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St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2019

"For the creation waits with eager longing

for the revealing of the children of God" (Rm 8: 19) (continued...)

2. The Destructive Power of Sin

Indeed, when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield to those untrammelled desires that the Book of Wisdom sees as typical of the ungodly, those who act without thought for God or hope for the future (cf. 2:1-11). Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans "I want it all and I want it now!" and "Too much is never enough", gains the upper hand.



The root of all evil, as we know, is sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body. This rupture of communion with God likewise undermines our harmonious relationship with the environment in which we are called to live, so that the garden has become a wilderness (cf. Gen 3:17-18). Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures.

Once God's law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart (cf. Mk 7:20-23) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip.

To be continued

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1148.96. (Standing orders: £766, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £381.96) Third World collection: last week - £32.58. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift-aided. Counting Team this week: B (Next week: C). This weekend there will be a voluntary second collection to help those affected by the recent cyclone in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Please try to be as generous as you can to help relieve the terrible suffering of those who are unable to help themselves.
 - **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 25th March at 7:45pm*** in the Parish Centre. The topic for this session is '***Meditation on the Sacrament of Confession***'. Everyone is welcome.
 - **Lent Retreat:** Our parish retreat will take place in the parish centre next 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.
 - **Readers:** The rota for Holy Week is now available for collection from the sacristy.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **Jumble Sale:** St. Thomas of Canterbury Church will be holding a 'Jumble Sale' on Saturday 13th April, starting at 11am. Everyone is welcome.
 - **Flowers in Church for Easter:** If you would like to contribute towards the flowers & decorations for Easter, please contact Sheila Parker or speak to one of the priests. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.
 - **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:** to our children who received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time on Monday. We are very proud of all of them.
- Holy Week Celebrations:** Our Holy Week celebrations are a week early as school closes for Easter on 12th April. Please come and share our preparations for the joy of Easter.
- Monday 8th April 2019 – 2.30pm Reception Class lead the Palm Service in school.
 Tuesday 9th April 2019 – 2.30pm Year 6 lead the Last Supper Service in school.
 Wednesday 10th April 2019 – 9.00am – Whole School Mass in school.
 Thursday 11th April 2019 – 9.30am – Stations of the Cross led by Year 3 in school.
 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.**



Today we remember all mothers, living or dead, and all those who have played a mothering role in our lives. We thank them for their love and support and remember them in our prayers. We ask our Blessed Mother to protect all our mothers and to intercede for them in all their needs.

Saturday 30 th	6:00pm	Ch	Mary Ellen & John Davidson RIP	K Gerrett
Sunday 31 st 4th Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments Mother's Day	9:00am 11:00am 6:15pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch Ch	Francesca WB Malcolm Flaherty RIP Stations of the Cross Pro Populo	M & N Tomkins A Maybury
*Monday 1 st April	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	MV Ch Ch	Noel Sweeney TH Sheila Morris B, RIP Holy Rosary Sean Hanley RIP	P Horton M Kenealey O'Regan Family
*Tuesday 2 nd St. Francis of Paola Hermit	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	Christine Mary Slater RIP Holy Rosary Sean Hanley RIP	Parish
*Wednesday 3 rd	9:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	SCH Ch Ch	Y3 & Y4 Adoration for Vocations Mass for Vocations	
*Thursday 4 th St. Isidore Bishop	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	Kitty Ann McQueen RIP Holy Rosary Sean Hanley RIP	Donnellan Family Family & Friends
*Friday 5 th St. Vincent Ferrer Priest Lent Fast Day First Friday	6:15pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch	Stations of the Cross Sean Hanley RIP	
Saturday 6 th	10:00am 10am - 1pm 6:00pm	Ch Ch/PC Ch	Sean Hanley RIP, B, TH Parish Retreat Pro Populo	Family
Sunday 7 th 5th Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments	9:00am 11:00am 6:15pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch Ch	Irene Donnellan WB Peggy Phipps RIP Stations of the Cross Peggy Kelly (USA) H	Paul Donnellan J & M Norman J Heavin

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:

Clara 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 D Tranter & Mr M Rose	Mrs J Gribble & Mrs D Powell
9am	Mrs R Archer & Mrs D Petrova	Mr P Donnellan & Miss M Byers
11am	Mr P Kelly & Mrs S Dilkes	Mrs R Parkes & Mr T Tong-Sweeney
7pm	Miss V Fenlon & Mrs C Ayap	Mrs C Benzigar & Mrs L Darby