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 letter electronically,
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**1st Sunday of
 LENT**



18th February, 2024



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
MONDAY EVENINGS, 7.00pm
HOLY SAVIOUR'S

**We adore you O Christ,
 and we praise you, because
 by your holy Cross,
 you have redeemed the world!**



MID-WEEK EVENING MASS
WEDNESDAYS, 7.00pm
HOLY SAVIOUR'S

**Save us,
 Saviour of the world,
 for by your Cross and Resurrection
 you have set us free!**



MASS & EXPOSITION
THURSDAYS, 10 –12.00 noon
CHRIST CHURCH

**"The time you spend with Jesus in
 the Blessed Sacrament is the best
 time that you will spend on earth."
 (Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta)**



MASS & CAFOD SOUP LUNCH
FRIDAYS, 12.00 noon
CHRIST CHURCH

**"Then the King will answer, 'I tell
 you the truth, anything you did for
 even the least of my people here,
 you also did for me' (Matthew 25:40)**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Lent is now underway, and after a great attendance at the two Masses on Ash Wednesday, we must remind ourselves that, as with all ventures in life, success does not depend on a burst of initial enthusiasm but, rather, on long-term commitment!

Our Lenten season mirrors Jesus's sojourn into the desert where, for forty days and forty nights, Jesus battled against the temptation to live a life which denied his true identity and mission. As the Son of God, however, Jesus was bonded to the Father's will by unbreakable bonds of love, which enabled him to be victorious in all he set out to do.

Jesus invites us to share in his life and mission, and our 'Yes' to his invitation must include our willingness to enter whole-heartedly into the basic training—we are called to take on some meaningful prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We ask the Holy Spirit to provide us with inspiration and motivation so that we too can be victorious by fighting with a strength that is not our own.

**Take care and God bless,
 Fr Gerard**

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 19th February, 2024

Monday 19th Feb	Tuesday 20th Feb	Wednesday 21st Feb	Thursday 22nd Feb	Friday 23rd Feb	Saturday 24th Feb	Sunday 25th Feb
STATIONS H.S 7.00pm	MASS C.C 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition 10.00am C.C.	MASS & SOUP LUNCH C.C 12.00 noon	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Children's Church: C.C. - Monica & Mary M H.S. - Monica, Irene, Teresa

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 18th Feb	Gerard Spain	Margaret Needham
Next Sunday: 25th Feb	Monica McArdle	Margaret Borman

CHURCH COLLECTION

28th January: £360 .00
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w
Thank you!

CAFOD

Next Friday, 23rd February, is the CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY. You will find envelopes in church this weekend which can be returned over the next few weeks.

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Venus Ghulam
£10.00 Gerald Howarth
£10.00 Joe Gibbons
£10.00 Christine Marshall
£84.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



There will **NO POUND DRAW** on SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY & SUNDAY 3rd MARCH.

The boxes will be back in place for SUNDAY 10th MARCH. All ten week members will have two weeks added to their due dates.

Weekly activities at Christ Church

Tuesday 27th Feb 2.00pm – 3:30pm

Friendship Group

*Singing, quiz, crafts, tea, coffee and cake.
No charge. All welcome!*

Wednesdays:

Toddlers' Club: 9.45-11.15am

Talk and Do: 10:30 - 12:30pm, £2

Warm Space: Serving soup, bread, and hot drinks. 12:30 - 3.00pm.

Fridays:

Exercise Class:

11am - 12noon £5.00



Dominic Dunleavy, RIP.

We are saddened by the death of Dominic Dunleavy who, if you recall, was the elderly Irish gentleman who was a regular attender of daily Mass at Christ Church. I await news of his funeral arrangements. May the Lord grant him eternal

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 17th Frank Sharkey (2014)
Jack Lawrenson (2021)
Feb 22nd Margaret Brierley (2021)
Feb 23rd John Sharkey (1978)
Feb 24th Patricia Tansey (2003)



We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into the fullness of his resurrection life!

MASS INTENTIONS

Dominic Dunleavy, died recently.
Francis Thornton, died recently.
Patricia Tansey, anniv, 24th Feb.
Albert Shea, 2nd anniv, 25th Feb.
Patrick Browne, RIP.
Sean Martin, b'day memorial.
Birthday Intention.
Well-being and protection of children

Pope Francis' Letter for Lent



In his message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "pause" for prayer and to assist our brothers and sisters in need, in order to change our own lives and the lives of our communities.

See Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024 [here](#).