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**Parish Newsletter: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Date	Time	Venue	Mass	Intention
Sat 24	6.00pm	Downend	<b>Palm Sunday</b> ~Sunday Parade Mass~	Phyllis Hickey RIP
Sun 25	9.30am	Downend		Ted & Mary Duff RIP
Sun 25	<b>1.30pm</b>	Downend	Stations of the Cross	
Tue 27	7.30pm	Downend	Tuesday of Holy Week	Edward McCool & Sally Devlin RIP
Wed 28	<b>2.45pm</b>	<b>Westerleigh</b>	Funeral Service at the Crematorium for George Fletcher RIP	
Wed 28	<b>7.30pm</b>	Downend	Way of the Cross	
Thur 29	<b>8.30pm</b>	Downend	<b>Holy (Maundy) Thursday</b>	Cliff Batchelor's Intention
Fri 30	<b>11.30am</b>	Downend	Children's Stations of the Cross	
Fri 30	<b>3.00pm</b>	Downend	<b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</b>	
Sat 31	8.30pm	Downend	<b>Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil</b>	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Downend	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	David Ciociari RIP
CONFESSIONS		Usual times ~ Fri 7.00-7.20pm during Adoration & Sat 5.00-5.30pm		
ROSARY		Usual times ~ Tues 7.00pm and Thurs after morning Mass		

<u>LAST WEEKEND'S:</u> (1) MASS ATTENDANCE Saturday 6pm: 101 Sunday 9.30am: 79	<u>MONTHLY:</u> (1) STANDING ORDER DONATIONS for Jan: £270.4
(2) LOOSE COLLECTION & OFFERTORY ENVELOPE DONATIONS TOTAL: £336.71	(2) GIFT AID RECEIVED BACK ON STANDING ORDERS for December £630.51
SECOND COLLECTIONS: Holy Places on Good Friday.	(3) NARTHEX COLLECTION BOX for February Holy Souls £19.88 SVP £23.68 Soup Run £51.28

*Many thanks for your continued generosity for all our collections*

**PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of George Fletcher, baby Reggie, all who have died recently & for Alan Mansfield, Mary O'Connor, David Mackey, May Duff, Pat Snowdon, Barry Barton, Muriel Roberts, John Curtin, Bernard Kitchin, Fr Bart Collins, Winifred Johnson, Olive Stone & Alma Williams whose anniversaries occur at this time

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kerry Fox, Susan Burke, Faye Jones, Rebecca Brookbank, Isabel, Maureen Lloyd, David Merrifield, Louis Marshall, David Nipper, Jill Bradley, Michael Duffy, Edwina Keller (*Munday*), Rachel Smith, Rosie Judd, Barry Hyder, Molly Poole, Phyllis Cummins, Baby Henry Isaacs, Kinga Jakubowska, Peter O'Donnell, Rose Bermingham, Katherine Duffy, Emily Davis (Yvonne Fry's granddaughter), Mary Bird, Vera Pitman, David Tyrer, Deacon Peter, Sarah Powell, Michael, Ellen Tyrer, Carol Foggin, Dooley O'Driscoll, Michael Nolan, Moses Kagezi, Sister Mary Catherine de St. Augustine (Jean Coombs Cousin), Rachel & James Knowles, Christopher & Catherine Browne, Cormack Jordan (John & Petra's young nephew), Nicholas Brown (Bill Brown's son), Eileen Bowlt (Ursula Le Poidevin's mum), Cliff Batchelor, Paula Stuart, Erika Lim (Mrs Dailey's sister), Maureen Norris (Mike's mum), Ken Davis (Myra Woods' Brother) & Tom Hudd.

*Please notify the office if you wish a name to be added or taken off of our 'Prayers for the Sick' list.*

**NOTICES:**

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** Please could we ask all our parishioners who use email to send us an email so we can easily capture everyone's details as transferring contacts from the old account is causing issues. If you are on a parish rota (eg 'readers') please let us know if you are happy to be part of a future group email list. Thanks.

**APF:** Thank you to all holders of red mission boxes. Those who do not have them emptied by a promoter, please return them now to Peter Mason or leave in the sacristy for collection.

**GIFT AID:** The new offertory envelope boxes are in the Narthex to be picked up. If anyone would like to join either of our regular giving schemes (by envelope or bank-standing order) please take a yellow form from the Narthex and speak to Bernadette (Gift Aid secretary). If your address or gift aid status ever changes, please don't forget to inform the parish office.

**OFFICE HELP:** Is anyone free for about ¾ hour on a Fri am to help print the newsletter? Please call if you can help for the next rota, starting in May and approx. every 4 weeks.

**QUIZ NIGHT - THANKYOU** to Mike and Gang and to all who supported another fun night. £410.25 was raised for our Parish project, HCPT. (*Look out for the next Quiz on 29 April*)

**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT:** A huge thank you to everyone involved and all who supported it - especially Sharon Kitchen & family and Clare Davis who jointly organised the night. It was really good fun and has raised lots of money for Brain Tumour Support! (Profits TBA)

**NEW COUNTERS ROTA:** Apologies for the delay - new rota available to pick up from the narthex and on the website to view/print. In order to fill some gaps, as a few people have come off of the rota since last time, there have been a few changes made. Thank you.

**DEACON JOHN:** As the disciples were sent out into the world, so are we, particularly in this year of mission. This Palm Sunday weekend Deacon John is on a mission, walking between all our parishes in communion. See the flyer for how you can join & support him.

**JUSTICE & PEACE:** Look at [prayandfastfortheclimate.org](http://prayandfastfortheclimate.org) for climate resources. Easter Sunday is the first of the month, so unlikely as a day to fast and pray but perhaps this month you could make your good Friday fast also for the climate. Pray for Pope Francis such an inspiring leader at such a difficult time in the world.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

**CAKE SALE:** Please 'Bring n Buy' for the Cake sale for our Parish Project, HCPT, on **Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March** after Palm Sunday Parade Mass. All are invited to the hall after Mass for a cuppa and to buy some delicious cakes!

**CHRISM MASS:** is on **Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 11am. Due to the resident's parking zones near the Cathedral we have booked a coach. It will leave our car park at 9.30am & return here after the Mass. Please contact the office **asap** if you would like to reserve a seat.

**FAMILY WALK AND PICNIC:** On **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April** there will be a Family Walk & picnic in aid of Brain Tumour Support. Everyone is welcome to join in. Please put the date in your diary and there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex soon. The plan is to meet at St John Fisher Church after lunch and all walk a gentle circuit of the local area together for a few hours to raise awareness and 'shake a tin' for Brain Tumour Support. Finishing up back at St John Fisher for a picnic in the grounds later that afternoon/early evening.

*Words of Wisdom: That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet.*