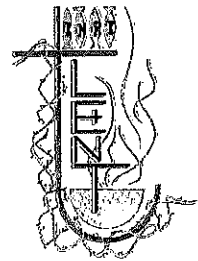




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4th Sunday of Lent

10th March 2024

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Your Prayers are asked for the Sick

Gwen Stanton, Derek Hilton, Kenneth Powell, Gillian Moulson, Jessica Stuart, Fr. Joe Gormley

Lately dead

Brian Wellens, Jimmy O'Hara

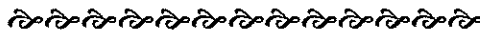
Anniversaries

Margaret Littler, Adrian Manfredi, Henry Howard, Linda Statter, Gillian Bailey, Paul Jones, Sheila Bacon, Tony Finney, Margaret Pickersgill, John Higgina, Jack Enwright, Louise Roughley, Renee M'Cooley, Jack Dyer.



Laetare Sunday

*Traditionally this Sunday is called Laetare Sunday, which means 'a day of joy'
The celebration of Christ's death and resurrection draws ever nearer to us.
As this is the midpoint of Lent it is traditional to honour mothers,
treasuring those still with us and praying for those we have lost in death.*



First Reading

**God allows his people to be exiled in Babylon because of their sins,
his mercy is seen in their homecoming.**

Second Reading

It is not through our efforts we are saved but through the mercy of God.

Gospel

**In his love for us, God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn us,
but to save us.**

Mission Today booklet

The Spring 2024 edition is available at the back of Church. Please take one.

Jimmy & Pauline McNamee are holding a **St Patrick's Quiz Night** at
Haresfinch Rugby Club on Friday 15th March.

Tickets available from Jimmy or ring 01744 20779

Next **Silver Sixties Night Live Music and Dancing** in the Parish Hall.
Saturday 13th April. Tickets £5. Doors open 7.30 pm.
Contact Colin 07709 749848 for more information.



Mass Intentions

Week beginning Sunday 10th March 2024

- Saturday 6 pm Heidi Maitland
- Sunday 8 am Deceased of Reece Family
9.30 am Lena Brennan
11 am Parishioners
- Monday 9.15 Ken Large
- Tues 9.15 am Lynn Fairclough
- Wed 9.15 am Brenda Hurst
- Thursday 9.15 am Cowie Family
- Friday 9 15 am Bet Ellis
6.30 pm Stations of the Cross and Mass
Doherty Family
- Saturday 6 pm Mary Prendergast
- Sunday 8 am Parishioners
9.30 am Esther & Joseph Daly
11 am Jack Enwright



During the week
Monday to Friday Mass at 9.15 am

Extra Mass on Friday evening following
Stations of the Cross beginning at 6.30 pm

Saturday Mass at 6 pm
Sunday 8 am 9.30 am and 11 am.

Confessions 11.30 pm - 12 noon
The Rosary will be said in Church on Monday
at 7.30 pm.

From next Saturday 16th March Crosses are
veiled until the end of the Celebration of the
Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

Statues are to be veiled until the beginning
of the Easter Vigil.

Requiem Mass for Ken Taylor
is on 19th March at 12.30 pm.

Funeral Service for Brian Wellens
is on 22nd March at 11.30 am
May they rest in peace.

Families of Parishes Archbishop McMahon

Accompaniment - a word meaning being there for people at different stages of life
-is used many times by the Archbishop in his pastoral letter last weekend,

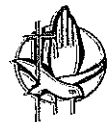
He continues the theme in Families of Parishes which have been formed in our
archdiocese following our pastoral plan, and can be seen as parishes accompany each
other to further the mission of the Church.

The Synod called for a renewal of our parishes to make them radically mission orientated.

Our goal is to make our parishes places where individuals and families can encounter
Jesus anew, grow as disciples, work synod ally and be equipped to accompany one
another within our parish communities and beyond their boundaries.

My hope is that Families of Parishes will benefit from the shared gifts of people, time,
talents, buildings and other resources so that we can truly renew parish life.

We need every member of the Church to share their God-given gifts to build up
the Body of Christ.



Please join with me to pray for our new Families of Parishes.

***God our Father, Through your mercy you have called us to become your children.
Help us to walk with your Son through his passion, death and resurrection so that by
the power of the Holy Spirit we may rise with him on Easter Day.***

***Show us your mercy and love every step throughout our lives that we may grow in
friendship with you, now and forever, Amen***