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4th Sunday of Lent
19th March 2023

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March for victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Sun 19th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	J Okolonji R.I.P. N Murphy R.I.P. K & A Eddy R.I.P.; M & S Tiernan Thanks People of the Parish	
Mon 20th	St Joseph	B McNicholas R.I.P. Holy Souls	
Tues 21st	Lent Feria	C Okolonji R.I.P.	
Wed 22nd	Lent Feria	7 p.m. T Campbell R.I.P.	Confirmation after evening Mass
Thurs 23rd	Lent Feria	P Burke R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 24th	Lent Feria	B Moran R.I.P.; A C D'Silva Int	Requiem Mass 1.30 p.m. O Gozzi R.I.P. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
Sat 25th	The Annunciation of the Lord	Glynn & Burke Families Int <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m.

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The eye of faith

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things - with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/ profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

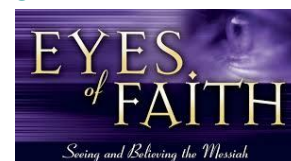
Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus ' You are looking at the Son of Man/ he is speaking to you.' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower, in a parent holding a child" s hand, in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage/ and notice that in many ways God is near and the presence of Jesus is at hand.

Let this verse echo in your mind from the hymn: Amazing Grace

*I once was lost and now am found,
 was blind and now I see.*



*We wish all the mums in our parish a
 Happy Mother's Day*

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms.

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** For those who use the weekly envelope scheme to donate to the church - your new box has arrived and will be available next week. If you would like to join the envelope scheme or if you prefer to donate by standing order, please let us have your details. Standing Order forms are also available.
- **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, you can add an extra 25p to every £1 that you give – at no cost to yourself with Gift Aid. All you have to do is fill in a form (giving your name, address and the date) and sign a declaration saying you pay more tax than the amount that we will reclaim.

- **Novena to St Joseph** will conclude on his feast day which will be on Monday 20th March. (Transferred from Sunday 19th)

- **Our prayers and sympathy** to the family and friends of Olga Gozzi who died recently. Requiem Mass for Olga will be on Friday, 24th at 1.30 p.m. May she rest in peace



Friday, Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
 Body of Christ, save us.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
 O Good Jesus, hear us.
 Within Thy wounds hide us.
 Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
 From the malicious enemy defend us.
 In the hour of our death call us.
 And bid us come unto Thee,
 That with all Thy saints,
 we may praise thee
 Forever and ever. AMEN

- **Date for your Diary: Lenten Service of Reconciliation** is on Tuesday, 28th March at 7 p.m. Visiting priests available for confession.

- **St Margaret Clitherow School: Foodbank** is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. The foodbank operates to offer support to all families in need within the parish. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 84503631 or speak to Fr Albert or Mary.