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Sunday 17th March 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

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CONFESSIONS - Sunday 5.30 to 5.50pm and Wednesday 6 to 6.30pm

Entrance antiphon*:

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Psalm R/:

The Lord is my light and my help.

Acclamation:

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

Communion antiphon*:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

* Not said if sung Mass

NOTICES

Offertory

Our offertory collection last week amounted to £294.66 plus £735 by Standing Order. Many thanks.

Diocesan Prayer Link

The Abbey Church, Downside. St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse.

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Adoration

Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 6.45pm and Perpetual: Thursday 10am to Friday 7pm.

Newsletter items to elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk no later than 10am Wednesday mornings.

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Cycle: C (II) Liturgy of the hours: Ps

	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Sat
StF	11am 6pm	9am 8pm Meditation	2-30pm	7pm	9-15am	9am & 7.10pm Praying the Sunday readings	-
StJ	6pm (Sat, vigil) 9am	-	10am	-	-	12 Noon	No Mass

Anyone who has climbed any sort of mountain knows the joy which can come when encountering the view at the top. The same is true for the disciples when they see Jesus transfigured. This experience gives them an insight into the very nature of Christ's divinity. They want to hold onto it, but Jesus knows the path he is about to take. Conscious of this, Jesus allows the disciples an experience which will remind them of the goodness of God when faced with utter desolation. This moment of grace is what St. Ignatius calls, 'consolation'. The disciples will need to remember this experience when they see Jesus not transfigured on the mountain but decimated on the Cross. As we pray this week, let us reflect upon and remember the moments of grace we have experienced in life and give thanks for their capacity to see us through the difficult times.

Stations of the Cross

These are at 5pm TONIGHT (Sunday.)

Taize for Lent

A beautiful Taize service as part of our Lenten preparation – includes Chants, Scripture Readings, and silent time. This is a wonderful chance to share the Taize tradition with others from Nailsea - next Sunday 24th March 5-5.45 pm. All welcome. And at the following 6pm Mass we will also have some Taize chants. There will be a short practice of the Gospel acclamation beforehand.

PRAYER BOARD

Please remember in your prayers the following who are sick/housebound:

Theresa Parkes, Christine Broderick, Tony Madden, Kathleen McGhee, Nancy Evans, Josef Leduchowicz, Pauline Hill, Margaret Brown and Ann Keen.

Passover Meal

The Passover Meal will take place during Holy Week on Tuesday 16th April in the Church Hall at 6:30 for a 7pm start. The cost will be £8 for adults and £4 for primary school children, a vegetarian option is available to order. Please reserve your places by signing up on the clipboard after the Sunday morning Mass during Lent outside in the courtyard. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

but, if you are feeling less adventurous, biscuits are just as welcome. If you would like to offer this service to our parish, please add your name next to the appropriate date(s) on the clipboard in the Lobby.

Easter Spruce-Up

Are you thinking of what you can do for Lent? Well, think no more! We need as many people as possible to come and help at the big Easter clean on Saturday 6th April from 9.00 – 12.00 pm. The more, the merrier, so please put the date in your diary and come along. (Especially if you're a tall, strong man.) We'll make it fun, and there'll be tea, coffee and yummy things to eat. If you can, please bring a bucket and household gloves.

Missio Red Boxes

It's that time of year again. I will be at 11am mass TODAY and 24th and 31st March if you wish to drop in your Red Box for emptying. Many people have a local co-ordinator who will be in touch to collect your boxes. I am in need of a few more people to volunteer as co-ordinators. Please consider volunteering. I am hoping to turn the box emptying to an annual event so it would only be once a year. Martha Orr 01275851980

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

Last Friday was CAFOD Fast Day when you were asked to eat a simple meal and to give what you can, to support our brothers and sisters across the world who live in the most dire of circumstances. The second collection today is in

support of CAFOD's work. Hopefully you remembered to bring your Gift Aid envelope that was distributed last weekend back today? If not there should be some spares in the church lobby. Your continuing generosity for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated

Concert

Nailsea Concert Orchestra, New world concert series 2019. 'Appalachian Spring' concert will take place on Saturday 30th March 2019 at St Francis of Assisi Church in Nailsea at 7:30pm. Tickets can be bought in advance from Nailsea Music Shop £12/concessions £10/under 18s £2.50 or on the door on the night. NCO takes great pride in supporting local charities and for this spring concert we will be supporting the newly formed 'Your Cancer Café' in Nailsea.

Mary Mott

There will be a Memorial Mass this Tuesday, 19th March at 2.30pm. All welcome, coffee/tea and cake in the Church Hall following mass.

As a consequence, there will be no adoration and rosary on Tuesday. Other adoration times will take place as normal. Also Cafe Francis will NOT be open this Tuesday.

La France Galante

An evening of French sacred courtly music by The Sylvestrins in St James Priory on Sunday 5 May in memory of Sam Tarleton who died in 2014. All proceeds from the concert will go to support SADS UK. Details on the noticeboard in the porch.

Christian Meditation

Lectio Divina on a Scripture reading for Lent followed by silent meditation. Every Monday in Lent 8-9 pm in parish hall meeting room.

Funeral of Jackie Taylor

This will take place on Wednesday 3 April at 12.30pm. Please pray for her and her family.

Drinks after 6pm Mass

We are now offering drinks after Mass on Sunday evenings in the meeting room on a regular basis. Please do come and join us and get to know other parishioners better.

Coffee After Mass

Have you ever considered offering coffee after Sunday 10.30am Mass? It is a great way to meet and socialize with your fellow parishioners and to raise funds for your favourite charity or charitable cause. Some people provide cakes,