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3rd Sunday of Lent

11th March 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 3 rd Sunday of Lent
	10.00 a.m.	Singing practice
	4.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	9.25 a.m.	Intercessions meeting
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Lenten Journey
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Meeting for Altar of Repose and Easter Garden volunteers
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass – Saint Patrick, bishop, Patron of Ireland. Born around 385.
	12.20 p.m.	Confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 4 th Sunday of Lent
	10.00 a.m.	Singing practice
	4.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Ministries for next week

Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	W. Godwin
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	P. Cooney

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	T. McIver
	R. Knowles
	A. Barker
	S. Jackson
	A. Gibbs
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	G. Brindle
	M. Alvarez
	J. Briggs
	R. Massey
	D. Forbes

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£534.38
Retiring collection for CAFOD	£703.91

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	63	James Hine
2 nd prize	£10	191	Gillian Helliwell
3 rd prize	£5	92	Irene Fielden

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Very well done with last week's retiring collection for CAFOD. Because almsgiving and charity is the essence of Lent, essential to our faith and vital to our own salvation, the retiring collection today will also be for CAFOD in case anyone forgot last week.

Mass intentions received

Anniversary: Kathleen McCarrick – 11 March, Margaret Walmsley – 13 March, Charles and Sarah Fairbrother, James Barton – 11 March

Birthday Anniversary: Catherine Healey, Thomas Donnelly, Laura Baron – born 10 March 1907

Sick: Kathy Howarth, Thomas Toner

Other intentions: Our Lady of Good Remedy (2), Terry Harwood, Thomasine Anderson, Stacey Buffone, Cheryl Panico, sick friends, relations, safe journey, special intention (Holy Family), Dorothy Clarke, Brian Poultney, Annie Conlon (for mothers' day), Thanks to St. Jude.

Ministries within the parish

It had been my plan during Lent to have an information and study session for readers, followed a couple of weeks later by a commissioning service. A similar programme was planned for Eucharistic ministers. Last Thursday's study session for those who are to serve the parish in the ministry of reader showed that my planning had not been appropriate. **The study sessions and commissioning for these two ministries will therefore be postponed.** I am now thinking of the following alternative arrangement. At a suitable future date, I shall devote two weekends to preaching about lay ministry and commissioned service within the parish, and then have study sessions for readers and Eucharistic ministers, before planning commissioning services for them.

I am sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment these cancellations may cause, but I hope that the new arrangements will make more sense.

Walking treasure hunt

Sunday, 25th March, starting at 1.30 p.m.

There will be a staggered start from the parish hall between 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.

The price of entry is £3 per team or family.

Adoption agencies petition

Please support the Catholic adoption agencies in their fight for exemption from the Government's proposed new Gay Rights laws. You can sign a Downing Street internet petition at

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/adoptionprotest>.

The petition closes on 26th April.

Stonyhurst guided tours

23 July – 27 August, daily except Fridays, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Once again Stonyhurst College will be open to visitors this summer. This is an opportunity to experience the history and enjoy the breathtaking scenery, with refreshments and a gift shop. For more information call 01254 826345.

Craft Class

Wednesdays, 7 – 9 p.m. in the parish hall

Everyone is welcome to the card-making craft class.

Thank you from LIFE

We have received a letter of thanks from Elizabeth Parsons, the LIFE Education Officer, for our donation of £300 following her visit here a few weeks ago.

Is God calling you?

The Lord is kind and merciful, and calls us to proclaim His name. Consider a call to the priesthood or consecrated life.

If God is calling you to one, call the Salford Diocese Vocations Director, Fr. David Featherstone, on 0161 681 1410.

Remember, Reflect, Respond

Blackburn Cathedral, 25th March at 4 p.m.

This is an Ecumenical Evensong, commemorating the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act. Everyone is welcome. See the notice board for details.