

St John the Evangelist

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 February 2022 (Year C)

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Mass Times this Week:

Saturday 26 Feria

5:45pm Mass: *Terry Chadwick RIP*

Sunday 27 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass: *Charlie Stewart RIP*

Monday 28 Feria

Tuesday 1 St David, Bishop

Wednesday 2 Ash Wednesday

9:30am Mass with Imposition of Ashes (Celebrant: Fr Hugh)

1:00pm SVP Meeting in the Priory

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 0241 5507, Passcode: SVP123

Thursday 3 Feria

Friday 4 Feria

2:15pm World Day of Prayer in our church

Saturday 5 Feria

5:45pm Mass: *Tess Heenan RIP*

Sunday 6 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00am Mass: *Annette Maria Tyrell RIP*

Removal of COVID Restrictions

As you will know, all legal covid restrictions have now been removed. We are nonetheless urged to exercise common sense and sympathy for the needs of others, so please read the following guidance carefully and in the spirit of Charity.

No one is now obliged to wear a mask for Mass or for any other service or function on our premises.

“Social Distancing” is now no longer required.

We do intend to restore the Offertory Procession and the circulation of the collection plate. Given our own particular circumstances, however, it is difficult to do this now, so please wait for further advice.

In order to prevent anxiety unwittingly caused, particularly to those members of our congregation who may still be very vulnerable, we will NOT at the moment be restoring the Chalice at Holy Communion, nor will the Sign of Peace be re-instated.

In church, therefore, as in our day-to-day lives, let us be thankful that we are once again so much freer, but let us also be sensitive to the needs of those who cannot yet feel secure with regard to this virus.

Thank you.

Having a Good Lent

This coming Wednesday is, of course, Ash Wednesday and we are very grateful to Fr Hugh Lewis-Vivas OSB for coming over to celebrate Mass with Imposition of the Ashes at 9.30 that morning.

Lent is a specially privileged time, given to us by God, in which we can – with His help and grace – rid ourselves of those aspects of our lives which drag us down, and allow the power of Jesus Christ to transform us into the people we were created to be. Before we decide what our Lenten resolutions are going to be, let us pray over the coming couple of days for the wisdom and the inspiration to do the right thing, even if it means putting ourselves out to some degree (we could do worse than pray to St John the Baptist, who said with regard to Christ: “He must increase and I must decrease!”).

Please do read the Thought for the Week in this bulletin, and in the spirit of what Pope Benedict XVI says, let us make our vital contribution to the Christian Warfare twofold. Firstly, we could “give something up” in the traditional way – fasting in one form or another is a very ancient and effective practice of the Faith. Just as important, however, is “taking something on”: some regular charitable practice, for example, and in particular *prayer*. Daily recitation of the Rosary is a very highly recommended practice and Our Lady Herself has on numerous occasions begged us to make it a part of our lives.

This Lent, however, with the barbaric Russian attack on Ukraine, perhaps we could offer up some at least of our Lenten observance for the people of that suffering country, in the hope that peace and security may be restored to them very quickly. It is a terrible thing to see one Christian country attack another so blatantly and a shocking reminder of what human beings can do when they try to marginalise God or dismiss Him altogether....a salutary thought as we begin this penitential season!

Prayer to St Michael

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Ecumenical Lent Course

There is an online lent course that Churches Together are following, called Life on the Breadline. Please let Kathryn know if you would like her to send you the link.

Thought for the Week

The observance of Lent is the very badge of Christian warfare. By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should men grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God's glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe.

Pope Benedict XIV

Marriage Encounter Experience – to give your marriage a boost

Marriage Encounter England and Wales, recognises that the very pillar of vibrant church communities are good couple relationships, leading Christian families to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus. We are therefore delighted to offer couples in your Parish a life changing Marriage Encounter Experience in 2022, in person or on line.

The Marriage Encounter Experience offers the opportunity to refresh, enrich, deepen and bring love, joy and sparkle back into relationships. The experience is presented by laity couples and a priest. It offers precious quality time to support lifelong relationships, and leads to personal and spiritual growth, all in a Catholic faith context.

Our programme is delivered by experienced volunteers and is steeped in wisdom built over 50 years of experience, enjoyed by millions of couples, and part of the Marriage Alliance, supported by the Bishop's Conference.

The full details of our experiences can be found on our website <https://wwme.org.uk> and we are happy to send leaflets on request. Our next experiences are 4-6th March, 14th & 21st May, 11-12th June.....

Paul & Bianca Smith & Fr Andy Burns

Leadership Marriage Encounter England & Wales

Upcoming Events

March

- Fri 11 CAFOD family fast day

April

- Sun 3 4:00pm Passiontide Choral Evensong at Parish Church.
- Mon 25 11:30am SVP Mass (in honour of Mary Melling, RIP) followed by lunch in the Hall
If anyone would be able to make a shepherd's pie, or a cake for this event; or donate a raffle prize, it would be much appreciated. Also kitchen helpers on the day! Please let Kathryn or Mary Atkin-Johnson know.

If you are interested and would like to know more about volunteering for CAFOD, please get in touch with

our diocesan Coordinator, Carol Cross on: 07779 804253 or by email: ccross@cafod.org.uk

Benedictine Yearbook - £3.75

These are now available in the Porch. There are also still some Middlesbrough ones available at £1.

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

- Last Sunday's collection raised £223.10. Thank you very much.

Middlesbrough Food Bank

Thank you for your recent offerings. The next delivery will be an Easter Appeal, with the deadline for donations being Sunday 3 April. Easter Eggs and other treats would be very welcome.

Do please remember that we also collect for the Easingwold Food Bank, which helps a large number of families even in our own "prosperous" town and surrounding area.

Confessions

Please remember that, just at the moment, we are unable to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume this essential Sacrament.

SVP and CWL Contacts

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVP): Pauline Willcox 823675
- Catholic Women's League (CWL): Susan Harrand 823219

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Infirm and Housebound: Rita Ashbridge, David Craig, Paul Gallagher, Mary-Rose Harrison and Gerry Kelly;

the Sick: Jenny Cook, Simon Cunniffe, Marcin Ellingham, Barbara Fox, Murray Grant, Brian Harrison, Mary Rose Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Sarah Hodgkinson, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, baby Malachi James Mtui, Krystyna Najgrodzka, Vincent O'Donnell, Teresa Catherine Powers, Val Ross, Catherine Scrope, Tilly (Middlesbrough) and Anne Waggott;

those who have died recently: Mary Capaldi, Charles Grant, Tess Heenan, Claire Robinson and Teri Mary Wong;

those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: James William Brett, Teresa Mary Burton, David Anthony Everest, Eileen Bridget Gibson, Frank Haworth, Kathleen Nicholls, John Leonard Rampling, Charles Peter Stewart and Alice Vasey.