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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR OF MARK

SATURDAY 13TH OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Michael Gilmartin
SUNDAY 14TH	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	George Todd Bridie & Michael O'Neil Joe & Eileen Mannion
MONDAY 15TH FERIA	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Mass On-line Rosary	Bridie Cox
TUESDAY 16TH FERIA	10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Mass Requiem	Desmond Murray Annie Farrell
WEDNESDAY 17TH ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Donald Reavey Cecilia Teague Charles & Catherine
THURSDAY 18TH LENT FERIA	9.30am 10.00am	Stations Holy Mass	Pat Galligan
FRIDAY 19TH LENT FERIA	9.30am 10.00am 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass Divine Mercy Stations Holy Mass	George Robinson Rose Fitzpatrick
SATURDAY 20TH LENT FERIA	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Eileen Keily
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT			
SATURDAY 20TH	4.00pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Peter McCaul
SUNDAY 21ST	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kenneth Wells Richardson & Rebecca Lines Wells Richardson John Hunter Ann Sullivan

PUBLIC MASSES CONTINUE TO BE CELEBRATED IN OUR CHURCH
YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS OUR MASSES VIA OUR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA>

The Beginning of Lent - Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent and our preparations for the annual commemoration of the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection in April. The season is always an important time in our year of faith and perhaps this year it takes on an even greater significance. Lent is a springtime in the Church inviting us to become ever dependent on the life of faith which we have received in Baptism and to be renewed in that life through our acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at our Masses on Wednesday celebrated at 10am, 12.30pm and 7pm.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence – On Wednesday all those over 14 years are asked to abstain from meat. A main meal and two lighter portions during the day for those aged over 18-59 years. Whilst others outside of these age ranges may fast, please do not place your health at risk.

Walk with Me – Copies of the daily reflections are available for you to take away. Please can you also drop copies offer for neighbours and friends unable to get to Mass at this time?

Stations of the Cross – Will be prayed in church on Monday and Thursday at 9.30am and Friday at 6.30pm followed by an evening Mass at 7pm.

Weekly Lenten Scripture Reflection – There will be a video posted on our website each Friday evening in Lent with reflections on the coming Sunday Scripture readings. We hope this will help people hear the Word of God and pray with the Scriptures during this holy season.

Rosary Prayer Intentions – During Lent could we offer the following intentions during our prayer of the rosary? 1) For an end to the Pandemic 2) For those who are sick and suffering 3) For the protection of the unborn 4) For young people and families 5) For the protection of the elderly and those who are vulnerable. Thank you for supporting this prayer initiative.

Sycamore – Perhaps this is a good time for you to come and join the Sycamore Programme on Thursday evenings at 7pm. A series of on-line presentations on aspects of our Catholic Faith. A great source of renewal for us all and an opportunity for those who don't know anything about the Catholic faith to discover more. Simply download the free Zoom app onto your computer or tablet. Send an e-mail to the parish and a link to the meeting will be sent back to you. All you have to do is click on the link at 7pm on Wednesday evenings and it will be able to join the meeting. Everyone welcome.

CAFOD Fast Day – Advanced notice of the Fast day on Friday 26th February. We fast and bring what we save to the collection for CAFOD the following Sunday (28th Feb).

Friday Group – Our self-denial during Lent can be offered for those who are poor and needy in the world through our Friday Group. Please return your envelopes to the main collection box marked "Friday Group."

New Parish e-mail Address - Please note that we now have a new diocesan parish e-mail address. It is on the top of the newsletter.

Web-site Developments - Please take a look at the parish web-site. You will see that there is a revised news page with photos and some useful videos. Have you any parish photos that you could share with us for our photo gallery on the website? Photos of the church in different eras would be especially welcome. In the coming weeks we hope to introduce some new material on prayer and spirituality as well. www.holysoulschurch.co.uk

Finance - Thank you to everybody who continues to support the parish through the collection and also standing orders and gift aid and dropping in contributions during the week.

LIFE Charity Collection - This weekend we are asked to make an offering towards the work of the charity LIFE that strives to protect women and children facing challenging pregnancies and help them to avoid abortion. Please bring an envelope marked LIFE Collection with your offering and place it in the collection boxes.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Could YOU be part of re-establishing the SVP in our parish? Contact one of the priests if you would like more information and are willing to help. A Lenten challenge?

The Parish Tote - The winning numbers this week were **12 13, 15, 22**. Two people had three numbers, Eileen Hanrahan & Eileen Gilmore receive £90 each. No Jackpot winner so the Jackpot this week is £2,000 and will be drawn on Thursday 18th February. Please make sure that you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it. Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the designated collection boxes which are located on departure from the church or alternatively can be posted through the presbytery letterbox up to 12 noon on the day of the draw. Please let us know if you have any difficulties dropping off your card or payments.

News from Marriage Care- At Marriage Care we believe that men and women from all walks of life catch a glimpse of something beautiful, hopeful and divine, in the possibilities of marriage and family life. It is a place where the Lord can strengthen the couple's lives.

Our marriage preparation and support service enable couples to nurture faithful and fruitful marriages that last, as we draw on Catholic teaching and contemporary research to help couples focus on the quality of their relationship with each other.

Our latest resource, Preparing Together Anywhere, is facilitated by two trained volunteers via webcam. Groups of up to 7 engaged couples attend three 90-minute sessions over a period of 3 weeks, with additional resources to enable couples to reflect more deeply in between the sessions on the commitment being entered into. Wedding plans may be on hold for some time, but couples need not put their preparation for marriage on hold.

Through our relationship counselling service (now available via webcam), we accompany, with compassion and practical wisdom, couples who find themselves in need of support on their journey. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, we know that increases in family stress and the impending threat of relationship breakdown will plunge many more into financial difficulties. We are unique in asking couples who come to us for counselling only to pay what they can afford, reflecting our commitment to support those most in need. For more information contact www.marriagecare.org.uk

Acocks Food Bank - The Food Bank is at the Christian Centre rear of 100 Westley Road. As always they appreciate donations of non-perishable food items. It is open 10am-12 noon on Tuesdays and Fridays. Donations can also be left at Morrisons at any time. Donating to the Food bank could be one of our acts of Lenten charity.

On-line Rosary Devotions - Monday evenings at 7pm for an end to the Pandemic and your intentions.

Divine Mercy - The devotions will be live-streamed on Fridays at 3pm.

Adoration - On Friday mornings @ 9.30am & Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30. Time before our Eucharistic Lord is time well spent.

Keeping in Touch - Remember to follow the parish on the web-site, Facebook and on Twitter. Messages, reflections and updates are often left there. Also check out the parish website for updated information. Please let the priests know of anyone who is unwell.

Sacraments in Emergency - For those who are suffering serious illness and those who require the Sacraments of the dying please do not hesitate to call one of the priests. We are unable to make routine sick calls at this time, but will of course come to those in urgent and grave situations.

And finally... We would like to wish our school communities a happy half term break. Thank you to the staff who have supported the pupils who can come to school and our parents and families with on-line learning! As we prepare to step into Lent, let us do so knowing the Lord loves us and gives us this time to grow into the new life he has given us. Our prayers and thoughts are with you always. Have a good week. **Fr. Jonathan & Fr Alex.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Trina Clarke, Joe Meehan, Clare Baxter, Kathleen Watson, Ann Farrell, Tess Garvey, Bill Jones, James Doherty, John Cartwright, Catherine McInerney,

Anniversaries of Death: Clifford Mann, John Hampton, Daniel Mooney, Mary Nash, Patrick Killeen, John Sheehan, Kieran Harmon, Florence Hughes, Michael Broderick, Patricia Tams, Mary O'Neill, Michael Drennan, Michael Regan, Anthony Hagans, Catherine Kinsella, James Haslam, Donna Whitehouse, Kerry Harvey, Michael Gilmartin and Michael Kennedy, Patrick Levings, Patricia Elliott, Kathleen Daly, Betty Bullock, John Hunter

Sick & Housebound: Myra Hill, Maureen Lambert, Christopher Zajac, John Stenson, Josephine Jones, Dorothy & David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Maisie Meehan, Peter Fagan, Steven Somerville, Mary Doherty, Maureen & Bernard Fox, Maureen Cody, and all those suffering from the Covid-19 Virus.