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Sunday 9th March 2025 First Sunday of Lent (C)



*Jesus answered him, 'It is said,
'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'*

Stations of the Cross

There will be an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays at 11.30 am. The Stations of the Cross are also on the parish website on the Gallery page if you would like to pray them at home.

Palm Crosses

Traditionally, palm crosses which have been blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday are burned the following year to create the ash for Ash Wednesday. There was plenty of ash left over from last year so there is no rush this year. Nevertheless, if you have any palm crosses from last year to be burnt please leave them in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

Minsteracres Retreat/Holiday 2025

Come and enjoy a holiday in a Passionist Retreat House in beautiful Northumberland, August 1st – 7th 2025. The cost is £580 and includes all meals and travel to and from Northumberland. The coach stays with us, so we can enjoy afternoons out to local villages and places of interest and evenings of family fun. There is a bar. An £50.00 deposit is due a.s.a.p and the remaining balance is due by the end of June. For more information please ring either Margaret on 0151 721 2849 or Jo on 0151 426 2161.

Ecumenical Lent Course

This year's Lent Course will be 'Finding a Voice', using the multi-award winning film 'The Kings Speech' as its starting point. The course explores ways in which, like Colin Firth's Bertie, we too can face and overcome our terrors to find our true and authentic voice. The course begins on Wednesday 12th March at the Salvation Army Church on Warrington Rd, 7.30pm, lasting 5 weeks.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Work Experience Opportunity for Young Adults

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22nd 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

Westminster Abbey Pass

One of St Mary's volunteers, Geoff Almond, has a Westminster Abbey Church Pass which admits, free of charge, up to 4 adults or children into the Abbey. The usual charge for visiting the Abbey is £30. Please contact Geoff at misteralmond@yahoo.com if you would like to borrow it.

Piety Stall

The piety stall has new stock of rosaries, statues, bibles and cards for all occasions including Mother's Day, Easter, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Easter Raffle

Tickets are on sale this Sunday for our Easter Raffle.

Offertory Collection - Gift Aid £167 Loose £310. Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Times and Intentions

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| Saturday 8th | 6.00 pm | Teresa McEgan |
| Sunday 9th | 11.00 am | Alan Rawlinson |
| Monday 10th | 12.00 pm | Bernadette Allan |
| Wednesday 12th | 12.00 pm | Margaret Farrell |
| Friday 14th | 11.30 am 12.00 pm | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Prayers Answered |
| Saturday 15th | 11.00 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm | <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Charles & Phoebe Martin Chris Town |
| Sunday 16th | 11.00 am | Ellen & Joseph Bevan |

Please remember the members of our parish who are sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Derek McEgan, Sandra Johnson, Helen Clarke, Anita Potts, Steve Potts, Kerry Scott, Anna Pemberton, David Gerrard, Mary Davis, Ann Davey, James Williams, Enid

Departed: *Bernard Newman, Helen Hinds*

