

From Sunday's Gospel

One day, Jesus told this story: "A young man asked his father for his share of the family's money. He went off to a distant country and spent all he had been given on selfish living. Then a serious famine hit that country, and having spent all the money, the son became hungry. No one would help him but someone gave him a job feeding the pigs, and he would have willingly eaten the husks the pigs were eating. Then he came to his senses and went home to seek his father's forgiveness and offer to live as one of the servants. But the father ran out to meet his son, he hugged and kissed and clothed him and ordered a great celebration."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"Dear young people, may each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about forgiveness" Today's word is

Forgiveness. The father in this Sunday's gospel gives us a glimpse of God the Father's merciful and forgiving nature. If we acknowledge when we have done wrong, God is always ready to forgive us and help us to forgive others. Is there someone I need to forgive this week? Is there someone from whom I need to seek forgiveness this week? Will I come to the Service of Reconciliation?

Ministers

March 31st

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am M.Howell
10.00am T.King

Liturgy of the Eucharist

T.Spalding/C.Hall
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
C.Ward/K.McKune

April 7th

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am D.Friedrich

C.Hall/S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Farmer/M.Kehoe

New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £486.44 Second: £181.19 Shop: £178.03 Thank You

Donation in memory of Paul Hartley: £160.00 Thank You

Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART



Sacred Heart & St William

31 High Street

Uppermill OL3 6HS

Web: www.sacredheartparish.org.uk

4th Week of Lent (Lactare Sunday) March 31st 2019 (Luke's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Special Intention (PN)
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Jimmy Kilcoyne
		Refreshments after Mass
	4.00pm	Lenten Reflection
Monday	9.30am	Sr Martin Walsh
Tuesday	9.30am	Special Intention (PN)
Wednesday	12.00noon	Graham Partington
Thursday	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	12.00noon	Catherine Wells & Family (First Friday)
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Paul Hartley
Sunday	8.30am	Rita O'Leary
	10.00am	People of the Parish

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

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Mrs Michelle Moore



Bucket Collection

As announced at all the Masses last weekend there will be a bucket collection for the people who are suffering so greatly as a result of the cyclone which hit Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. There are literally hundreds of thousands of people who are homeless and without food. Recent News coverage has been very distressing.



Catholic Care Annual Appeal

This will take place THIS weekend, 30th/31st of March, and will be the 2nd Collection that weekend. Bishop Marcus has written to ask us to be as generous as we can to support their work.



Fairly Traded Easter Eggs

This Sunday is the last chance to order fairly traded Easter Eggs. Please write your details on the list at the back of the church. The eggs that have already been ordered have arrived! Please collect your order from the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass this Sunday or phone 01457 873568 to make other arrangements.
Thank You Chris & Heidi



Singing Practice for Holy Week

The practice to prepare music for the Holy Week ceremonies, especially the Easter Vigil, will take place on **Sunday April 14th** after the 10.00am Mass. We hope to bring together a group to lead the singing at these important ceremonies. All welcome.



Plants for Africa.

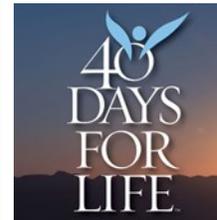
Order forms for the annual PLANT SALE in aid of the Oshandi AIDS Trust in Namibia still available at the back of church. Completed order forms to be returned to the back of church by **Sunday April 7th**. Plants to be collected on Tuesday May 14th.



CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday March 15th

Thanks to all who have brought back the **CAFOD Family Fast Envelopes**. To date 41 envelopes have been returned, 19 of which have been gift aided. The total (so far) is £677.09p. There is still time to return any other Fast Day envelopes which can be left in the box at the back of the church.

40 Days for Life Vigil



This has been taking place throughout Lent at Wynstay Grove, Fallowfield. For more information please see the leaflets at the back of church or contact Mary Farmer. Mary plans to go on Wednesday 3rd April and Friday 5th April after the 12.00 noon Mass until about 4.00pm. If anyone would like to accompany Mary she would welcome the company. Mary can provide transport.



Thank You

A big Thank You to those who responded at such short notice to provide Pot Noodles and Cuppa Soups for the homeless in Oldham. They were taken to the Street Angels place on Hunter's Lane for distribution. They were greatly appreciated and received with gratitude by those who otherwise would go hungry because they have nothing to eat or drink.



Churches Together in Saddleworth—Lent Discussion

This year the book chosen is Live Lent—Let your Light SHINE. The next meeting will be next Thursday 4th April in the Parish Centre. **7.30-9.00pm**. Refreshments available from 7.15pm



"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." -- Pope Francis