



During the time between the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and the beginning of the Easter Triduum, the Church greets Mary with the *Ave Regina Caelorum*, an ancient hymn which praises Mary's intercession for us. Perhaps we can make it part of our daily prayer during this time

Hail, queen of heaven,

Hail lady of the angels.

Hail, root, hail door

From whom the Light of the world was born.

Rejoice, glorious Virgin,

Precious above all.

Hail, O very beautiful one,

And plead for us to Christ.

Parish Masses for the coming week:

Date	Feast	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 15th March	3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Mary McCullagh, (Int)
		11.30am	Bridie DUNLEAVY, (RIP)
		6pm	People of the Parish
Mon 16th		10am	Veronica SMITH, (2yr Ann- RIP)
		1:30pm	Funeral Mass of the Late Pearl DUJON
Tues 17th		7am	PEACE IN IRELAND
Wed 18th		10am	Alejandrita RAVELO, (Int)
Fri 20th		12 Noon	Valentin AMPLAYO PENNIN, (RIP)
Sat 21st		6pm	Mary PERRY, (Ann)
Sunday 22nd March	4th Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Prudence RODERICK, (RIP)
		11.30am	Guild of St Stephen for
		6pm	People of the Parish

Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5.00-6.00pm

Confessions 5.00pm- 5.30pm, Rosary 5.30pm, Benediction 5.45pm.

Parish Secretary: Angela Braniff - Mon, Wed & Fri: 9.15am—3.15pm

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NEWSLETTER -

15TH MARCH 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The Cardinal wrote to us last Friday saying : “The appropriate response to the threat of Coronavirus at this time was clearly laid out for us by the official statements yesterday. Two main points struck me: that the right measures are to be introduced at the right time and, secondly that we must have a special concern for the elderly. In these matters we must be guided by official advice, based on the best scientific evidence, and not by personal opinion ”

The Catholic Church In England and Wales has now moved to Stage Two of procedures. , which means delay. All of us are invited to use our common sense and pay attention to our personal hygiene. We are to wash our hands after we have been out, especially after a journey on public transport; we are encouraged to use paper tissue and to bin it after use and also to sanitise our hands frequently. If you don't have a tissue use your sleeve - not your hands! Then avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands

Practically this means

- The Body of Christ must be taken on your hand.
- The Blood of Christ will not be offered at Holy Communion.
- The sign of peace will not be exchanged.
- All holy water stoups have been removed. There is still water available in the Holy Water container by the sacristy door
- No hymn books will be used. Dispose of any paper you have used during mass (Newsletter, hymn sheet or mass sheet) as you go out.
- As always. anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from coming to Mass.

All Sacramental programmes will continue as normal and we ask that you help us ensure good hygiene practice is maintained.

We will continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis and should the guidance from the Diocese need to change we will let you know.

In this time of Lent we should not be distracted of other matters which affect our society with a long term consequences, such as Brexit and its negotiations, also the plague of locust in East Africa or the desperate situation of Syrian refugees in Turkey.

CHURCH, DIOCESE, DEANERY

Prayer Intentions

Holy Father: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity

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We pray for Bow & Bow Common Parishes & the Vietnamese Chaplaincy.

PARISH

Baptism Course

The next course will be run on 16th March and 23rd March at 7.30 at St Catherine's Room. Parents must come to both sessions. Please register your interest with Fr. Javier.

First Holy Communion

The next session will be on 23rd March 2020 at 6:15pm, This session is for **Children Only**.

RCIA

Next meeting will be held on 17th March at 7pm.

Getting married

Any parishioner, i.e. resident within parish boundaries who is intending to get married, either here or elsewhere, need to contact Fr Javier. a minimum of six months is necessary to complete all the preparations. The Parish Marriage course has started. Next session will be on **19th March at 8pm** at St Catherine's Room.

Confirmation

The next session will be on Wed 18th March.

Adult Confirmation

Fr Javier is planning to have a short course for adults who want to be confirmed running through Lent. There will be 5 meetings (12/03; 19/03; 26/03; 30/04; 07/05) at 6.30pm at St Catherine's room, with view of the parish confirmation on 17/05. . If you are interested please contact Fr Javier.

St Patricks Day Hooley **POSTPONED**

Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus Guidelines issued by the Diocese the Hooley has been postponed until a later date. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Bingo 18th March **Cancelled** due to Coronavirus guidelines.

40 Day Prayer Vigil

There will be a 40 day and night prayer vigil during Lent in Parliament Square asking God to give our politicians wisdom in decisions concerning the care of the Earth, our Common Home. This is following the example of Jesus who went into the desert and prayed for 40 days and 40 nights. The vigil is organized by Christian Climate Action and the faith communities of Extinction Rebellion. It will be from 3pm on Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. If you would like to go and pray for an hour as a group (even just two or three) from this parish please contact Sr Kate (Tel: 07767 216473).

Lenten Leaflet

Please pick up a copy of the Lent leaflet from the back of the church.

Robert Smialek

150th Anniversary

***Please note change of dates:**

Friday 1st May, 7pm Celebration of Priesthood

Sunday 1st Nov, 11:30am 150th Ann Mass Presided by Cardinal Vincent

We are in desperate need of pictures of Fr. Whooley and Fr. Kennedy Cleaners

Singers Wanted

We are looking for singers for our 9:30am & 11:30am Masses, those who can also read music would be desirable. Please speak to Graham Lindsay (Organist) or Fr. Javier for further details.

Pearl Clementine Dujon RIP

Please pray for the repose of Pearl Dujon who passed away on 14th February. Funeral Mass will be held at St Catherine's on Mon 16th March at 1:30pm.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25th –31st July 2020

Lead by Cardinal Vincent, see poster in porch for further details or speak to Fr. Javier.

Santiago

As announced a group of parishioners led by Fr Javier are intending to walk to Santiago de Compostela following the "Portuguese route" from Tuy. The plan is to fly to Porto on 11th August and to walk five days to Santiago. The return flight would be on 19th August from Santiago. If you are interested speak to Fr Javier. Bookings of flight and insurance are responsibility of the participants.

Flowers During Lent

Please be aware that we do not have flowers in the Church during Lent.

Last Weekend Collection:

8th March 2020: Standing Orders: £343.75; Envelopes: £181.20; Plate: £472.71; Total: £997.66. Thank you for your generosity. Alternatively you can donate online <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/bow/donate/> For Standing Orders, speak to Fr Javier

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish

If you know of anyone who would profit from a visit from Fr Javier, please let him know.