



# THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 20th – 26th MARCH 2022

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

Sunday, 20th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>John Kane RIP</i>
Tuesday, 22nd March	St Patrick's School	2.15 pm Mass	
Wednesday, 23rd March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	<i>Tess Reardon RIP (1st Anniv)</i>
			<b>(Confessions available after Mass)</b>
Sunday, 27th March	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	<i>Mothers Everywhere</i>

### ROTAS

Sunday, 20th March	Mass	Greeters:	Dilys & Angela G	Reader: Mary W
		Minister:	Angela G	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Linda, Val & John
Sunday, 27th March	Mass	Greeters:	Cory & Linda	Reader: Ian
		Minister:	Andrew	
		Counters:	Angela & Andrew	Cleaning: Rosie & Sheila

### 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:

<b>First Reading</b>	<i>Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15</i>
<b>Response</b>	<b><i>The Lord is compassion and love</i></b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<i>1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12</i>
<b>Acclamation</b>	<b><i>Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand</i></b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Luke 13: 1-9</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

**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*

**The Solemnity of the Annunciation:** On Friday, 25 March during the celebration of Penance at 5.00pm in St Peter's, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will join with Pope Francis by praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary after the Stations of the Cross in St Philip's and after evening Mass in St Joseph's.

**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.**

**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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION** is an association for Catholic men from the age of 19 upwards, and has a group based in Mansfield. We refer to our local group as a **Circle**, and it is made up of Catholic professionals who meet monthly. We support our local youth, community, parish, and clergy in a variety of ways, and we hold social activities where like-minded individuals, and their families, can enjoy each other's company.

If you would like to know more about what we do and what our aims are, please speak to one of your parish representatives who are named below; you may know one of them from the 11:00 am Sunday Mass.

The Mansfield and Dukeries Circle has a website where you can also read more about our history and activities; please use this URL to access the site: <https://catenians197.wordpress.com/> You can also contact us directly by completing the Contact Form which is on the "Contact Us" page of the website or by using the contact email address: [contactCatenians197@gmail.com](mailto:contactCatenians197@gmail.com) (please tell us your name, parish and best contact details).

*Parish Representatives: Neil Harris (current President) and Karol Grabowski*

**FINANCES: Sunday, 13th March**

**Envelopes £115.00      Loose Plate £98.35      Standing Orders £135.00 Total £348.35**  
**Development Fund/Diocesan Quota £40.00 CAFOD £77.15**

**Thank you for your generosity**

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**CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND – AN HOUR LESS IN BED!**