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Third Sunday of Lent (A)

(Sun 9.00am Mass is at St Mary's, Bampton)

Sat 14 Mar 10.00am **Bd.**

6.00pm People of Parish

Sun 15 Mar 9.00am People of Idlib

3rd Lent 10.00am Children preparing for
the Sacraments

11.30am **Bd.** (PB)

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Mon 16 Mar 9.45am Canon Taylor LD

Tues 17 Mar 6.30pm Holy Souls

St Patrick

Wed 18 Mar 9.45am **Mass in school**

Thu 19 Mar 9.45 Fr Anthony Conlon GE

St Joseph

Fri 20 Mar 9.45am Holy Souls

5.45pm Bd. Stations & Mass

Sat 21 Mar 10.00am **Bd.**

6.00pm Fr Robert Wright LD

Sun 22 Mar 9.00am Nicola Martin A

4th Lent 10.00am People of Parish

11.30am **Bd.** (AF) Harold Minshall LD

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Fridays

10.30-11.00am. Confessions Sat 12.00noon

SVP Thursday 19 Mar. at 7.15pm in hall.

SUNDAY@7 Sun 15 Mar at 6.45 for 7 pm

CAFOD: £446.27 Provisional total.

Soup and bread lunch: £50 was raised!

***Sun 5 April 2.00pm Ecumenical Prayer walk and leafletting of new houses at Brize Meadow and The Crescent** (welcoming new residents of Carterton and introducing the Christian churches). Please join us. St Joseph's rep. at CCU meetings also needed.

***Co-ordinator, hall bookings** Someone needed please. Not onerous, some computer knowledge useful. You will be tutored.

***Thur 19 Mar 10.30am Ch. 5 of Laudato Sii in hall.** Study editions of Laudato Si' may be purchased at £2.50

Please pray for those who have died: Kevin Southwood, Anne Rooney, Henry Buckmaster, Esme Lyons, Janet Mansell, Mateo Bantug, Allan Tomkins, Phil Hocknell, Bridget Valentine, Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett.

Anniversaries: Fernando Goncalves, Thomas Osborne, Lucas Jenkins, Teresa McCarthy, Jonathan Phillips, Michael Carey, Norman Haddock, Elizabeth Lackschewitz-Martin, Hugh McKenna, Leigh Belmont, Elizabeth Wansbrough, Josephine Farrugia, Doris Leverett, Kathleen Kearsey.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war: Angela Overton, Kate Gargan, Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Marie Whelan, Brendan Farrow, Phil Rice, Loretta Walcott, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Olive Harcourt, Jen Thomas, Bernadette Lewis, Oggie Arathoon, Ann Heaton, Marie Drew, Monica Owen.

***Lenten reconciliation Sat 21 March at**

Burford starting with 10.00am Mass, then a talk by Fr Martin, followed by Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament and Confessions. All welcome
*On 3 March, 32 of the "**MiniVinnies**" and "Ambassadors" from St Joseph's School **planted 16 small trees in the Church field.** In pairs, they chose their species (Oak, Maple, Cherry, Rowan and Birch) and individual tree and planted it together with a bamboo cane for support and a spiral rabbit guard. Each tree bears a small oak tag (from a Wychwood forest tree) showing the names of the pair planting and date. Benje, John and Fr Andrew from SVP were in attendance with John's brother-in-law. The children were guided by their teacher Rachel Henderson. It was a lovely and productive experience. The small whips, as they are called, can be seen at the far end of the church field.

***No tea/coffee after Mass until further notice**

Stage Two Precautions issued by Bishops' Conference of England and Wales 09.03.2020

1. **Suspend distribution under both kinds: host to be given on the hand only.**
 2. **Suspend the physical sign of peace.**
 3. **Remove holy water stoups**
 4. **Public veneration of relics and the Cross on Good Friday should NOT be by kissing or physically touching them**
 5. Advise those **most vulnerable** (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) **to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.**
 6. **Cease use of shared hymn books** and missals which could help transmit the virus.
 7. Ask **everyone attending Mass to sanitise their hands as they come into church** using sanitized gel dispensers (make these available in porches or entrances).
 8. **Ensure everyone maintains good hygiene especially at Mass:** i. Catch it - sneeze into a tissue ii. Bin it – bin the tissue iii. Kill it – wash your hands with soap and water iv. Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands
 9. Ask **anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from attending Liturgy**, public events, not attend the sacrament of reconciliation if symptomatic
 10. Ensure very **regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly** (eg ideally clean door handles before and after every Mass)
 11. **Do not pass the collection plate around : Retiring Collection only**
 12. Ensure **ministers of the Eucharist sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion** (we should be doing this anyway as a matter of course.) This can be done by washing hands discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary or using good quality hand gel discreetly.
 13. **When visiting parishioners at home, wash hands before giving the sacraments. No pastoral visits to people who are self-isolating until isolation ends.** However do offer phone support.
- Suspend catering (teas, coffees etc) at large parish gatherings where multiple people touch mugs, utensils, biscuits etc**