

**TODAY**

**First Holy Communion Programme:** Children preparing for their First Holy Communion will hold their tenth session during the 1200 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Forthcoming Events**

- 11/03 Hatha Yoga continues:** 1830-2000 Cathedral Centre. A gentle way to fitness, health and well-being.
- 12/03 - and every Wednesday - St John's Parents' Group:** 1000-1130 Abingdon Room.
- 12/03 St John's Cathedral School Year 3 Liturgy:** 0930 St John's Chapel. Parents are welcome.
- 15/03 Latin Mass (1215) and Lenten Day of Recollection with Fr Tim Finigan:** 1100-1630 Cathedral Centre.
- 15/03 - and every Saturday - Meditation Group:** 1700-1730 St John's Chapel. All are welcome.
- 16/03 First Holy Communion Children's 11th session:** during 1200 Mass.
- 16/03 Youth Justice & Peace Meeting:** 1600-1800 Cathedral Centre. Open and welcome to all 13+.
- 17/03 CWL Meeting:** 1315-1530 Cathedral Centre. New members and visitors are always welcome.
- 18/03 Mass of the Oils (Chrism Mass) :** 1100 Cathedral.
- 20/03 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 1930 Cathedral followed by **Watching at the Altar of Repose** until 1100 in Cathedral Hall. Please come and spend an hour.
- 21/03 Good Friday:** 1000 Stations of the Cross with Bishop Crispian; 1200 Children's Station of the Cross; 1500 The Solemn Liturgy.
- 22/03 Blessing of the Easter Food:** 1600 Cathedral.
- 22/03 Holy Saturday:** 1930 Solemn Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter.
- 23/03 Easter Sunday Masses:** 1000, 1200 and 1800.

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Thought of the Week

Fr Steven Restori

**Our belief is strengthened by encounters with Jesus**

In the gospel today we witness the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This last and greatest sign of Jesus' ministry is also the last and greatest sign of Lent. Jesus demonstrates in no uncertain terms his power over death. It appears that he delays his arrival in Bethany precisely to show the extent of God's power. It is this miracle that has the crowds gathering branches and acclaiming Jesus as the bringer of resurrection. It is this miracle that leads us on that final journey to Calvary.

Mary and Martha's long relationship with Jesus had brought them to believe in him. Like them our belief is strengthened by encounters with Jesus. Jesus loves each of us deeply, just as he loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus. We meet Jesus in those obvious moments at Mass or prayer times when we consciously strive to encounter Jesus. Perhaps less evident as encounters would be those moments when we meet him through faith-strengthening and hope-giving encounters with other people. It is in the kind remark, the smile or the word of welcome that we encounter Jesus in the other and are brought to new life.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the last two weeks of Lent were known as Passiontide. This marked a shift in the focus of Lent with the Passion of Christ taking a greater prominence. Although we no longer mark this period of time, some vestiges remain, e.g., the covering or veiling of crosses. During Lent, we fast from many things: food, the Gloria, the Alleluia etc. We also might extend this fast to our vision and attention during prayer. Veiling statues and images is a visual fast, focusing all of our attention on Christ as we approach the celebration of his Passion. We clear away distractions so that we might focus on the one who calls us through the cross to new life.

**Sowing the Seeds**

*By raising Lazarus from the dead God shows us that with his help anything is possible. Our prayers and Lenten contributions will provide the opportunity for classes of children to be educated. Often they can pass this information on to their families and so improve their standards of basic health and hygiene.*

**Justice & Peace Group**

Music				Music at the 1000 Mass	
1800	302	756	212	The various sung parts of the Mass can be found in the Hymn Books: Kyrie - 497, Sanctus - 571 Acclamation - 572b	
1000	475	629	303		
1200	475	749	715		
1800	212	756	302		

**Liturgical Calendar**

**& Mass Times**

**Sunday 9th March**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

1000 William Joseph Walsh RIP (F)  
1200 People of the Parish  
1800 Guy Goodson RIP

**Monday 10th March**  
**5th Week of Lent**

0730 Mark John's Intention  
1215 Mary Deebank RIP

**Tuesday 11th March**  
**5th Week of Lent**

0730 Isagani Alacapa RIP  
1215 Kathleen Elston Intention

**Wednesday 12th March**  
**5th Week of Lent**

0730  
1215 Malcolm Baldwin RIP

**Thursday 13th March**  
**5th Week of Lent**

0730  
1215 William Lee RIP

**Friday 14th March**  
**5th Week of Lent**

0730  
1100 Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
1215 Bishop & Priests of the Diocese  
1830 Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 15th March Solemnity**  
**ST JOSEPH**, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Patronal feast day of the Universal Church. St Joseph is Patron of workers, carpenters, unborn children, happy deaths, fathers and families among other things.

1215 Latin Mass - Tridentine Rite  
1500 CAFOD LiveSimply Mass  
1700 Meditation in St John's Chapel  
1800 Michael Crowe RIP

**Sunday 16th March**  
**PALM SUNDAY of the Lord's Passion**

1000 People of the Parish  
1200 Terry Duke RIP  
1800 Mary Barclay-Taylor RIP

**Mass Intentions**

Please see the Verger or the priests if you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention.

**International Theme**  
**Sunday**

During this month we pray for and think of the people of Malta.

Round the Lady Altar is a flagpole which hangs the flag of the country of the month. There is also a display of the history of the country, its customs and religious feasts.

**Parish Home Visiting**

During Lent, Fr David and Fr Steven are visiting the sick and housebound of the parish.

Please let them know if there is anyone who is not on the regular list, but who would like to receive Holy Communion and Anointing.

Being a large Cathedral parish, we do not always know the needs of those who are very much part of our parish family and yet feel unable to attend regularly.

**Lent Day of Recollection**

To be led by Fr Tim Finigan on Saturday 15 March from 1100-1615 in the Cathedral Centre, with Latin Mass at 1215. The day consists of talks and reflections on the theme 'In Union with Christ, the Victim of our Salvation', Exposition/Confession and Benediction. Bring a packed lunch. All welcome.

**Charity Car Wash**

Next Sunday 16 March the Youth Justice & Peace with the University Chaplaincy will offer car washing during the 1000 and 1200 Masses. The proceeds will go towards the Lenten Appeal to build classrooms in Africa. Please give your support. Cost: 3.50

**Chrism Mass**

This takes place on Tuesday 18 March at 1100. The Bishop and all the priests and deacons of the diocese renew their dedication to serve in the church and administer the sacraments. At this Mass the Bishop blesses and consecrates the Oils of Baptism, Chrism and the Sick. All welcome.

**Hatha Yoga**

A new ten-week course of Yoga Classes will start on 8th April in the Cathedral Centre. Cost: £40.00. Sign-up sheets in the Centre.

**The Season of Lent Activities**

*Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are optional days of fasting and obligatory days for abstinence.*

**Daily Mass**, Monday to Friday, 0730 and 1215

**Stations of the Cross**, every Friday at 1245 and 1830

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every Friday and Saturday from 1100 to 1215

**Lenten Day of Reflection (including a Latin Mass at 1215) led by Fr Tim Finigan** Saturday 15 March 1100-1630

**Building Blocks...Building Better Lives: Sowing the Seeds**

Many rural African classrooms are just shells with corrugated steel roofs and gaps in the walls where there should be windows, allowing dust and rain to be blown in. Our contributions can help transform the quality of a building to enable the children to learn in comfort.

The cost of this classroom is £3400, which will buy what is virtually a lifelong gift to many. Throughout Lent, there will be a display in the Cathedral (St Patrick's Chapel) of similar projects that have been carried out in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Please view the display.

Purple buckets will be at the exits of the Cathedral for your donations to the 'Building Blocks' Appeal. For those in the Gift Aid scheme use your white envelopes.

**Blessing of the Easter Food**

Everyone is invited to join the Polish community on Holy Saturday, 22 March at 1600 in the Cathedral for a short blessing service. It is the Polish tradition to bless the food for use during the Easter Festival.

**Attention: All Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers**

The new rotas will come into force on 5 April. Any points to be taken into account (non-availability, changes in circumstances, etc) should be notified no later than 23 March.

**Newsletter**

To help economise on paper, those who can receive the Newsletter and other announcements by email are requested to hand their email addresses to the priests or Verger.

**APF Appeal Red Boxes**

These are now due to be emptied. Please hand them in to Nora in the Centre. Donations are welcome.

**Please pray for those who are ill, especially:**

Jacques Olie, John Cotter Maria Makin, Michael Dyer, Pam Rundell, Yvonne Tomkins, Carole Winser, Agatha de Mornay, Fr Peter Sprague, Mark Hamilton, Betty Knighton, Albert Hider, Dan & Elish Cregan, Laurie Payne, Brenda Hamilton, Adelaide de Battista, Caroline Moran, Maisie Hider, Jenny Edwards, Doreen Yates and Pat Wright. (Please notify the Office of any change)

**Please keep in your prayers those who have died:**

Kathleen Cotter RIP

**As well as for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Patrick Chablis † Pearl Smith † Robert Higgins † Margarette Rita Robbins † Margaret Pratt † Jennifer Pakiry † Edward Chapman Doughty † Dorothy Holland † John Davitt † Kenneth Uttley † Donald Goodale † Kathleen Ransley †

**May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

<b>Confession</b>
Saturday 1100 - 1200 1630 - 1730

<b>Devotions</b>
<b>Midday Prayer</b> Monday - Saturday 1200
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Friday & Saturday 1100 -1215
<b>Rosary</b> after 1215 Mass

**We acknowledge with thanks:** Last weekend's collection, including Standing Orders, amounted to £2,055.77 of which £1,066.15 (52%) was gift-aided.  
Clergy Assistance Fund: £647.46