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WEEK COMMENCING 26 FEBRUARY 2017
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A

Divine Office Week 3
Day for the Unemployed



LENT – A PENITENTIAL SEASON

Lent is the 40 day season prior to Easter. It is a penitential time of prayer and fasting. The season begins Ash Wednesday and concludes at the end of Holy Saturday, with the Easter Vigil. In the Roman Catholic Church, the 40 days of this season do not include the six Sundays of Lent. Sundays throughout the year are considered “mini-Easters” – they always celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Christ.

The word “**Lent**” itself comes from *lencten*, simply referring to the Spring season – season of new life and growth. However, since the Anglo-Saxon period (9th Century) it has been a popular term for this penitential season. The Latin name for the season, *quadragesima*, is more significant, as it means “*forty days*” or “*fortieth day*”.

A Brief History of Lent: In the first three centuries of Christianity, preparation for the Easter feast usually covered a period of one or two days, perhaps a week at the most. Saint Irenaeus of Lyons (ca AD 140-202) even speaks of a forty-hour preparation for Easter. As of the 5th Century, some Church Fathers, such as St Leo, believed the 40 day fast to be an Apostolic tradition. However, according to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, most modern scholars reject this view. History shows a variety in both the duration and fasting guidelines in the first three centuries.

The first official reference to Lent as a period of forty days’ preparation occurs in the teachings of the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325, which uses the term *tessarakoste*, meaning “*fortieth*” in Greek. By the end of the fourth century, a Lenten period of forty days was established and accepted.



Lent and Baptism: In its early development Lent quickly became associated with the sacrament of Baptism, since Easter was the great baptismal feast. Those who were preparing to be baptized participated in the season of Lent in preparation for the reception of the sacrament of Baptism. Eventually, those who were already baptized considered it important to join these candidates preparing for baptism in their preparation for Easter. The customs and practices of Lent, as we know them today, soon took hold.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINANCE

MASS TIMES FOR WEEK COMMENCING 26 FEBRUARY 2017: EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil:	25	4pm	St Edward's	
Sunday:	26	9.30am 10am 11.30am 5pm	St Peter's ~ Polish St Joseph's St Peter's St Peter's	Mass intentions are not shown to respect privacy – see printed copy of newsletter for this week's Mass intentions
Monday	27	4pm	St Edward's	
Tuesday	28	9.30am 6.30pm	St Joseph's St Peter's	
Ash Wednesday	1	9.30am 2 pm 4pm 6.30pm	St Peter's St Joseph's St Edward's St Joseph's	
Thursday	2	9.30am 4pm	St Joseph's St Edward's	
Friday	3	9.30am	St Peter's	
Saturday:	4	9.30am	St Peter's	<i>(St Casimir)</i>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT				SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)			
Tuesdays	St Joseph	8.30am - 9.30am		Sunday 26th:	St Joseph's	9.15am – 9.45am	
Thursdays	St Edward	4.30pm-5.30pm		Wednesday 1st:	St Peter's	10-10.30am	
Saturdays	St Peter	10am-10.30am		Wednesday 1st:	St Edward's	4.30-5pm	
				Wednesday 1st:	St Joseph's	5.30-6.15pm	
				Saturday 4th:	St Peter's	10am-11am	

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK: see printed copy of newsletter

ANNIVERSARIES see printed copy

REGULAR EVENTS & VENUES

ADORATION in each church – see above for times
MORNING PRAYER (Divine Office) **St Joseph's:** 15 minutes before morning Mass, **St Peter's:** 15 minutes before Saturday morning Masses of Lent
FATIMA ROSARY **Fridays 9am** (St Peter's); after Mass **Thursdays** (St Joseph's)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS **Fridays** after Mass (St Peter's)
SACRED HEART DEVOTION **Fridays** after Mass (St Peter's)
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP devotion **3rd Wednesday** monthly (St Peter's after Mass)
MOTHERS' PRAYERS **Wednesdays 1.15pm** (St Peter's Parish Centre upper room)
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION **Fridays** at **2.45pm** (St Peter's Sacristy)
LEGION OF MARY **Saturdays 10.30am** (St Peter's Parish Centre)
PARENT & TODDLER GROUP Term time weekly **Mondays 9.30am** (St Joseph's Bungalow)
LIFE ASCENDING **2nd Thursday** monthly **10am** (St Joseph's bungalow)
EMMAUS Scripture sharing group, **Thursdays 2pm** fortnightly (St Edward's)
SVP (St Vincent De Paul Society) **St Peters: 7.30pm** first **Monday** of month (Parish Centre), **St Joseph's: Tuesdays** fortnightly **7.30pm** (Newman Room)
UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) **1.30pm** (winter), **7pm** (summer) **third Tuesday** monthly (St Peter's Parish Centre)
CRAFT GROUPS: **St Peter's** - last Tuesday of month; **St Joseph's** – normally fortnightly (bungalow).

MASS ATTENDANCE

St Edward's Vigil: 87
 St Joseph's 10am: 168
 St Peter's 11.30am: 175
 St Peter's 5pm: 62
Total (inc. children): 492

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Edward's 4pm: £173
 St Joseph's 10am: £250
 St Peter's 11.30 & 5pm: £333
 Gift Aid envelopes total £456
 Standing orders (weekly av): £513
Total: £1,725

300 CLUB WINNERS

see printed copy of newsletter

YOUTH CLUB 7-8.30pm

Fridays term-time, St Augustine's School. **3rd March** Youth Club is at St Peter's Parish Centre for a Quiz Night.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION Parents' meeting **7pm Thursday 2 March** in St Peter's Parish Centre. Preparation Mass with the children **11.30 am Sunday 5 March**.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE 7.30pm Thursday 16 March 1 hr a week for 4 weeks in St Peter's Parish Centre. Baptism enquiries to Fr Gubbins or Fr Albert.

LENTEN STATION MASSES at **St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough** each **Friday in Lent at 12 noon** after Stations of the Cross at **11.15am**, followed by Lenten Lunch in the hall.

NEW 2 YOU SALE in support of refugee children **11am on Saturday 25 February** at St Mary's Church Hall, Filey.

BARROWCLIFF CHURCHES 2GETHER Soup, pancakes and Thought for the Day. **12 noon Tuesday 28 February** at Wreyfield Methodist Church.

VACANCY: ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is seeking to appoint a full time, permanent Maths teacher. Details can be found on the school's website at <http://staugs.co.uk/>. **Applications close on Friday 3rd March.**

SING TO THE LORD! (*50th Anniversary of Musicam Sacram*). A day of talks & workshops. **10am-4pm Saturday 11 March** at St Therese of Lisieux, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton-on-Tees. For all, but especially those involved in music in our churches. Cost £10. Take packed lunch. Phone 07540 532785 to book.

GET INTO TEACHING Ampleforth College is hosting an Open Day **Saturday 18 March 9:15am to 11:30am**. The College is recruiting for teacher training places for 2017-2018 in secondary subjects English, Maths, Design and Technology, Modern Foreign Languages, Physics and Chemistry.

WILD WEST NIGHT Stepney Hill Party Barn **7-12pm on Friday 24 March**, organised by St Peter's School & Friends. Hosted by Magic Mike. Hog roast. Fancy dress. Tickets £15pp. Contact the parish office to book. Proceeds to Eagle House Orphanage, Kamuzinda, Uganda, one of the children's homes where the children in the Pearl of Africa choir are from.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Ladies of Mary (DMJs) **11.30am on Sunday 26 March** at St Peter's followed by a buffet at St Mary's Hall.



WALSINGHAM Annual Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage **8-11 September**. Accommodation: Twin Standard (£171.50 pp) or Twin en-suite (£210.50 pp). Note - **no single rooms** left. Price includes half board & travel. Contact the parish office to book a place.

PETITIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA can be taken to Fatima by one of our parishioners on 21 March. Place your petitions in a sealed envelope (no money) and put it in the collection or through the letter box.

MINUTES of the recent Parish Council meeting available to **READ** on the Noticeboard of each church. This is to keep you posted and informed of parish happenings and events. **NOMINATIONS** for Pastoral Council Members are invited, due to a shortage in numbers. Submit your nomination to Fr Gubbins, Anne Smith or to the parish office.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT It has been suggested we have a coming together of the different cultures, traditions, music and dance as a Parish Night, combined with different foods, costumes and entertainment, around the Feast of the Ascension – possibly Saturday 3 June (after Lourdes). What do you think?

URGENT PLEA FOR MEN'S CLOTHING by Rainbow Centre. Large and extra-large sizes needed too.

VOLUNTEER needed for office duties at the Rainbow Centre. Computer skills essential. Further info from Trish Kinsella on 500663.

CHRISM MASS 12 noon at the Cathedral: Tuesday 11 April A 15 seater minibus has been booked. Lists at back. Add your name if you would like to book a seat (£6).

SEE REVERSE of this newsletter for important dates of the first 2 weeks of Lent.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS A retiring collection will be held next weekend to raise funds to help provide care for our sick and retired priests: help with housing, healthcare, as well as financial support. Our 21 retired priests have given many years of ministry in our parishes and diocese, and continue to help-out by saying Mass when our priests are away. Please give generously, and do keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers. If you are a tax payer, consider Gift Aiding your donation. Cheques should be made payable to *St Peter's*.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK with Ash Wednesday. Separate Lent events calendar for the 3 churches

• **NOW AVAILABLE** •

Summary of important dates on reverse of this newsletter

LENT TALKS in the Parish Centre **Fridays** after Morning Mass & Stations: based on the last words of Christ from the Cross - led by Fr Albert. **Talk 1: Friday 10 March.** **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON (Course for Lent)** begins **2pm on Thursday 2 March** at St Edward's Hall: talks and discussions based on Luke 15 and on the Rembrandt painting of that name.



LOURDES FUNDRAISER £142.80 raised. Thanks to **Ian Hutchinson of Horsley's Butchers** in market hall for providing the meat voucher prize. If in his shop do say thanks!

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (DIVINE OFFICE) will be prayed **15 minutes before Mass on Saturdays during Lent**. Books will be provided. This is also called 'Prayer of the Church' and is divided into a 4 weekly cycle. It is a beautiful liturgy and is prayed by millions the world over.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is a world-

wide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year. It encourages us to be enriched by the faith of Christians of other cultures, to take up the burdens of other people and pray for them, and become aware we do not live in isolation. Each year has a special theme. This year's theme is written by Christian women of the Philippines for the Philippines: **10.30am Friday 3 March** at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>2017 LENT PLANNER (cut out and pin to the fridge door)</u>
28 Feb	Tues	12 noon	Barrowcliff Churches 2gether Lunch & Talk at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church
1 March	Wed	Ash Wednesday (see front page for Mass & Confession times)	
		6.15pm	Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) at St Joseph's
2 March	Thurs	2pm	Lent Reflection: <i>Return of the Prodigal Son</i> at St Edwards Hall
		7pm	First Communion Parents meeting at St Peter's
3 March	Fri	10am	Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) at St Peter's after morning Mass
		10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church
5 March	Sun	1st Sunday of Lent	
		11.30am	Communion Preparation Mass at St Peter's
		3.30pm	Sung Vespers at St Joseph
7 March	Tues	12 noon	Barrowcliff Churches 2gether Lunch & Talk at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church
9 March	Thurs	2pm	Lent Reflection: <i>Return of the Prodigal Son</i> (St Edwards Hall)
10 March	Fri	10am	Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) at St Peter's after morning Mass
		CAFOD Family Fast Day	
		10.15-11am	1st Lenten Talk: <i>FORGIVENESS</i>
12 March	Sun	2nd Sunday Lent	
		3.30pm	Sung Vespers at St Joseph
14 March	Tues	12 noon	Barrowcliff Churches 2gether Lunch & Talk at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church
15 March	Wed	12 noon	Parish Luncheon after 11.30am Mass at St Peter's

A PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

This Sunday is a special day of prayer for the unemployed. Say the prayer below:

Heavenly Father, giver of every opportunity, please help those who are searching for employment during these very challenging times. Please give renewed hope to all the unemployed, and sustain them in these difficult times. Encourage all those looking for work to persevere and grow in deeper trust of your unfailing care for them. Increase in them the gifts of ingenuity, courage and persistence, to find dignified work and a secure living wage. During this time of seeking, may they come to realise that You are all they really had, and that You are all they really needed. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Do Not Worry

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" *Matthew 6:26-28*



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH

Support for Persecuted Christians: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Understanding the main events of Lent
<http://www.catholic.org/lent/>

WHY DOES THE PRIEST WASH HIS HANDS at the Offertory of the Mass?

There are various practical reasons that are offered for its historic origins. Some claim that the origins are the priest having to wash the "dust" of the bread off his hands. Others say that all sorts of things were sometimes brought up at the offertory, including livestock, vegetables or eggs, and that the priest was literally washing his hands to clean them after receiving these gifts. However, these can't be the only explanations because there are cases in the ancient church where the washing of the priest's hands took place *before* the offertory.

The spiritual significance is straightforward: the priest is calling to mind that he is unworthy to offer the sacrifice of Jesus. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states:

Quote: 76. *The priest then washes his hands at the side of the altar, a rite that is an expression of his desire for interior purification.*

Symbolic washing for cleansing of sin is rooted in Sacred Scripture (Exodus 30:19-21; Exodus 40:32). The prayer is for the benefit of the priest celebrant, that is why it is said quietly and refers only to the sins of the priest. It is a reminder of the awesome responsibility the priest has and how it is only by the gracious call of God that he is able to fulfil it.

SUNDAY SMILE



It is a Friday of Lent, and a faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."