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WEEKLY BULLETIN 13th – 19th MARCH 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

Sunday, 13th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Peace for the Ukraine</i>
Thursday, 17th March	St Patrick's School	9.00 am Whole School Mass	
	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
(Confessions available after Mass)			
Sunday, 20th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>John Kane RIP</i>

ROTAS

Sunday, 13th March	Mass	Greeters:	Kevin & Sheila	Reader: Ann
		Minister:	Maria	
		Counters:	Kevin & Sheila	Cleaning: Linda, Val & John
Sunday, 20th March	Mass	Greeters:	Dilys & Angela G	Reader: Mary W
		Minister:	Angela G	
		Counters:	Angela & Andrew	Cleaning: Linda, Val & John

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Tuesdays: St Joseph, Shirebrook 9.30 am Thursdays: St Teresa's, Warsop at 10.30 am
Fridays: St Philip Neri 7.00 pm

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS:

First Reading	<i>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18</i>
Response	<i>The Lord is my light and my help</i>
Second Reading	<i>Philippians 3:17 - 4:1</i>
Acclamation	<i>From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him"</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 9: 28-36</i>

Your Prayers are requested for: Janet C; Mary S; Stephanie W; Garry; Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; Tina T; Mary C, KP (Karen's brother-in-law), Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D and Mrs C. Casey. All those suffering from the coronavirus and those working in the NHS or Care Services; those working in essential services to keep our country functioning. *Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER SUNDAY MASS – ALL WELCOME

CAFOD Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

WISHING ALL OUR PARISH COMMUNITY A HAPPY PATRONAL FEAST ON THURSDAY

LENTEN RETREAT: On **Saturday (19th March)** to celebrate St Joseph's Day, patron saint of men, we will host a retreat for Catholic Men at the Briars Retreat Centre in Crich. The day will focus on 'Friendship with Christ - Friendship in Christ' and will explore how as men we are called to not only grow in holiness but in fraternity too. The cost of the day will be £25 which includes breakfast lunch and dinner. The day will begin at 10.00 am and will finish after a curry at 5.30 pm.

LENTEN "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS: These are available in the church porch at £1 each and are a lovely way of meditating on the value of Lent.

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

St George's: The church will be open on **Monday, 14th March** between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm for any parishioners who might like some sort of souvenir. Donations welcome for any item.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available in the Church porch. Please take a sheet which explains the arrangements for next year, especially if you give by Standing Order.

Food Bank: Thank you for your continued support and the foodbank is very grateful and amazed at our generosity every week of the year. **New items required include tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned hot and cold meat, uht milk and jam.**

UKRAINE APPEAL: MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS MADE AT SHORT NOTICE LAST WEEKEND. THEY ARE MUCH APPRECIATED AND WILL HELP FAMILIES IN DISTRESS. Please continue to pray for a peaceful solution to the crisis.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next sessions are at 10.20 am on **Sunday, 20th March** and **27th March**. Further sessions will be held on **24th April, 15th May, 6th June** and **26th June**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow 11.00 am Mass on **24th April** and the First Holy Communion Day is on **Saturday, 2nd July** at 11.00 am. Please pray for the candidates and for the Catechists who are helping them understand the full meaning of this wonderful sacrament.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are invited to attend a **session of reflection and update** regarding leading a Service of the Word on **Saturday 2nd April** at 10.45 am - 1.00 pm in St Philip's Church Hall.

SCHOOL NEWS: School Masses have re-started and parishioners are warmly invited to attend if they wish. Mass is normally at 2.15 pm on Tuesdays but this week is on Thursday (to celebrate St Patrick) at 9.00 am. Other school news available on their respective websites.

FUNDRAISING: Cory and Debbie have re-introduced Bingo sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. Raffle and Scratchcard prizes and refreshments. Proceeds from Bingo and the teas and coffees served after Mass each Sunday go to the Emily Harris Foundation for which Cory and Debbie have already raised over £2,030.

FINANCES: Sunday, 6th March

Envelopes £137.50 Loose Plate £92.50 Standing Orders £135.00 Total £365.00
Development Fund £15.00

Thank you for your generosity

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