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evening; or by
arrangement

EMERGENCY PRAYER
LINES 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.

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THE PILGRIM

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11TH MARCH 2018

6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass	(Parish)
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT		
LAETARE SUNDAY		
8.00 a.m.	Mass	(Nora O'Reilly's int.)
9.30 a.m.	Mass in School	(Kathleen Mongan's int.)
11.00 a.m.	Mass	(Patrick Connolly+)
Monday	12th March	Lent Feria
9.30 a.m.	Mass	
12 noon	<u>Requiem Mass</u>	(Maira Callaghan+)
Tuesday	13th March	Lent Feria
9.30 a.m.	Mass	(Lucy Canning's int.+)
Wednesday	14th March	Lent Feria
12.30 p.m.	Mass	(A. Antony Vincent+)
Thursday	15th March	Lent Feria
9.30 a.m.	Mass	
12.15 p.m.	<u>Requiem Mass</u>	(Eamon Barrett+)
Friday 16th March		Lent Feria
12.30 p.m.	Mass	(John Hales-Tooke+)
Saturday	17th March	St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland
9.30 a.m.	Mass	(Kathleen Mongan's int.)
6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass	
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT		
8.00 a.m.		(Alice Harfouche+)
9.30 a.m.	Mass in School	(Fran & Jack Stanford+)
11.00 a.m.	Mass	(Parish)
5.00 p.m.	<u>ABLAZE MASS</u>	(All welcome)

SUNDAY READINGS



1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

The sack of Jerusalem by the Babylonians and the beginning of the Babylonian Exile of the Jews, was seen as a corrective punishment for their refusal to respond to the message of God expressed by the prophets. Then, after a due time of punishment, the Jews are led back to Jerusalem to start the process of rebuilding. This is the final stage of preparation for the coming of Christ.

Psalm Response

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10

The Letter to the Ephesians stressed the unmerited generosity of God which brought us redemption in the passion and death of Christ Jesus and the joy of sharing in his resurrection.

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

Nicodemus, one of the leading Jews, comes to Jesus by night. He wonders at Jesus, but is not yet ready to commit himself to Jesus. Jesus answers him with a reflection of his own presence in the world, presenting the choice between light and darkness.

Chrism Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Norwich on Tuesday 27th March

As in previous years there will be a Coach leaving St. Laurence's at **4.15 p.m.** (Mass is at 7.00 p.m.) and leaving Norwich at about **9.45 p.m.** If you would like to join us please leave your name with Pat in the office (between 10 a.m. & 1.00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays), leave a message on the Answer Phone or send an e-mail. Thank you.

A Voluntary donation of £10 per person (excl. children) would be much appreciated to help with the cost of the coach.

Volunteers needed for the Triduum (Holy Week)

Maundy Thursday: Washing of the feet; Eucharistic Ministers, Welcomers & Readers.

Good Friday: Welcomers, Readers & Ushers.

Easter Vigil: Eucharistic Ministers, Welcomers & Ushers.

Easter Sunday: Welcomers & Ushers.

If you would like to help please phone the Parish Office Tu., Th., or Fri. between 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. or leave a message and we will get back to you.

Lily for Remembrance

Once again you are invited to purchase a lily to decorate the Church at Easter in remembrance of a deceased relative or friend. Names may be written in the ***Book of Remembrance*** to be placed at the Altar during the Easter Season. Suggested donation: **£1** per individual name or family name.

N.B. Pre School Mass scheduled for the **15th March** has been cancelled and will now be on **Maundy Thursday (29th March)** at **12.15 p.m.**

Meet and Chat Afternoon with Tea in the Parish Room
MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2.00 P.M. - 4.00 P.M.

If anyone would like a lift, please contact an SVP member or call Liz on **07771 613102**.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross will take place on the following Fridays at **7.30 p.m.**:
Friday 9th March and **Friday 23rd March** and on **Good Friday** at **10.00 a.m.**

Catholic Women's League Lenten Lunches after 12.30 p.m. Mass on Fridays in Lent

These lunches have so far donated £50 to both Marie Curie and CWL Relief and Refugee Charities, also £60 to Jimmy's Night Shelter. Do come along and share a light meal while helping others.

SVP - Wanted!

Double buggy needed for a local family the SVP is visiting. If you have one to donate, please email svp@saintlaurence.org.uk or call Catharine Warren on **07421 253100**.

Help needed - 60 years at St. Laurence's!

Could you help to organise a celebration? We're looking for a small team of volunteers to arrange **2 or 3** events during 2018 in celebration of **60 years since the dedication of our church buildings**. If you could spare a little time, email forum@saintlaurence.org.uk

Do you enjoy ironing?

If so, would you like to join the little team of altar linen ironers who take the linen home to wash and iron approximately every 4 weeks. I am happy to demonstrate the folding, its very easy! Please contact the **office** if you are keen or ring Virginia on **01954 782685**.

Energetic Help Needed!

Help is needed to shovel gravel onto the gravel along the road side of the car park. Please leave your details with the office so a group can be coordinated. Probably needs to be a Saturday morning to get the greatest number of helpers. The more the merrier!

Keep St. Laurence's Tidy!

It would be great if everyone could help to keep the Church grounds looking smart by picking up and recycling or disposing of any litter. The bins can be found at the far side of the Presbytery from the church. Let this be our Lenten resolution! Thank you.



Many thanks for your generous offering to the parish last week of £ plus £637 each week by banker's order.
Donation to CAFOD - £57

Congratulations

We welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism SISIPHO HLOBONI.

May she grow in the faith of Jesus Christ

Please pray for the souls of **DONALD HOWARD, RUBY SILVIERO** and **EUNICE ELLISON** whose Requiem Masses were celebrated last week and for **MOIRA CALLAGHAN** whose Requiem Mass will be on **Monday 12th March at 12 noon** and for **EAMON BARRETT** whose Requiem Mass will be on **Thursday 15th March at 12.15 p.m.**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

For Sale - Lent Prayer Books for sale in the Repository.

Ablaze Mass This will be on **Sunday 18th March** at **5.00 p.m.** followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Scripture Study Evenings for all in Parish Room (this week) at 7.30 p.m.

An hour's meditation and discussion on The Acts of the Apostles during Lent), with a convivial end to the evening. These evenings run from **Wed. 21st February - Wed. 21st March**. Led by Fr. Bob Eccles O.P. of Blackfriars,

Rosary Group

The Rosary Group will meet every **Wednesday afternoon** after the **12.30 p.m. Mass**. We gather in front of Our Lady's statue. All welcome.

Holy Hour Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday **6.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m.** All welcome even for just a few moments.

Soulfood Prayer Group

Every **1st** and **3rd** Tuesdays at **8.00 p.m.** at St. Laurence's and every **2nd** and **4th** Tuesdays at **7.30 p.m.** in the Church of Our Lady & the English Martyrs.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Yvonne Wharton, Lilian Oakley, Peter Fudco, Leokadia Paszowski, William Scott, Leonard Wiles, Nan Goodman, Myerta Tychicus, Frederick Stopp, William Kirk, Teodoro Peluso, Doreen Skilton, Rose Walsh, Cecil Rowe, Winifred Rigg, Moya Willett, Hanna Szredzinska, Belinda Holden, Patric Griffin, Margaret Monaghan, Anthony Ashworth.

Also for those who are sick: Louise McEwan, Martin Cox, Charles McEwan, Ruth Lindsey-Scott, Madeline Stacey, John Steel, Hyeyoen Kim, David Tomlinson, Patrick Hickey, Diogenes Da Costa, Kathie Scott, Marina Rowland, Teresa Brett, Nora O'Reilly, Rebecca Londei, Portia Pedragosa, Maria Carmen Morgan, Rebecca Morgan, Bernard Rudd and baby Reggie McGinley.