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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

Sunday 14th March 2021

Fr Martin writes.

Holy Week Schedule

Subject to the availability of stewards, and God willing, the schedule planned for Holy Week this year is as follows:

Saturday 27th March:

10am at All Saints Church (ASC), the Sacrament of Reconciliation;

6pm at ASC, the Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday (booking required).

Sunday 28th March:

10.30am at St Mary's Hall (SMH), Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (booking required).

Monday 29th March and Tuesday 30th March:

10am at ASC, Holy Mass.

Wednesday 31st March:

11.30am at Nottingham Cathedral, the Chrism Mass with Bishop Patrick (no admission in person, live-streamed at stbarnabascathedral.org.uk).

Thursday 1st April:

7pm at ASC, Mass of the Lord's Supper (booking required).

Friday 2nd April:

3pm at ASC, Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (booking required);

7pm at SMH, Stations of the Cross (booking required).

Saturday 3rd April:

8.30pm at ASC, the Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter (booking required).

Easter Sunday 4th April:

10.30am at SMH, Holy Mass for Easter Day (booking required);

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In order to continue keeping people safe, there are some variations to the way Holy Week ceremonies are to be conducted this year.

To book a place at any Mass or service, visit www.massbooking.uk or phone **07427 556088**.

Please be aware that bookings open for each Mass or service one week before the event is scheduled.

GLOSSOP ROSARY.

We are continuing the Rosary on **Monday 15th March** with the Joyful Mysteries.

The Cycle of Prayer for Lent:

We pray Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy and the Hungry of the World, Penitents and Wanderers.

Bishop Patrick's Lenten Talks - You are invited to join Bishop Patrick and people across the diocese this Lent in reflecting on our relationship with God. To be a disciple of Jesus means to know and love him, but to also know we are known and loved by him too. Bishop Patrick will give his second talk on Zoom exploring God's Love for us and how we can respond to it: **Knowing the Love of God** (understanding our identity as God's sons and daughters) **Thursday 25th March, at 7pm.**

You can register for the talk on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

Lent Reflection for this Week:

*Remind us often Lord,
when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond
reproach, pleased with ourselves,
self sufficient in our ways,
that for such as us, and better, and worse
you walked a road that took you to a cruel cross,
and rose again to show us where we might look for
rescue as from this lofty perch we fall.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Unpaid carer?

Fr Martin writes, "Are you an unpaid carer looking after somebody you don't live with? For example, helping them with dressing, washing, and other personal hygiene needs? You may be able to get free PPE (personal protective equipment, like gloves, aprons and masks) to help protect yourself and the person you assist. Please contact me and I'll tell you how to apply.

The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a Deputy Director of Education who will provide a strategic lead in the areas of Catholic Life, Formation, Inspection, Religious Education and Collective Worship.

For further information / application pack or if you wish to arrange an informal conversation with the Director of Education, contact Julie Sweeney: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk

Closing date 30th March

From the 1st March 2021 the **Derbyshire Districts' Adviceline** number will be changing to a new free-phone number to ensure we're accessible to more clients. The new number is: **0808 2787 954**

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Parish Newsletter Editor	Liz Nash	Website www.glossopcatholics.org.uk
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The Week Ahead (*ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall*)

Saturday 13th 6.00pm,	Lenten Feria ASC Holy Mass (Vigil) (People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 14th 10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday SMH Holy Mass (Christopher Eaton – Anniversary (J&BE)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Monday 15th 9.00am,	Lenten Feria ASC Holy Mass (John McLeish & Terry Burns RIP (BB))
Tuesday 16th	Lenten Feria <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for George Russell RIP (A&DB)</i>
Wed'sday 17th 10.00am,	St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland ASC Holy Mass (Mass in Thanksgiving (AD))
Thursday 18th 10.00am,	St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor ASC Holy Mass (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS))
Friday 19th 10.00am,	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls)
Saturday 20th 10.00-10.30am, 6.00pm,	Lenten Feria ASC Confessions , <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> ASC Holy Mass (Vigil) (Maureen Elliott – Anniversary RIP (LD)) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 21st 10.30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday SMH Holy Mass (People of the Parishes) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place

Live streaming services for This Weekend:

For Bishop Patrick, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>

For Nottingham Cathedral at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>

This Sunday's Mass Readings are: 2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Eph 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading John 3:14-21

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. Today, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and as we observe Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy to be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus. In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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