

A LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR DENIS MCBRIDE

Father Denis McBride leads us on a FREE online retreat this Lent, based on his two books *Reflecting with Paintings* Vol 1 and Vol 2.

Part 1 of the retreat (Praying the Rosary) can now be viewed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJXmYlpAh0g&t=20s>

Part 2 (Growing Up Hyphenated) can also now be viewed on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FH3YyJ_NOI

3rd LENTEN REFLECTION — ALMSGIVING

The third in a series of Lenten Reflections given by Mike Hall (member of the Chorley Catholic Community Network) can now be viewed on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/gA13xYp4a-o>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Following further guidance received from the Archdiocese earlier this week, First Holy Communion will not be permitted to go ahead at this time. Please pray for the children and their families who were due to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time in the coming weeks and let us also pray that it won't be too long before the restrictions are lifted.

SYNOD 2020/21

The proposals for SYNOD 2020/21 are being released next week. I know this seems like a long drawn out process but please keep the SYNOD in your prayers and there will be opportunities for comments on the proposals in the coming weeks.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

I have been asked this week about the crosses as you come up the drive. They are in fact the Stations of the Cross and were made by the pupils of Holy Cross. If anybody would like to follow the Stations of the Cross, please feel free to use these.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

R	S	C	Y	S	H	E	E	P	T	JERUSALEM	PASSOVER	PIGEONS
Z	E	D	O	S	M	C	B	E	F	WHIP	MARKET	SANCTUARY
W	O	V	N	C	E	O	K	L	O	ZEAL	BODY	COINS
B	H	S	O	S	L	R	N	A	R	SHEEP	MONEY	HOUSE
E	O	I	G	S	A	Z	E	E	T			
C	N	G	P	M	S	R	S	Z	Y			
S	A	N	C	T	U	A	R	Y	S			
J	E	S	O	T	R	B	P	P	I			
K	U	P	I	G	E	O	N	S	X			
E	S	U	O	H	J	S	G	I	P			



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7th March 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 28th February 2021

Gift Aid: **£120.00**

Loose Plate: **£105.00**

Standing Orders: **£186.25**

Online Giving: **£82.58**

Sincere thanks for your kind and generous weekly donations which go towards the upkeep of the church. The special collection next week will be for Nugent.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus's action we must first understand the activities that were going on in the temple area at that time. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice - merchants sold animals to worshipers, moneychangers exchanged

Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax. Jesus's action at the Temple is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus's arrest and Crucifixion. St John's Gospel however, places this event much earlier in Jesus's public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels as the event occurs at the very beginning of his ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana and it tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. It reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus's miracles are called signs, and the people looked to these signs for proof of his authority - the greatest of these being the prediction of his own passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God and gives us an opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In prayer we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ and in worship we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us whenever/wherever we gather in prayer.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Winifred Calderbank - Eileen Nuttall - Anne Knowles - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Margaret Shaw - Hugh O'Daly - Paul McBeth
Baby Elmo Allan - Fr Laurence Mayne - Kathleen Dunn - Paul Spedding - Canon Albert Shaw
Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently,
especially David Markham
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CHURCH REOPENING UPDATE

Following the Prime Ministers announcement of a 4 step road map out of lockdown earlier this week, we are now looking forward to the re-opening of churches.

Assuming there are no further changes to the advice and following further guidance received from the Archdiocese, we plan to open St Gregory's for Public Worship on

Thursday 11th March

All previous precautions including social distancing, the wearing of face masks and sanitisation regimes must remain in place. There will also be no toilet facilities available.

The following will also apply in Step 1:

**Funerals are permitted to go ahead but can be attended by close family only
(max 30 people)**

Burials of ashes can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance

**Weddings can go ahead with 6 attendees but are no longer limited to
exceptional circumstances**

No Baptisms to take place at this time including Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

We will update the guidance re: Steps 2-4 as we progress through each stage of the governments roadmap.

May God continue to Bless you and your families
Fr Graeme

PRAYER & MUSIC RESOURCES

We are often being asked about the prayers and music played at Mass & Holy Hours.
To assist people in locating their favourite hymns and prayers we are developing a new area of our website. You can check it out [here](#)

Masses/Devotions will be LiveStreamed and recorded at the advertised times

Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am

Sunday Mass:

9:30am

Devotions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 07 Mar	9:30am	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	Bernard Fitzsimmons (LD) Bernard Mulcahy (S)	
Mon 08 Mar	8:30am	St John of God	David Warbis James & Sarah Cornwall (F)	
Tues 09 Mar	10:00am	St Frances of Rome	Mary Clague & family Margaret Dearden (80th Birthday)	Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Wed 10 Mar	8:30am		Derek Smith (BR) LISCF	
Thur 11 Mar	10:00am		Tony & Marie Brown (60th Wedding Anniversary) Gordon Moore (LD)	Holy Hour 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 12 Mar	9:00am	REQUIEM MASS	David Markham	DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK (12-19 Mar)
Sat 13 Mar	10:00am		Deceased members of the Walmsley, Calderbank & Baxter families	POPE FRANCIS (8th Anniv of election as Pope)
Sun 14 Mar	9:30am	4th SUNDAY OF LENT	Anne Andjelkovich Elizabeth Kavanagh Marion Ball	