....

Prayer after Communion

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” **Bl. Fr. Justin**



Prayer for Priests – Prayer of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

O, Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labours with abundant fruit and may souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here – and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Priests: **Pray for us.** Blessed Fr. Justin: **Pray for us.**

Saturday 16 th	6:00pm	Ch	Peggy Phipps <i>RIP</i>	Mary & Family
Sunday 17 th	9:00am	Ch	Malcolm Flaherty <i>RIP</i>	L & J Kelly
2nd Sunday of Lent	11:00am	Ch	Past Members of the Choir	M & N Tomkins
Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments	6:15pm	Ch	Stations of the Cross	
Dementia Prayer Week	7:00pm	Ch	Michal Jagla <i>RIP</i>	A Evans
*Monday 18 th	10:00am	MV	Peggy Phipps <i>RIP</i>	Maryvale Residents
St. Cyril of Jerusalem	6:30pm	Ch	Holy Rosary	
Dementia Prayer Week	7:00pm	Ch	Joshua Nicholson <i>H</i>	V Fenlon
*Tuesday 19 th	10:00am	Ch	Malcolm Flaherty <i>RIP</i>	J & I Welch
St. Joseph	6:30pm	Ch	Holy Rosary	
<i>Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:00pm	Ch	Holy Soul	
Dementia Prayer Week				
*Wednesday 20 th	9:00am	SCH	Y5 & Y6	
	6:00pm	Ch		
	7:00pm	Ch	Mass for Vocations	
*Thursday 21 st	9:45am	Ch	Requiem Mass for Malcolm Flaherty	
	4:00pm	Ch	Reception of John Hanley	
	6:30pm	Ch	Holy Rosary	
	7:00pm	Ch	Joseph Benzigar <i>RIP</i>	Carolyn & Vijay
*Friday 22 nd	11:15am	Ch	Requiem Mass for John Hanley	
Lent Fast Day	6:15pm	Ch	Stations of the Cross	
	7:00pm	Ch	John Hanley <i>RIP</i>	SVP
Saturday 23 rd	10:00am	Ch	Michael Fenlon <i>RIP</i>	V Fenlon
St. Turibius	10:30am	Ch	Adoration & Confession	
Bishop	11:15am	Ch	Benediction	
	6:00pm	Ch	Pro Populo	
Sunday 24 th	9:00am	Ch	Malcolm Flaherty <i>RIP</i>	M Byers
3rd Sunday of Lent	11:00am	Ch	Dorreyne Allen <i>B (90th)</i>	B Lee
Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments	6:15pm	Ch	Stations of the Cross	
	7:00pm	Ch		

C=Conversion, *RIP*=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, SCH=School

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Clare Gontarek, Anna Morgan, Marie Hornblower, Eileen Moseley, John Bush, Judith Dunthorne, Peggy McGill, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Mary Gallagher, Margaret Powell, Anne Jennings, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton, Mrs K Carter, Carol Callaghan.

READERS

Mass	This Weekend	Next Weekend
6pm	Mr M Rose & Mrs J Gribble	Mrs D Powell & Mrs A D'Silva
9am	Mrs R Archer & Mrs D Petrova	Mrs L Bacallan & Mr J Nelson
11am	Mrs J Norman & Mrs C Williams	Mr G Yoong & Mrs J Nduwimana
7pm	Mrs C Benzigar & Mrs L Darby	Mr J Heavin & Miss A Vincent