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SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | 20TH | 10:00 | Feria | | Nancy Pierce RIP |
| SATURDAY | 20th | 18:00 | First Sunday of Lent | Solemnity | Paul McDonnell RIP |
| SUNDAY | 21ST | 08:30 | First Sunday of Lent | Solemnity | Mary Anyimadu |
| | | 10:00 | First Sunday of Lent | Solemnity | Dr Michael Mulcahy RIP |
| | | 12:00 | First Sunday of Lent | Solemnity | Pro Populo |
| MONDAY | 22nd | | NO MASS | | |
| TUESDAY | 23RD | 10:00 | First Week of Lent | | Katrina Fleming RIP |
| WEDNESDAY | 24th | 10:00 | First Week of Lent | | Ashley Rita |
| THURSDAY | 25th | 10:00 | First Week of Lent | | Joseph J. C. Constable RIP |
| Friday | 26th | 10:00 | First Week of Lent | | Seamus McHugh RIP |
| Saturday | 27th | 10:00 | First Week of Lent | | Teresa Chanje RIP |

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 6PM IN THE HALL

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: WEDS: 12-2 SAT: 4-6



We pray for all those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We pray for all of our children who will be making their First Confessions and receiving their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. We ask that God may grant them an abiding experience of His mercy and love and we pray that their parents and carers may experience anew - through the experience of their children - the truth of God’s word.

I was making a [video](#) this week for our First Holy Communion children to prepare them for the Sacrament of Confession. It is a real challenge to produce something that is brief, engaging and informative and I had to reflect upon it. Where does one start? Having spoken with parents - and having heard many children’s First Confessions - I think the best place is to repeat the words that Jesus uses so often in the Gospel: “do not be afraid!” Children are the ones from whom we can learn so much and - having had the privilege of hearing First Confessions - I know this to be true. Once encouraged and reassured that it’s not an exam they need to pass but an experience of God’s love, they are able to honestly acknowledge the truth that they have sometimes chosen to do wrong (or not do right). Acknowledging this humbly and admitting it courageously they then hear the joyful news that God will forgive them because He loves them perfectly! Fr Paul Sanders - a priest of our diocese who died recently - regularly reminded me of this in Confession. It’s a truth we’re invited to experience not only as children but as parents, grandparents, teenagers, priests, Popes and Bishops. Inspired by our children may each of us adults make the resolution to come to Confession this Lent!

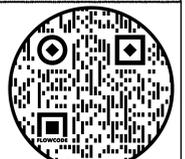
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PARISH NEWS

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 2021: This coming Friday 26th February is CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day: it's a day on which we remember those whose lives involve a continual effort to find the basics that we take for granted. You can see this year's Lenten Family Fast Day Appeal video [here](#). In the spirit of our Lenten observance we're asked to skip a meal on that day (if we can) and - using the money we have saved - make a [donation to CAFOD](#) so that they can support those for whom collecting water involves a whole day's journey! These are particularly difficult times for many of you and it is not always possible for you to give financially. If a substantial gift is not possible then remember that we can always give time in prayer to ask the Lord to be with those who struggle!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ONLINE: In place of being able to gather for Stations of the Cross at this time I invite you to make your own Stations of the Cross every Friday. Last Lent I produced images of our beautiful stations and set them to reflections by Fr Dominic Allain and I invite you to make use of this resource again which is now [on our website](#).

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON The Spirituality Commission of our Archdiocese have worked with our Archbishop, John Wilson, to produce a video during each week of Lent. Following [this link](#) you will also be able to download prayer materials and others resources. You can also sign up to receive the materials directly to your email address.

NEW SECRETARY: I am very pleased to announce the appointment of our new Parish Secretary - Mrs Melanie Corbett. She will begin working for us after the Easter holidays (pandemic permitting).

CHANGE OF TIMING FOR WEDNESDAY PRIVATE PRAYER: Our Church is now open on Wednesdays **between 12 and 2pm** instead of 4 and 6pm. The new period of time is within daylight hours and please do advise people you know of the opportunity to come and pray at this new time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES 2021: All parents of children who were being catechised for their First Holy Communion should have received emails from me about how we are to conclude the programme. For parents of children who were to be catechised this year (in year 3 of primary school) our application process is now open. Please [click here](#) to access the online application form. Parents will be provided with resources to catechise their children at home and I will also give several sessions to parents on the subject. Details of the programme will follow by email but - pandemic permitting - we hope the children will be able to make their First Holy Communion before the end of the Summer term.

WORSHIPPING SAFELY TOGETHER: The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended and you are not obliged to come to Mass. If you are clinically vulnerable you should stay at home!

WEEKDAY MORNING CHURCH OPENING, ADORATION AND MASS: Mass will be at 10am.

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| MONDAYS: | CLOSED | |
| TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS: | Adoration (9am-10am) | Mass (10am) |
| SATURDAYS: | No Adoration | Mass (10am) |
| WEDNESDAYS | Private Prayer | 12-2pm |
| SATURDAYS: | Private Prayer | 4-6pm |