sunday bulletin

THIRD sunday in lent 15th march 2020

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**CORONAVIRUS - COVID19**.   
We are upgrading our compliance with the guidelines of the Catholic Bishop’s Conference of England and Wells for protecting ourselves against COVID19: Guidelines 2  
1. Maintain universal good hygiene always. Sanitize your hands at the entrance of the Church, parish crypt and crypt chapel.  
2. Physical sign of peace is suspended.  
3. Use of shared hymn books and missals is suspended.  
4. Instead of passing around collection plates, they will now be placed at strategic positions where you can put in your offerings.  
5. Holy Communion can only be received in the hand, not in the tongue.  
6. Public veneration of Cross on Good Friday should NOT be by kissing or physically touching them.  
7. Catering at parish gatherings where multiple people touch mugs, utensils, biscuits, etc is suspended.  
8. Avoid touching your face.   
9. Offer more phone support to the sick than visiting.  
10. Ministers of the Eucharist, sacristans & altar servers should sanitize their hands properly.

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| **MASS TIMES** | Sacred Heart | Saint Joseph’s |  | *Mass Intention* |
| *Saturday for Sunday* | 4.30pm  5.00pm |  | Confessions  Vigil Mass | Pro Populo |
| THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  *Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*  *Diocesan Novena to Blsd Dominic Barberi. Dimentia Prayer Wk continues* | 9.00am  9.30am | 11.00am  11.30am | Confessions  Solemn Mass  Confessions  Solemn Mass | Valeria Bell  Pro Populo |
| Monday 16th  *Lent Feria* | 9.30am |  | Holy Rosary |  |
| Tuesday 17th  *Lent Feria*  *Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland* | 9.30am |  | Holy Mass | Special Intention |
| Wednesday 18th  *Lent Feria*  *Commemoration of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church* | 9.30am | 6.00pm  7.00pm | Holy Mass  Adoration  Holy Mass  (Prayer for Vocations) | Special Intention  Special Intention |
| Thursday 19th  *Lent Feria*  Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9.30am |  | Holy Mass  with St Wilfrid’s | Special Intention |
| Friday 20th  *Lent Feria*.  Lent Fast Day. | 9.30am  11am  7pm | 3pm | Holy Mass &  Adoration  Stations of the Cross  ,,  ,, | Special Intention |
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**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINNESS POPE FRANCIS ON LENT 2020**  
3. *God’s passionate will to dialogue with his children*The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God’s unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf 2 Cor 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, “turning of God against himself” (DC Est, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf Mt 5:43-48). The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who “spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new” (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Canon Peter Taylor and all those whose anniversary occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**CONFESSIONS**

**Sacred Heart**

Saturday 4.30pm-4.50pm

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am

**Saint Joseph’s**

Sundays 11.00am – 11.20am

**BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact the Parish Priest at the parish office.

**ADORATION**

**Sacred Heart**

Friday 10am – 11am

**Saint Joseph’s**

Wednesday 6pm – 7pm

**ROSARY**

**Sacred Heart**

Monday 9.30am – 10am (also during Friday Adoration)

**Saint Joseph’s**

Wednesday (During Adoration)

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**FR STAN’S DROP IN**

If you need to speak with the Parish Priest you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm. No appointment needed.

**PARISH CRYPT**

Reservations taken through the Parish Office.

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**PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS**

The list for March is in the porch. Please sign to volunteer to pray for vocations on one day during the month on behalf of the parish.

**HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR**

**MARCH**

**Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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**OFFERTORY and FUNDRAISING**

**The Sacred Heart**

For 8th March

Gift Aid £168.70 non gift aid £305.68 Total £474.38.

Bishop’s Collection 398.09

**St Joseph’s**

For 8th March

Gift aid £71 non gift aid £196.71 Total £196.71

Bishop’s Collection 107.54

Second Collection this weekend 14/15 March is the CAFOD Lent Fast Day collection.

**Thanks for your continued financial support.**

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The water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside you, welling up to eternal life

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**PARISH DIARY 2020**

March 18th Day of Adoration and Mass for Vocations in our Diocese 6-7.30pm St. Joseph’s

March 19th St Peter’s Cath Academy Holy Mass 11.00 am

Bible Sharing Prayer Group 7pm Parish Crypt

March 20th Station of Cross (St Joseph’s 3pm; Sacred Heart 11am (School children), 7pm)

March 24th Deanery Vocation Mass 7 pm at Holy Trinity Newcastle

April 6th A day for confessions in our Parish: 10 am – 12 am; 6.30 pm – 8 pm at Sacred Heart. There will also be confessions during Eucharistic Adorations in both Churches during this Lenten season.

**ZIP WIRE CHALLENGE**

Janet and Terry are asking for sponsors for their participation in the Zip Wire Challenge on 21st April (Tuesday after Easter Week) in aid of the repair of the flat roofs of St Joseph’s Church, Burslem. Sponsor forms are at the back of the Church. If you can promote this event every week before then, that would be great.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

Will be on Sat. 9th May 2020 and led by Bishop David McGough. It is expected that there will be representation from across the Diocese. Altar servers from the parishes will be part of the representation. For more information, please contact the parish office.

**CAFOD 2020 REFLECTIONS WITH *LAUDATO SI*** - Care for our common home … is **cancelled**.

**CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK**

On 28th March 2020 there will be a sponsored walk around Tittesworth Reservoir. We have 2 representatives, Anthony and Christine, please sponsor generously. In addition, if you would like to volunteer to take part please talk to Anthony or Christine for more details.

**AT THE HEART**

Three evenings of prayer, reflection and music on living out our faith and raising a family in a modern world. Catherine McLoughlin is an international speaker who has a vast experience of working with young people in the UK. **16th March** 7pm Marriage. **17th March** 7pm Pregnancy. **18th March** 7pm Family. Sessions take place at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Stone Rd, Trent Vale ST4 6SP. You are all invited to attend.

**CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS**

As we pray for all candidates for the Sacraments during the Sundays in Lent, they are reminded that regular Holy Mass attendance is a necessary condition for admittance into these Sacraments. YOUR MASS CARD MUST BE SIGNED EVERY WEEKEND.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS**

3rd Sun of Lent (Ex 17:3-7 Ro 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42)

*Find our ‘living water’*

Jesus’ message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us “living water where we will never be thirsty again…a spring inside…welling up to eternal life”. When His grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.

**RCIA** The First Scrutiny of our candidate for Easter baptism Stacy Laci will be at the 9.30 am Mass. We continue to pray for her.