

Some Biblical Pointers for Lent.

"Repent and believe the Good News." (Mk. 1:14-15)

"It was God who reconciled Himself to us through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation ... and the appeal we make in Christ's name is 'Be reconciled to God' ". (2 Cor 5: 18, 20).

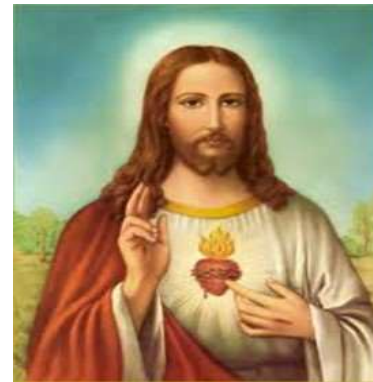
But now, now, it is the Lord who speaks, come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.
Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn;
turn to the Lord, your God again,
for He is all tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent.
Who knows if He will not turn again, will not relent,
will not leave a blessing as He passes;
oblation and libation for the Lord your God?
Sound the trumpet in Zion;
order a fast; proclaim a solemn assembly,
call the people together, summon the community,
gather the children, even the infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his bedroom and the bride her alcove.
Between altar and vestibule, let the priests,
the ministers of the Lord, lament.
Let them say: 'Save Your people, Lord. Do not make Your heritage
a thing of shame, a by-word for the nations. Why should it be said
among the nations: 'Where is their God?' (Joel 2:12-17).

"My people are diseased through their disloyalty ... Ephraim, how could I part with you. Israel, how could I give you up? ...
My heart recoils from it, my whole being trembles at the thought.
I will not destroy Ephraim again, for I am God, not man, I am the Holy One in your midst and have no wish to destroy (Hos. 11: 7-10).

Israel, come back to the Lord, your God ... What has Ephraim to do with idols any more, when it is I who hear his prayer and care for him? ... For the ways of the Lord are straight and virtuous men walk in them, but sinners stumble." (Hos. 14:1, 9-10).

God bless you all.

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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar 4 th Sunday of Lent Readings – B	2Chron. 36:14-23; Eph. 2:4-10; p. 154. (Gospel Year A Jn. 9:1-41 – p. 130) Mass Intention
Sat.	9	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Necia Byrne, RIP
Sun.	10	9.00am 10.15am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK SK	(Polish) (Tridentine)	People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Robert Watson, RIP Private int.
Mon.	11	10.00am	SK	Feria	Fr. Michael Butler, RIP
Tues.	12	9.45am 12.00noon	SK SP	Feria	Adoration Fr. John McKeon, RIP
Wed.	13	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	Feria	Fr. Neville McClement, RIP Philomena McQuillan, RIP
Thurs.	14	10.00am	SK	Feria	Canon Victor Key, RIP
Fri.	15	5.15pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	SK SK SP	Feria Our church SP	Stations of the Cross Bishop Cyril Restieaux, RIP Stations of the Cross
Sat.	16	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Louise Sweeney, RIP
Sun.	17	9.00am 10.15am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK SK	5 th Sunday of Lent - B (Polish)	People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Elvira Correia Borges da Fonte, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Alan Rush, Lyn Crawford, Coral Collins and all in the parish who are sick. I am pleased to be able to tell you that Mgr. Dazeley is recovering well from his operation and that Kevin Colley is responding well to his treatment. **RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Please, continue your prayers for our six candidates (Linda Arger, Philip Hudson, Julian Day, Charlotte Dunn, Paul Mobbs and Fraser Rush), who will be received into full communion, will be confirmed and will receive their first holy communion at the Easter Vigil, and for Conor O'Reilly, who will be confirmed and make his first holy communion. **LENT:** We ask the Lord to help us to continue our Lenten penance, to help us to draw closer to Him and to follow Him more faithfully. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fri., 5.15pm (SK); 6.00pm SP, alternating between our church and St. James's – this week our church – 10.15am Sun SK. **PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** On your behalf, I wish to thank Judy Lumb for her many years of increasingly onerous service as our representative; we wish her well as she relinquishes this role. We give a warm welcome to Luke Morris, who has been appointed to replace her and thank him in anticipation for this important service to our community. **WORKS IN PROGRESS:** Many thanks to the Holmes brothers, who have completed the work on the safety exit ramps, path to the hall, etc., at Sacred Heart. Work stemming from last year's electrical survey will begin soon.

ADVANCE NOTICE – HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES:

Palm Sunday: Blessing and Distribution of Palms at all Masses:

Sat. 6.00p.m. (SK) / **Sun 9.00 a.m.** (SP) and **11.00 a.m.** (SK)

[Wednesday (CHRISM MASS – Cathedral 11.30 a.m.) Blessing of Holy Oils for use in parishes in the year following.]

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper: **7.30 p.m.** (SK)

Good Friday - Liturgy of the Passion: **3.00 p.m.** (SK)

Stations of the Cross 6.00 p.m. (SK)

Stations of the Cross 6.00 p.m. (SP – our church)

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter: **8.00 p.m.** (SK)

Easter Sunday: - Mass: **9.00 a.m.** (SP) & **11.00 a.m.** (SK).

(Confessions: Sat. 23rd Mar. 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon (SP)

Sat. 30th Mar. (Holy Saturday): 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon (SK).

GIFT AID: This is a way for us to earn extra money on your offerings...it's free money from the government. For every £1 that you donate we can claim 25p back from the government this is crucial money because it goes towards the running cost of both churches. We were able to claim back £5,763 in 2021 which was critical in keeping both churches running. If you work or have a pension where you pay income tax and you haven't yet signed up to gift aid, then please think about it and sign up today. There are forms at the back of church, for you to fill in and return to Jacinta or me. If you want to discuss it first, then talk to Jacinta or email her on jacintalewis21@aol.com. **FOOD BANKS:** in Spilsby and in Sacred Heart (via The Storehouse, Skegness, for those in need (tinned and other NONPERISHABLE foods). Thank you for your help. **TEAS & COFFEES:** after Mass on Sundays. **TALKS ON THE FAITH:** on 'Discipleship of Christ' (love of God & neighbour, ten commandments of God, Church teaching on moral life, Vat. II 'Gaudium et spes' – Joy and hope). Normally: SK Mon. 10.45-11.45, Tues. 6.30-7.30pm every other week (meeting this week); SP THIS WEEK MON. 12.00 noon-1.00pm.

5. 5th Commandment: Life & health; murder, violence

6. 6th & 9th Commandments: sexuality, marriage, celibacy

7. 7th & 10th Commandments: goods of the earth, property, use/ access to

8. 8th Commandment: truth, lying, communication & society.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mon, 18th March, 6.30 p.m.

TODAY MISSION APPEAL: on behalf of Daughters of Divine Love.

INCOME: COLL. SK SP Total **3rd Mar., 2024.**

Gift Aid: £ 20-00 £ 80-00 = £100-00

Loose: £205-15 £ 52-50 = £257-65

Total: £225-15 £132-50 = £357-65 = **£357-65.**

CAFOD Family Fast:

Gift Aid: £ £ 25-00

Loose: £

Total: £ £ 25-00 = **£ 25-00.**

OTHER: Repository: £ 10-80 £ 19-60 (SP)

Mass offerings:

Donation (Lectionaries): £100-00

Teas & coffees (Feb.) £ £ 19-20

Total: £138-80 = **£138-80.**

Many thanks.

Overall Total: = **£ 521-45.**