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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C 6th March 2016

Dear Parishioners,

'God reconciles us to Himself in Christ. Christ is our new creation. In Him we are reborn. When we were dead through sin, Christ came to reconcile us to the Father. Now we are ambassadors for Christ and are privileged to proclaim the Good News. Christ takes away our shame if only we will return to the Father's house as prodigal sons confessing our weakness and waywardness.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The second of March's Baptismal Preparation Evenings takes place on Thursday 10th March at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

We will be holding a Penance Service on Thursday 17th March at 7pm here at St Augustine's Church. Please take this opportunity of celebrating the sacrament of Mercy. We will have the help of neighbouring priests.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Saturday 28th May until Friday 3rd June 2016. The cost by coach is from £407 and by air from £695. If you are wishing to travel please speak to the Clergy. Details are on the notice board in the side porch. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is taking place from the 5th to 13th September 2016. Geoff and Irene Dorrett from Sutton Coldfield are arranging it. Please see poster in porch.

In preparation for Palm Sunday and for Holy Week, there will be a list in the Sacristy for our Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion to sign indicating your availability.

May we give you advance notice of the Good Friday Walk of Witness which will start this year opposite Saint Augustine's Church in the space outside Wetherspoons, commencing at 11am. We require 3 readers for this to participate in part of the Passion Narrative. If you are willing to help please speak with Deacon Kevin or Father Dominic.

Please note the times and dates of the four funerals taking place this week. Please note that on Friday morning there will not be a 10am Mass neither will there be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is because Miss Jean Lingard's Requiem takes place at 11am.

'**Dementia Awareness Week**' takes place from 12th to 19th March. Please visit the Pastoral Care Project website www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk the Mission of the Pastoral Project is: 'To raise awareness of the spiritual needs of the frail elderly- enabling carers to support them in their journey to the fullness of life.' There are several very beautiful resources available on the website.

Please note Mass on Tuesday morning beginning at 9.45am with the Rosary at 9.20am

<p align="center">Saturday 5th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>Hosea 5:15-16:6 Luke 18:9-14 9.00am Olivier Sales-Poorly Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-32 12.30pm John Farrelly-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 6th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-32 9.00am Daniel McGeoghan-RIP 11.00am Thomas McGuire-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p align="center">Monday 7th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am RosammaAsseervatham-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Journey In faith 10.45am in the Presbytery</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 8th March Lent Feria St John of God</p>	<p>Ezekiel 47:1-9,12 John 5:1-3,5-16 9.20am The Rosary 9.45am Ellen Shinton-RIP 12.00pm Funeral Service-Kathleen Forbes</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Legion of Mary 6.30pm Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 9th March Lent Feria St Frances of Rome</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30 10.00am The Rosary 10.30am Requiem Halima Peace</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am Rainbows 4.30pm-5.50pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p align="center">Thursday 10th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Requiem Bernard Concannon- 12.30pm Bill Bates-RIP 8.00pm Baptismal Preparation Evening- In Presbytery</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass until 12.30pm SVP Meeting 7.00pm 7.30pm Talks on the Faith-</p>
<p align="center">Friday 11th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>Wisdom 2:1,12-22 John 7:1-2,10,25-30 10.30am The Rosary 11.00am Requiem Jean Lingard 6.30pm Mary Touhy-poorly</p>	<p>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Hour 5.00pm-5.45pm, Stations of the Cross at 5.45pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 12th March Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-52 9.00am Theresa Lynch Keegan-RIP Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11 12.30pm Michael Hyland-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 13th March Fifth Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11 9.00am Finbarr Byrne RIP & Alistair Ogg-RIP 11.00am Ambrose Lobo-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week : £1,011:19 (Gift Aid £251:05Loose £760:14)

Second Collection this Sunday: Cathedral maintenance

QUIZ NIGHT-Fundraiser for CRISIS Charity for the Homeless. Maria Watts writes: 'Thank you to everyone who supported/participated/performed in this event. It was a very enjoyable evening and we are sending £500 to Crisis as a contribution towards their invaluable work with the homeless.'

ST WULSTANS CP SCHOOL STOURPORT ON SEVERN- Vacancy for a Principal September 2016. For details- telephone Mrs Clare Saich- or cms88@hagletrc.worcs.sch.uk

THE WAY OF THE CROSS-Palm Sunday 20th March 2016 7pm-9pm St Chad's cathedral. Please see poster in porch for details

THE COURAGE OF MERCY- TAIZE WEEKEND IN BHAM-Young People aged 15-35 years. 16th-17th April. For details www.taizebirmingham.wordpress.com

TALK ON CHINA- Father Gerry Neylon a Columban Missionary has spent some years in China. He will give a talk on China on Wednesday evening 16th March 2016 at 7.30pm

Readers this week

Sunday

9.00am TeresaCund

11.00am Juliana Benjamin

Eucharistic Ministers this week

Sunday

9.00am Ken Bolton & Don Deneny

Angela Keating & MaryDeneny

11.00am Eilish Duffy

Helen Brookes

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning March 7th Services March 12th & 13th-A

A.Ryder, M.Clark, C.Sinha

Flower Rota: No flowers during Lent

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming

Peter Griffin

Martha Sheridan

Mick Green

Christopher Browne

Ann Marie Boyd

Maureen McLoughlin

Joseph Farmer

Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell

John Keaney

Bernadette Day

Michael Cassidy

Brian Jones

Clare Farmer

Katie Kelly

Rose Walsh

Kate McAvinney

Kathy Stead

Louisa and Nick

Peggy Roper

Martin and Rita McDonnell

Sally & Maddy

Norman Hart

Finbarr Herron

Anne White

James Farmer

Patricia Jones

Susanna Gordon

Sarah Maloney

Amando Tenorio

Margaret Kelly

Therese CoultonBaby

Susanna Gordon

Raymond Shenstone

Glen Hughes

Megan Jean Zarebski

Joseph Lockington

Kathleen McLoughlin

Eilish Duffy

Janet Dodman

John Balder

Heath Balder

Angela D'Arcy

Lily Day

Andrew Simpson

Ray Nicholson

Cornelius Callanan

Chris Lawton

**NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF
BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI
FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY TO SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2016**

Prayer to be used each day:

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

**Mary, Mother of Mercy: pray for us.
Blessed Dominic Barberi: Pray for us.
Blessed John Henry Newman: Pray for us**

Mother's Day March 6th

**Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love
or time, or patience.**

We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

Please pray for: Father Sean, Carl Pearson, Kathleen Forbes (Funeral Service, Tuesday 8th March 12.00pm, Reception Monday 7th March 7pm), Halima Peace (Requiem Wednesday 9th March, 10.30am, Reception Tuesday 8th March 6.30pm), Bernard Concannon (Requiem Thursday 10th March, 10.00am Reception Wednesday 9th March 6.00pm), Jean Lingard (Requiem Friday 11th March 11.00am) and Hildegard Lynch Requiem Thursday 17th March 9.30am) who died recently. Also Dermot McKenna, Mary Adkins, William O' Dwyer, Doris Hart, Lee Farrell, Bernard Wasley, Hilda Corbett, Alice Butler, James Bernard Hope, Thomas Masterson, Pamela Marie Quinlan Francis, Raymond Gamble, Helen Doyle, Louis O'Rourke baby Edward Hemming and Petronilla Netsai Ndlovu whose anniversaries are at this time.

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