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**Newsletter for the week commencing 14th/15th March 2020**

**Third Sunday of Lent (A)**

**First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7**

**Psalm 94 Response:**  O that today you would listen to his voice: ‘Harden not your hearts.”

**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Romans 5: 1-2;5-8**

**Gospel: John 4: 5-42**

During Holy Communion at 10.30 the choir sing the motet*Litany to the Holy Spirit (Peter Hurford 1930-2019)*

**Father John writes:**

Covid-19 coronavirus has swamped the media, and our Archbishop has also sent us instructions about reducing transmission of the virus. I have pinned up copies on the notice boards for you to read. But here is a list of the differences you will notice at Mass:

* There will be no ‘sign of peace’ at all.
* Holy Communion *from the Chalice* will cease to be offered (and the clergy have been instructed not to introduce intinction as an alternative).
* Those who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should be encouraged to receive in the hand instead.
* There is no Holy Water by the entrance to church.
* Shared hymn books will cease to be used – this will clearly limit our singing of hymns, but there will be singing at our Sunday Masses and our organist will introduce this to us before Mass.

Other precautions will be brought into practice as well – I have only listed the differences in our celebration of Mass. It is stressed that the above is temporary.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Marjorie Frain,Jim Maloney, Marie-José Masters, Patrick O’Keeffe RIP

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne and Joe Venables

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Mary Hastings, John Bryant, Joh- Paul Beirne, William Roche, Daniel Nesbitt, Thomas Blair, Geraldine Keating, Phyllis Broughton, Eileen Thompson, Julia Shipton and Canon Hopetoun Currie.

**This week’s events**

**Please take your Mass sheet and your newsletter home with you at the end of Mass.**

Hymns for the beginning and end of Mass will be printed on the newsletter each week, starting next weekend.

Stations of the Cross will be held in the church at 4pm on Sunday.

Sadly, due to the **Coronavirus** situation, the 4th **Lent lunch** that was to be organised by St John’s, Smallhythe, and held at **St Mildred’s on Friday 20th March**, is cancelled. Decisions will be made about the lunches on 27th March and 3rd April nearer the time.

The **Men’s Christian Breakfast** which would have been held next Saturday (21st March) from 8.30am at St Mildred’s Hall has been **postponed**. Hopefully it will be rearranged for a date in the not-too-distant future.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** Saint Patrick really existed. Two Latin works, still surviving, can definitely be attributed to Patrick’s own authorship. Composed in Latin, in the fifth century, and preserved in manuscripts dating from the 800's onwards, these are the oldest extant texts written in Ireland. One of these documents is his *Confessio*or “Confession”, which is a testimony  to Patrick’s personal faith and trust in God, to whom he attributes the entire success of his mission in Ireland. This short document, in a very accessible and accurate English translation by Pádraig McCarthy, can be read at  www.newpilgrimpath.ie

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 14th March | Feria | 10am – 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 15th March | Third Sunday of Lent | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass12.30pm Mass - Latin extraordinary rite |
| Monday | 16th March | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 17th March | St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 18th March | St Cyril of Jerusalem | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 19th March | St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 20th March | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration *Canon Hopetoun Currie RIP* |
| Saturday | 21st March | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass *Marie- Jo RIP (Doreen)* |
| Sunday | 22nd March | Fourth Sunday of Lent | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (21st/22nd March)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Sue K | Nick C | Rachel H |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise CarterMichael Payne | Peter Hook Rani Thomas |
| **Flowers** | Mothering Sunday: Linda S | **Cleaners** | - |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

**A very early notification of a date to put in your diaries**! There will be a 1/2 day of recollection for extra-ordinary ministers and readers of the deanery on **April 25th, 2020** from 1p.m. to 4p.m. **at St Andrew’s**. Reminders will be given nearer the time!

The **Funeral and Burial of Marjorie Frain** will be held at All Saints, Woodchurch, on **Wednesday 25th March at 1pm**.

The **Funeral of Patrick O’Keeffe** will be held at Charing Crematorium on **Thursday, 26th March at 11.30am**.

The Requiem Mass for **Marie-José Masters** is likely to be on **Tuesday 31st March at 11:30** in Saint Andrew’s, before she is repatriated to Mauritius.