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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

6th/7th April 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Thomas Reed Derek Smith
SUNDAY	10.00 am		People of Parish
Monday		9.30 am	Sr. Ruth
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	Francis Charnock Mass in St. Joseph's school
Thursday (school) (Church)	9.10 am 12 noon		School Penance Service in Sacred Heart school Madge Andrej
Friday National Day of prayer for survivors of Sex abuse Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Survivors/victims of sex abuse Eucharistic Service

PALM SUNDAY & start of Holy Week

13th/14th April 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Rita Rogers
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Angela Domain

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, John Mullen, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O'Connor, Andy Walsh, Joe Thewlis, Michael Brennan, Mary Seery, Alex McClure.

The collection last weekend came to £227.20

The March **Fiver a month** collection came to £209.22

THE PASCAL TRIDUUM

The whole Triduum will be at Sacred Heart Church

Maundy Thursday: 18 April
7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by the Gethsemane watch until 10.30 pm.

Good Friday: 19 April
3.00 pm The Liturgy with veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 20 April
8.30 pm The Paschal Vigil with baptisms, renewal of baptismal vows and first Mass of Easter

Easter Day: 21 April
10 am at Sacred Heart

This weekend we shall have an **emergency CAFOD Appeal** second collection for the Cyclone disaster in Southern Africa.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER In addition to the normal time (11.45 am Saturdays), both Fr. Mark & Fr. Stephen will be available for confessions after Mass this Sunday.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN LENT – Holy Trinity, Sutton Monday April 8th at 7.00pm; Holy Cross, Walmley Tuesday April 9th at 7.00pm; St. Nicholas, Boldmere Wednesday April 10th at 7.30pm; Erdington Abbey Tuesday April 16th at 7.00pm.

PALM SUNDAY Next weekend, please get to Church early. The evening Mass at St. Joseph's and the Sunday Mass will

start outside (weather permitting) with the blessing of the palms and procession.

HOLY WEEK PASSION PLAY Involving a diverse team of a hundred community actors, musicians and stewards alongside Saltmine Theatre Company, The Birmingham Passion Play 2019 is by the city, for the city. This unique contemporary retelling of the extraordinary Easter story will be performed live, processing from Birmingham Bullring, moving up along New Street to Victoria Square, and finishing at St Philip's Cathedral. On 16th, 17th and 18th April, join us from 12:30 each day at the Bullring near Waterstones, finishing around 14:00 inside St Philip's Cathedral.

THE SCRUTINIES The third and last scrutiny takes place this Sunday.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE this year is on Saturday 11th May in London. Coaches will be going from Birmingham and we need to be booking our places on them asap. It is a wonderful day on which we are able to stand shoulder to shoulder with thousands of others proclaiming the LIFE is from conception. Please put your name and email address on list at the back of the church if you think you might like to take part and we shall email details when we have them. See marchforlife.co.uk

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE also on 11th May. Would anyone, especially servers like to go on this pilgrimage? Coaches going from Birmingham. Need to book soon. See Francis Prom or Fr. Stephen if interested.

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place following straight on from the Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart and at 5.30 pm before the Saturday Mass at St. Joseph's.

We need people who could run the **Children's Liturgy**. Please see Fr. Stephen or Sheila McKernan if you think you could help.

PARISH CENSUS Following the new Data Protection Act we need to renew our parish data. If you had a form last week, I hope you have remembered to bring it back. If you didn't get one, please make sure you take one. This is important. Thanks.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

DAILY EXPOSITION There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

THE KINGDOM WARRIORS meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This is a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE finishes on Palm Sunday.

The Day of Exposition at St. Vincent's is on Wednesday this week.

THE CHRISM MASS is on Wednesday in Holy Week at 1.30 am at St. Chad's.

CLICK TO PRAY is the Pope's new app. Go and download it, it may help you to pray. Also get **Catholic Mega App** It is a gateway to lots of Catholic resources on the internet. Have you signed up to **Churchpop.com** yet? Short easily accessible articles about Catholic things, some more of a fun nature, some very serious.

First reading**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 129(130)**

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second reading**Romans 8:8-11**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation**Jn11:25, 26**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathizing with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.