

**Wednesday 7th March 9.30-11.00am.**

Traidcraft event Coffee and tea will be served after 9am Mass 9.30-11 am on Wednesday 7 March in the Newman centre St. John Bosco

**Saturday 10th Mar 2.00-3.30pm.** Talk about Whitley past & present at the Whitley library

**Sunday 11th March 5.30pm:** LENTEN LAMEN TATIONS. A unique 18th century Polish "Gorzkie Zale". Meditation on Jesus Christ's Passion at Sacred Heart Polish Church.

**Saturday 17th March 7.30pm** at Douai Abbey SCHUTZ St Mathew Passion & LANG The Little Match Girl Passion. More information in the poster in the Advent Room.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar** in April at St Joseph's church, Tilehurst . Please see the poster in the Advent room for more details.

**Saturday 14th April at Westminster Cathedral:** Living the Joy of Love by Christopher West. More information info.rclondon@gmail.com.

**Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life & Peace**

**Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplin: Fr JP Lyttle**  
Mobile: 07391 896559 , RBH: 0118 3227105  
Sunday Mass 4.00pm  
Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

On admission all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

Christ the King, Whitley Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am  
St. John Bosco, Woodley Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am

St. James Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am  
English Martyrs, Tilehurst Sat 6.30pm;

Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm

St. Joseph, Tilehurst Sun 8.30am, 10.30am  
St. William of York Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin)  
6.00pm (Students' Mass)

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

**in the British Isles .Sunday April 29th 2018 at 3pm**

Rosary on the Coast is an initiative of the Lay Faithful across the British Isles to a Day of Prayer for faith, life and peace. <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/> Also, see this Youtube video: <https://youtu.be/nSEyyld-Qt0>.

**Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool 7th - 9th September 2018.** Application for tickets is now open by contacting the Parish Office.

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>25th Feb</b>
Envelopes	£ 213.00
Loose Cash	£ 371.35
Standing Orders	£ 701.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,285.50</b>

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Our CAFOD collections following the Lenten Fast day amounted to £1407. Thank you for your very generous response to the appeal. Taking into account the match funding of this sum by the UK government, we raised enough to buy the seeds for 100 families to plant a garden full of vegetables in Zimbabwe.

**Second collection next Sunday 11th March** is our annual collection for the **Clergy Assistance Fund** - for priests and retired priests who may need financial help.

**Emergency numbers for a Priest -**  
*Please call your own priest first*

Fr. Pat Madden 0118 931 4469

Fr. Rafaele Cossa/Fr Luca Speziale  
0118 969 3423

Cn. John O'Shea 0118 957 4171

Cn. Michael Dennehy 0118 957 2149

Fr. Peter Glas 0118 942 8632

Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue

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Church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-5pm

**3rd Sunday of Lent Year B p.81 (74) 4th March 2018**

### Engaging with God as He is.

As Lent is unfolding let us reflect on the most basic and principal truth: that God made us for Himself. Let us remind ourselves again that the real God is the God to whom we owe everything; and we must worship God in the way God tells us to do. If we worship Him our way, we do not dedicate ourselves to Him, and in fact we corrupt the image of God, the very act of worship. Indeed there are even acts of worship that God rejects. We find plain explanation of that truth in Malachi 1:6-14. There is a strong complaint of the Lord about worshippers: "If I am a father, where is the honour due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?"

worshipping was not what God has required.

In the same way, God reminded His chosen worshippers a number of times that the Temple is a place where man meets God. How many times did the Israelites try to build the Temple? How many times did God not allow it to happen? How many times did people change the usage of the Temple? How many times did God purify the Temple and even allow it to be destroyed? All these questions are to help us to see that we must worship God in the way God tells us to do. We need to fear the danger of worshipping God in a way He does not want.

From the very beginning of the human race people have had tendency to praise the Lord their way. Cain and Able both worshipped God. Indeed, both of them made sacrifices. Both prepared altars, both spent time to prepare everything to worship God and they dedicated their time, energy and goods. Both of them offered their produce to God. However, as we see, God recognised only the one sacrifice, the sacrifice of Abel. Cain's way of

We need to see this side of our God who disagrees with a form of worship concentrated on ourselves, corrupting our concept of God and praising self-indulgence. Christ challenges our sense of His mercy then it is urgently important to also see Christ with "a whip out of some cord". If we reject this image of Christ, we reject Christ.

*Fr Stan*

**CUBS** Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm / **SCOUTS** Fri 8pm in HALL

**Psalm Response:**  
**You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 4th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Veronica Beng RIP Rita Rose Ransley James Walsh RIP
Mon 5th Mar	7.00am 9.30am 10.00am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer Rosary Kerthaler Family—Thanksgiving Funeral Mass for Mary Brannelly
Tue 6th Mar	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Sheila Casey (RIP)
Wed 7th Mar	6.30am	Parishioners intention
Thu 8th Mar	7.00am No Mass	Morning Prayer
Fri 9th Mar	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm 8.00pm	Adoration followed by Rosary Intention available Adoration till 6.45pm Stations of the Cross Adoration till 12 midnight
Sat 10th Mar	8.00 am	Adoration till 4pm
Sun 11th Mar 4th Sunday of Lent	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Ezekwe family Thanksgiving Rita Rose Ransley Francois Ramanankilana RIP

Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass.

#### Youth Prayer for Lent

Lord, Teach me a new freedom. Freedom to reject comparison, and to embrace uniqueness.

Freedom to cut ties with greed and feast on love.

Freedom to abstain from over indulgence and feast on self-control.

Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts and to focus on the needs of others.

Freedom to fend off insecurity and to embrace grace.

Lord, at this time of Lent,, Thank you for the freedom you bring. Amen.

#### Anniversaries

##### Please keep in your prayers

Marian Connell (1991), Bertha Britton (1997), Franco Ribezzo (1997), Rdwin Andersen (1994), Antonietta Cuzzocrea (2013), George Scola (2006), Irene Garton (1978)

#### This Week

##### Sunday 4th Mar:

Tea & Coffee in the Social Club after 9am & 11am Mass. Everyone welcome.

**9 am & 11am Mass:** Confirmation Candidates of 2017 will be receiving their certificates.

**2.30pm:** First Holy Communion Session 5.

**4.00pm:** Children's Station of the cross. Come and join the First Holy Communion children and their families for Stations of the Cross.

**Morning prayer in Lent** 7am Mondays & Thursdays. It takes approx. 20 minutes, so you should be able to get away in time for work, school, etc.

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays in Lent at 7.00pm. Please do join us as this is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord.

**Monday 5th March 8.30pm:** The Film *La La Land* will be shown at the social club along with Popcorn. Come along and spend the evening with friends and family.

**Lenten Talk - A Biblical Walk through the Mass (DVD )** Wednesday 7th March, 14th March & 21st March at 7.30pm in our church. A great opportunity to discover the many beautiful spiritual treasures in Mass. For more information please contact Parish office, Father Stan or Stan Wilson on 07450 389640. Everyone welcome.

**TRAIDCRAFT.** The stall will be open on the Sundays in Fairtrade fortnight: 4th and 11th March. We have a good supply of Real Easter Eggs and other goodies for you to buy. Please visit us.

#### Forthcoming Events

**Sunday 11th at 11am Mass & 18th March 9am & 11am :** RCIA Candidates' 1st & 2nd scrutinies.

**Saturday 17th March - Healing Ministry and Holy Mass at 12 noon** with Fr. Joe (Pastoral Coordinator from Isle of Wight) who organises deliverance prayers. If anyone wants to have a special deliverance prayer said over them, then please put your contact details in a closed envelope and hand them over to the Parish Office .The Healing Mass will be followed by a time for more individual prayers over people. All are most welcome.

#### Saturday 17th March 7.30pm

**St. Patrick's day celebration at our Social Club.** Tickets £8/ member, £10/ guest. For more information please see poster in Advent Room.

#### Lent Penitential Services March 2018

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 19th	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 20th	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 21st	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 22nd	7.30pm	St Anne's
<b>Fri 23rd</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of Peace</b>
Sat 24th	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 26th	7.30pm	St James

#### Other News

##### “Offertory Envelopes” for Sunday Mass:

If you would prefer to use envelopes as a method for your planned giving then please contact the Parish Office as we are getting the envelopes for this year ready.

##### “My day by day” children's Lent & Easter

**book. £1/copy** are in the advent room. “Infant” book from ages 5-8 and “junior” books from ages 8-11 yrs.

“My day by day” The Lent edition is now available in the Advent Room. £1.00 per copy.

**Morning Prayer** book are available for sale. £9.00 per copy.

#### Pastoral Area

**LAUDATO SI STUDY EVENINGS** Care for our common home.: 8th Mar, 15th Mar & 21st Mar at 7.30pm at St. James Presbytery. Please see poster in Advent Room for more details.