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First Sunday of Lent

For the First full week of Lent we have included some excerpts from Pope Francis Lenten Message.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (*Phil 2:8*). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the “living water” of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. *Mt 6:1-18*), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: “Be reconciled to God” (2 *Cor 5:20*).

By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

Canon Anthony O’Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 21 February 2021

Sunday 21 February First Sunday of Lent

9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube

Monday 22 February St Peter the Apostle

12noon Mass

Tuesday 23 February

12noon Mass

Wednesday 24 February

12noon Mass

Thursday 25 February

12noon Mass

Friday 26 February

12noon Mass

Saturday 27 February

10.00am Mass
4.00pm Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 10.30am, and again between 3.00pm – 4.00pm on Saturdays.

Crypt Crypt Chapel

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55 Seel St,
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones Pastoral Associate writes, As I write, the hills of North Wales across the Dee estuary are bathed in sunshine and it is a good incentive for the 10,000 steps for the CAFOD Walk for Water I'll be doing later today. I was reflecting on how we "catch" Faith through others actions and how the CAFOD walk has captured imaginations - I have a team around me as a result. Our online presence has also enabled others in our communities who have not participated before, to experience scripture sessions, devotions, discussions, and the drop-in Zoom workshop has encouraged more to get connected -another is in mid-March. Starting on Wednesday 24 Feb from 2-3pm I'll be facilitating a series of **Beatitudes Lent** sessions "*Be holy without a halo*" for any who are interested in joining. Based on Laudato Si and put together by the J&P Commission it is a chance to reflect together on our world today. It's not "heavy" and is a chance to connect with one another Meeting ID: 874 4148 6211 Passcode: 833658 www.zoom.us . "*A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step*" Lao Tzu. God bless, keep safe! Helen.'

'FROM ASHES TO EGGS: A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT.'

Lent meditations by Fr Chris McCoy. Available each Monday from 5pm during Lent on our Facebook and Youtube channels. Each session lasts about 20 minutes and consists of prayers, poems, stories on different Lenten themes. We hope you can join us.

LENTEN PRAYER

Lord God, With all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

We pray for all our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly those without access to the water they need in order to flourish ... that God will renew our resolve to work with them to end poverty and injustice.

We pray that the six weeks of Lent may be a source of renewal for all.

We pray for our diocese's continuing Synod journey ... that the Holy Spirit will lead us to wise discernment of the decisions we need to make in order to be the Church we are called to be.

We pray for all who struggle with temptation of any kind ... may they find support in God's unconditional love and acceptance.

GLOBAL HEALING

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. **When?** Six Thursdays from 18th February - 25th March 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm **How to join?** To register email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

NEWS FROM MICAH

Following the Foodbank at St Bride's Church we smashed our previous record of people we dealt with. Previously, the most people fed with emergency food parcels was 368. This week we fed 394 people, plus a further 76 at St Vincent's - 470 in total. This time last year, 180 was considered a very busy session - with twice the number of volunteers there. None of this could be achieved without everyone's continuing generous support. Thank you!

Please drop off any items of food that you have at the Cathedral Security Office.

WHAT WOULD POPE FRANCIS DO?

To mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election, the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is hosting a number of prominent Catholic voices exploring the teachings of Pope Francis each Tuesday in Lent at 7.30pm.
Pope Francis on:
Social Justice, Austen Ivereigh, 23rd February
Refugees & Migration, Sr Imelda Poole, 2nd March
LGBTQ+ Ministry, Fr James Martin, 9th March
Church Hierarchy, Christopher Lamb, 16th March
The Environment, Dr Lorna Gold, 23rd March
Women in the Church, Sr Gemma Simmonds, 30th March
<https://edinburghjesuitcentre.org.uk/>

IN CONVERSATION THROUGH HURTING, HEALING AND LOVE

'Listening with Love' is a seven-session resource inviting people to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals and the Church. The material is designed for use in small groups, with a leader and participants. The survivors who generously offered their time to produce this resource, identified the themes and decided that, in conversations, the voice of the survivor could be heard. Therefore, using scripture and recorded conversations each session reflects upon the impact of abuse and the journey through hurting, healing and hope.
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/listening-with-love/>




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