

MASS INTENTIONS

18th February – 25th February 2018

Sunday 18 th Feb:	9.30am	People of the Parish
First Sunday of Lent	11.00am	Canon Tim Healy RIP
Mary's Meals Clothes Collection (p. 152)	5.15pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	6.30pm	Ellen Barry
Monday 19 th Feb:	9.30am	Richard Bryan Parry Jones RIP
Tuesday 20 th Feb:	9.30am	Private Int.
Wednesday 21 st Feb:	9.30am	Richard Billingham RIP
Thursday 22 nd Feb:	Church and Office Closed (The Chair of St Peter the Apostle)	
Friday 23 rd Feb:	9.30am	Saunderson Family
Family Fast Day	10.00am	Adoration
Saturday 24 th Feb:	9.30am	Wellbeing Mrs J Jiller
Sunday 25 th Feb:	9.30am	Grace Noonan RIP (Aver)
Second Sunday of Lent	11.00am	People of the Parish
(p. 155)	5.15pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	6.30pm	Private Int.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Each Sunday at 5.15pm during Lent Parishioners are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross in Church.



Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially, Stuart Howse, Pamela Raggett, Jamie Gilmour, Manuel Campello, Nory Tennant, Anna Cleary and Josephine Edward

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Sunday Masses: 9.30am,
11.00am and 6.30pm.

Confessions (Reconciliation):
Saturdays 10am-10.30am
& 5pm-5.30pm

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Lenten Reflections

As we begin Lent we each need to reflect on how we plan to use this holy season to deepen our faith and grow closer to the Lord. Traditionally there are three things we need to focus upon.

The first is prayer and how we approach our daily time with God whether as an individual or a group – family, prayer group or Mass. The second is Fasting which involves denying ourselves of something (or taking something on) which acts as a regular reminder to pay more attention to the presence of God. The third is Almsgiving which means giving to charity to those in need. This can be done in a practical way by volunteering or giving more to a worthy cause. Please note that the proceeds of the Lenten Alms box (next to Sacred Heart Statue) are given to CAFOD.

Parish & Local News

4th February:
Collection £573.92 + Standing Orders £400
Retiring Collection for Poor Parishes £200.80
Total Offertory: £1,174.72

Children's Liturgy:

18th February: Group 5 Jesus on a Donkey
25th February: Group 6 Supper Time

Altar Servers rota:

Sunday 18th Feb: 9.30am, 11am, 6.30pm Masses: **Team 1**
Sunday 25th Feb: 9.30am, 11am, 6.30pm Masses: **Team 2**

Cleaners rota:

Monday 19th Feb: **Team 1** Monday 26th Feb: **Team 2**

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Parish Lenten Talks

Led by Canon Francis at St Mary Magdalen

Easter is early this year so Lent begins this coming week! During Lent Canon Francis will lead **four Sunday afternoon sessions** on different aspects of our Faith. These are for adults who want a refresher of some of the background to our Faith. The format will be a talk followed by the opportunity for questions/discussion.

The 1st session is today (18th Feb) and will be on the Scriptures-a general overview and a look at how they underpin our teaching. The 2nd (Feb 25th) will be on Tradition-an overview of how the Church formed and developed its teaching and doctrine. The 3rd (March 4th) will be on the Sacraments, focusing in particular on the Mass/Eucharist. The 4th (March 18th) is on Easter and the Mystery of Christ-the heart of all Christian Faith.

Each session will start at 4pm and end by 5pm. All are welcome to attend one or more. Maybe a way to deepen our Faith and knowledge as a personal/parish Lenten "penance"?

RIP Nancy McDonnell

Please remember in your prayers Nancy McDonnell, a longstanding parishioner with us who died this week.

Altar Servers

Two new notices for Altar Serves; both existing and prospective:

The St Stephen Guild Medals are available from the sacristy for those who have served for more than 1 year.

New Servers. Details of any young person who has made their 1st Communion and would like to join our servers' rota should be sent to the parish office by their parents. Training will begin in a few weeks' time. Please give in full names, school year and 1st and 2nd choice of Sunday Mass time preference for rota.

Traidcraft

Traidcraft is launching a new appeal called The Hidden Entrepreneur which will fund schemes to teach farmers how to reach new markets and diversify their incomes. It can help investment in new tools, fund training in business skills or lobbying for farm contracts among other things. A cheque for £260 has been sent from the St Mary Magdalen Stall from sales profit and donations. As part of the Aid Match programme our government will match this donation so **a total of £520** will reach the appeal. The Traidcraft Stall is taking a breather over the winter, but if you would like to get involved please call Maureen Tittle on 07947 104024.

Family Fast Day: Friday 23rd Feb

This Friday is Family Fast Day where CAFOD appeals to us for donations to help focus on the work CAFOD is doing to fight hunger and malnutrition in Zimbabwe.

CAFOD Parish Rep

St Mary Magdalen is in need of a Parish Rep for CAFOD. If you are interested please speak to Canon Francis after Mass or email the Parish Office.

MISSIO/ Red Boxes

Our latest Missio collection raised **£284.46**. There are Red Mission boxes for collection at the back of Church. Please take one and donate what you can.

New Website

We have launched a new website for St Mary Magdalen church. At this time we are still uploading information and forms so any constructive feedback from our parishioners would be very helpful.

Mary's Meals clothes collection: 9.30 Mass Sunday 18th February

Mary's Meals will be coming to our church **today** to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) Please bring bagged clothing to Church before 11am.

Richmond's Passion Play

Rehearsals have started for Richmond's Passion Play and are held at Raleigh Road United Church in Richmond on Fridays at 7.15pm. No experience needed and all are welcome.

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 14th March 2018, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Lourdes Pilgrimage August 10th – 17th 2018 with HCPT Group 543

HCPT Group 543 will be travelling to Lourdes (by plane from Stansted) and staying at the lovely Hosanna House in nearby Batres, fully catered by the in house chefs. If you would like more information or to join the Lourdes Pilgrimage please contact Maggie Barker on 07725 551923 or thebarkers72@hotmail.com