

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	March 19/20	M. Mihovilovic	M. Crook	R van der Liet
	March 26/27	N. Williamson	P. Green	R. Lewin

LACY OUTSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Sun 3rd April 2022 – at the Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SJ. Calling **ALL YOUNG PEOPLE**, families and friends – come and share some time with us taking a “**Journey with Jesus**” as we make the Stations of the Cross outside in the grounds of the Rosmini Centre, commencing at 1.30 p.m. This will be followed by a Celebration of Mass and light refreshments. With LACY support and help we are hoping that young people will lead the Stations and feel they can be involved in the Celebration of Mass through Music and readings. Let us know if you can be with us and would like to be involved. Contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com.

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY: In lent we follow the history of the people of God in the Old Testament. Last week we heard about Abraham this week we come to Moses and the liberation of the people of Israel broadened out by Saint Paul's epistle. We come to a special moment in the journey of faith of Israel. Moses asks the name of the God who has promised to free his people. A name of course is so very important, to be able to call someone by their name makes such a difference. It is a sign of trust and friendship: with the name we can talk and share and understand someone. So what are we to understand by God saying I am who I am? On first hearing it seems to be a denial of the request or an evasion. There is some truth there because God can never be captured by a simple name. His being transcends names or categorisation. However, he tells Moses to say “I am” has sent him. Many see in this God saying that he is being itself, which is also true of God. He is the necessary being, the being that give existence to all that is. This is an interpretation drawing on Greek thought. However, God is not a philosopher here. He is coming to liberate his people from Slavery. He wants to reveal something of himself by giving his name. On one level he is saying I am present in your midst. The Hebrew sense of to be is not so much metaphysical as in existing but dynamic as in action and having effect. The name of God reveals him to be there for and with his people and that will be seen in the great liberation of his people from slavery and oppression. He is a God who is engaged with and committed to his people not merely existing. He desires friendship and trust and will make a covenant with them. The People of Israel will discover his name throughout their journey of faith as they see God acting in their lives and the drama of the whole nation throughout the centuries. They will grow in the understanding of the name of God. They experience his interventions in their history whether in the good times of faithfulness or in the times when Israel will be unfaithful to the covenant and experience the consequences of that. One of the lovely moments when God reveals more of his name I am who I am is when God speaks his name before Moses on Mt Sinai as he passes by: The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. (Exodus 34). the name “I am who I am (Yahweh)” is mercy and grace, steadfast love and faithfulness and forgiveness.

This will be fully revealed and the name of God expanded in Jesus who is God Incarnate. What a name cannot reveal is manifested in the person of Jesus Through his life, death and resurrection. In Jesus we see God in action, the true meaning of I am who I am. We see in Jesus God Who has seen the affliction of his people and comes to deliver them from their oppression. Precisely the sin which is the root of all oppression. The Name of God as mercy is fully revealed. Repentance is the entry to know his name.



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20th March 2022
 Third Week of Lent
 Psalter Week 3

Times of Services

Sunday: 3rd of Lent

Sat. 6.00pm: Mass: November Dead List

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Ken Goodman RIP

Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Holy Souls

Tuesday: Lenten Feria

10am Mass: Angela Butlin RIP (Sparks family)

Wednesday: Lenten Feria

10.00am Mass: Dave Wilson Birthday (Brown)

Thursday: Lenten Feria

10.00am: Mass: Teresa Gatins RIP (Carol) - *Coffee after Mass*

12.30:pm: Funeral of Frank Gallagher at Kettering Crem

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: Biddle family (Devlin)

Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: The Boswell Family (Katie)

Sunday: 4th of Lent

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Patricia White RIP

4.30pm-5.00pm: Rosary outside Church



*Unless you repent
 you will perish as
 they did.*

CONFESSIONS


11am &
 5.15 -5.45pm
 Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection

FR CHRIS WRITES: We continue to hold Ukraine in our hearts. It is good to hear that so many have responded to the Government initiative to house refugees in their homes. The Ukrainians are mostly orthodox Christians who are very close to us in their faith as well as a number of Greek unite Catholics and a few Latin Rite Catholics. Some of you may be aware that the Holy Father Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 25th March during the Liturgy of Penance at 4.00pm our time at St Peter's. ([Live-streamed](#)) The Ukrainian Bishops have asked us to prepare for this by praying a novena. Our Bishop suggests a prayer below for Ukraine. We could add a Hail Mary.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE: We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love amid the current ordeals; may peace be granted throughout Ukraine and may the Ukrainian nation be delivered from all enemies, so that we may glorify the good and merciful God in justice and truth. Lord hear us and have mercy. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass
HOLY HOUR WITH BENEDICTION Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a couple of meditations on next Sundays readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament especially at this time of the Synod and seeking to come out of COVID, Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.
Some Lent Resources can be found at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/lent-and-eastertide-resources/>

 The diocesan draft **RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD** is (published this weekend / available at the back of church / on the parish website). Please take some time to read it. Also the **Deanery summary** will be on our [Website](#) shortly. These will both help us to discern as we go.

We will be delivering the **Gift Aid envelopes this week**. If you have not received one by next week, please contact Fr. Chris or Kate Parry.

CAFOD – Lent Fast Day and Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal: Our family Fast raised £654 so far Parishioners can be part of the Church's response by giving to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal at cafod.org.uk/Ukraine. Please also continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.



ST JOSEPH'S PTFA QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 1st April: Please join us for our first quiz night & PTFA event in over 2 years! Doors open at 7:30pm, with the quiz beginning at 8pm in the school hall. Tickets are £10 per person including a fish & chip supper (veggie option available) & raffle ticket. Teams of no more than 6 adults & tickets can be purchased from the school office, a member of the PTFA team or by contacting Catherine Searcy on 0772 555 1009.

WINNERS OF THE MARCH DRAW: 1st Prize £70 M O'Neill ticket No 135; 2nd Prize £30 J Robertson ticket No 154; 3rd Prize £20 P Bebb ticket No 125.

THE VAN DER LIET FAMILY are making a trip to Bakau in Gambia. They are looking for **any unwanted Championship/Premiership shirts** which are surplus to requirements (all past seasons' shirts are warmly received for the children. They can be handed in to St Joseph's school by March 25th.

Frank Gallagher died on 6th March. His funeral will be this Thursday at 12.30pm at Kettering Crematorium. **Adrian Weston** died on Monday. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 11th April at 11.00am. **May they both rest in peace.** Just to be clear, funerals are open to all who wish to attend.

Following helpful comments from members of the parish and in keeping with the modern age, the **THIRD WORLD GROUP** is planning to change its title to **Aid to Developing Countries.(ADC)**. We would once again like to offer our very deep and sincere appreciation to everyone who continues to support our very needy causes through our envelope scheme and by donating clothes and goods for us to sell (Ebay total is approaching £4000!) We are so grateful that your generous response to our appeals has enabled us to donate some money throughout the pandemic to each of our six charities even though our fundraising events were severely curtailed.

Our collection box for donated goods will be situated as usual under the table in the Cloister and will be labelled with our new title. Please continue to help us support the very poor and underprivileged in our world. The new sets of green envelopes will be available to collect from church in the near future. Many thanks from ADC.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH: United Lent reflections 2022 Into the desert: A Lenten journey towards deeper faith Every Friday lunchtime (12.30 to 1.00) during Lent there will be a short service and reflection led by lay people from different churches. Every one is invited to join them. This year these meetings will be held on Zoom. The log-in details are the same for each service. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86087703786?pwd=NC9CdFhFR0ptVi9DRWFvdVdmY3VHUT09> Meeting ID: 860 8770 3786; Passcode: LENT22 Telephone Passcode: 761448. These are available from Fr Chris by email. *Friday 25 March – led by Harborough Congregational Church* Isaiah 40:1-5; Luke 3:1-9 **The desert of preparation: learning resilience and discipline in obscurity and ordinariness**

On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

PARISH WELCOMING: We need more people especially for Sun Morning and in particular for the 9.00am Mass. We are drawing a rota together. Please do consider helping out in this ministry to welcome Parishioners new and old. Feel free to contact either of us if you would just like to chat about it. Many thanks, Beatrice ([01858 465492](tel:01858465492)) and Theresa ([07748 591398](tel:07748591398)) or email tootskendrick@sky.com

PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. 4.30-5pm every Sunday. As Catholics we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. For more details contact Maureen Douglass 07966 515115.

Once again Hand made **Reusable Face masks for Sale:** in Church £2.50 towards Church funds. We have raised £56.50 so far. Thank you.