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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...)

3. The healing power of repentance and forgiveness

Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made "a new creation". For "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor 5:17). Indeed, by virtue of their being revealed, creation itself can celebrate a Pasch, opening itself to a new heaven and a new earth (cf. Rev 21:1). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.

This "eager longing", this expectation of all creation, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the "travail" that conversion entails. All creation is called, with us, to go forth "from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the "lenten" period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be "set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1264.26. (Standing orders: £766, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £498.26) Third World collection: last week - £59.16. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift-aided. Counting Team this week: C (Next week: D). Second collection for the people of Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe: £1000.36 Many thanks for your generosity.
- **CAFOD: Our collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day was £850.** This will be over £900 with Gift Aid. Many thanks for your generosity.
- **Mass Times:** Please check Page 4 of the newsletter for any changes during the coming week. Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Tuesday, as we will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary Mass at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Church in London. There will be no School Mass on Wednesday morning.
- **RCIA Programme 2018/2019:** The next session of our Come & See programme will be on **Monday 8th April at 7:45pm** in the Parish Centre. The topic for this session is **'Preparation for Holy Week'**. Everyone is welcome.
- **Penitential Day of Prayer:** On Saturday 13th April, 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. If you have not done so, 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.
- **Parish Vocation Day of Prayer:** Birmingham Archdiocese is arranging a day of prayer for vocations in all churches in the diocese. We have been allotted Saturday 13th April, which is also our penitential day of prayer. Everyone is welcome to join with us for at least 30 minutes in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Please pray for our young children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening.
- **Readers:** The rota for Holy Week is now available for collection from the sacristy.
- **Church Cleaning:** The new rota is now available for collection from the sacristy.
- **SVP Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th April at 7:30pm.
- **Vocationist Co-operators:** The next meeting is on *Thursday 11th April* at 7:30pm. Please note the change of day.
- **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 is at the back of church if you are joining us for this retreat.
- **Curry Evening:** The Third World Committee is organising a Curry Evening on Saturday 27th April at 7pm in the parish centre, with entertainment by the live band *'Save the Date'*. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend: Adults £6.50, Children £3. Your support will be greatly appreciated.
- **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.
- **Job Vacancy:** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Yardley Wood wish to appoint a Deputy Head Teacher with effect from 1st September 2019. For further details please refer to <http://www.ourladyoflourdesprimary.com/vacancies-at-olol/>
- **School News:** I never cease to be amazed at our children: every day the children teach us something new. Now I can hear those cynics going, 'Should that not be the other way around...no wonder education isn't what it used to be.' We are blessed to have children who are made in God's image,

filled with God's love, goodness & kindness; unspoilt by passing of time. We see the children sitting in earnest praying to God, Our Father, the children who have simple solutions to the world's complex problems and the children who have total faith in God and those who love and take care of them. Thank you, children, for brightening our week and reminding us that we all need to be a little more like you.

Please pray for our Confirmands who, next Wednesday evening, will be confirmed.

Catherine Amos Head Teacher.



Walsall Roman Catholic Pastoral Unit

(St. Mary the Mount – St. Patrick - St. Thomas of Canterbury)

In order to better serve the people of the three parishes across the year and to have our Churches and priests always available, the Archdiocese of Birmingham has asked the Vocationists community of Walsall to take on the Pastoral care of the three Catholic parishes in Walsall. At the same time we have been asked to work as a **Pastoral Unit having a common pastoral programme** respecting the established customs within each parish. This programme is still a work in progress and includes different steps. We have been asked to start by rescheduling Mass times which you can find next weekend Newsletter. This new Mass schedule starts on **Monday 29th April 2019**. If you have any questions about this development for the town of Walsall or for further information, please speak with Frs. Justin, Jobin or John.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

Sacrament of Confirmation	Wednesday 10 th 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 6 th	6:00pm	Ch	Pro Populo	
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 <i>WB</i> Peggy Phipps <i>RIP</i> Baby Henry <i>H</i> Stations of the Cross Peggy Kelly (USA) <i>H</i>	Paul Donnellan J & M Norman M Abbot J Heavin
Monday 8 th April	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	MV Ch Ch	Sean Hanley <i>RIP</i> Holy Rosary Holy Souls	Friends
*Tuesday 9 th	10:00am	Ch	Holy Souls	
*Wednesday 10 th	7:00pm	Ch	Sacrament of Confirmation	
Thursday 11 th St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch Ch	Peggy Phipps <i>RIP</i> Holy Rosary Holy Souls	M & N Tomkins & B Donnellan
Friday 12 th Lent Fast Day	6:15pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch	Stations of the Cross Sean Hanley <i>RIP</i>	Friends
Saturday 13 th St. Martin Pope & Martyr	10:00am 10am - 5pm 6:00pm	Ch Ch/PC Ch	Holy Souls Penitential Day of Prayer Pro Populo	
Sunday 14 th Palm Sunday Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments	9:00am 11:00am 2pm - 7pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Ch Ch PC Ch Ch	Peggy Phipps <i>RIP</i> Sean Hanley <i>RIP</i> Youth Retreat Stations of the Cross	M Beech Family & Friends

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