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## 4th Sunday of LENT



**10th March, 2024**



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



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



**MASS & EXPOSITION**  
**THURSDAYS, 10 –12.00 noon**  
**CHRIST CHURCH**



**MASS & CAFOD SOUP LUNCH**  
**FRIDAYS, 12.00 noon**  
**CHRIST CHURCH**



### STATION MASSES

**THURSDAY, 14th March,**

Sacred Heart, Colne,  
7.00pm. Mass will be  
preceded by a time of  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Confessions from 6.00pm. If you require  
transport, please speak to Fr Gerard.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS (URDU)

**FRIDAY EVENINGS, 7.00pm**  
**HOLY SAVIOUR'S**

### POUND DRAW

*We welcome home Ian and Carmel after  
their family visit to the Far East! Life hasn't been  
the same without them! Why not put a £1 in the  
Draw to celebrate their return!*



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The fourth Sunday in Lent – Laetare Sunday! Rejoice! At this half-way point in the Lenten journey, the Church encourages us to take a day's break from our Lenten disciplines. The rose-coloured vestments signify that we can be happy in what we have already achieved, and that we can look ahead with joy, knowing that the celebration of Easter is in sight.

Traditionally, on this day, we celebrate our mothers—whether we still enjoy their presence in our lives or whether they have gone to the Lord, leaving us with cherished memories. We might make a passing observation that the vocation to motherhood is much undermined by our secular society, which can tend to value paid employment and career progression above the development of the precious bonds of family relationships. To celebrate our mothers, therefore, is a most fitting way of expressing our Christian faith.

*A very Happy Birthday to Helen  
Keating who celebrates 80 years of  
life this weekend!  
Congratulations,  
and thank you for  
all the joy and love  
you bring to our  
parish!*



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 11th March, 2024

Monday 11th March	Tuesday 12th March	Wednesday 13th March	Thursday 14th March	Friday 15th March	Saturday 16th March	Sunday 17th March
FUNERAL 10.30am 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	First Confessions 9.30 - noon	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Children's Church: C.C. - Bridgette & Margaret B    H.S. - Monica, Antonio, Venus,

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 10th March	David Zycinski	Luke Mendoza
Next Sunday: 17th March	Joan Penny-Heys	George Winkley

### Joyce Thornber, RIP

The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Joyce Thornber will take place this coming Monday (11th March) at Christ Church at 10.30am

### Dominic Dunleavy, RIP.

The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Dominic Dunleavy will take place at 11.00am at Christ Church on Monday 25th March.

There are two amendments coming up in Parliament. One is to decriminalise abortion, so women should not be prosecuted for aborting their babies at any stage of the pregnancy. This means that the unborn child has no right to protection by law. SPUC are asking us to write to our MPs to say that unborn children have rights as well as their parents.

[Find out more on this link](#)

The second amendment is a positive campaign, saying that the legal limit should be reduced to 22 weeks from 24 weeks, as improved care for premature babies means they can survive at this stage

[Find out more on this link](#)

### CHURCH COLLECTION

2nd March: £328.70  
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w  
Thank you!

### Pope Francis' Letter for Lent

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

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 10th Thomas Dunne (1988)  
 March 11th Christine Black (2020)  
 March 12th Alice Pollard (1994)  
                   Reginald Elphick (2003)  
 March 13th Hugh Rourke (1915)  
 March 15th Michael Graham Howorth (2014)  
 March 16th Margaret Horner (2016)  
 March 17th Norah Moran (1967)



*We 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

Mary Gildea, anniv, 5th March (2018)  
 Patrick Browne, anniv, 2nd April (2012)  
 Special intention, Grace Khushi  
 Remembrance for Hawthornthwaite, Forrest, Waddington, Forrest, Purcell, and Thomason families.  
 Bernie Kelly, sick  
 Special Intention, 18th March

### Weekly activities at Christ Church

**Tuesday 12th March 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

**Fridays :**

**Exercise Class:**

11am - 12noon £5.00

