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**PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU!**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sunday, 12th April 2ND Sunday of Easter	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ Ursula White Parish Private Intentions	Sean  Sheila & Richard
Monday, 13th April	7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls	
Tuesday, 14th April	7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls	
Wednesday, 15th April	7:00 p.m.	+ Randall Lloyd	Rosemary Lloyd
Thursday, 16th April	9:30 a.m.	+ Sr Margaret Nagel	Sr Margaret Conway
Friday, 17th April	9:30 a.m.	Ann Madden	Sr Mary Carr
Saturday, 18th April	9:30 a.m.	Intentions of Marian	Anne
Sunday, 19th April 3RD Sunday of Easter	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	+ Philip & Mother Veronica Parish + Agnes Polish Mass	Jack & Monica  J. MacCafferty

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays after the morning mass and before the evening mass or by appointment.

**MORNING PRAISE:** 15 minutes before the weekday morning mass.

**MARIAN DEVOTION:** 15 minutes before the Tuesday evening mass.

**BENEDICTION:** after the Friday morning mass.

**GOSPEL SHARING:** after the Thursday morning mass

**SICK LIST:** Please remember in your prayers – Bishop Daniel Mullins, Mgr David Botrill, Fr Eric Wastell, Muriel Donald, Michael O’Kane, Roger Eddy, Geoff Slee, Elana Fallone, Ron Gaffney, Ciaran Jones, Jim Morrisey, Jean Fonseka, Eileen Kelly, Diane Cullen, Millie Williams, Stan Lofthouse, Margaret Blake, Margaret Cobby, Michael Reynolds, Michael McGovern, John Blackey, Moira Gwalchmai, Iorwerth Gwalchmai, Thressiama George, Rita Simons, Veronica Macari, Eddie Campbell, Kath Young, Maria Daniel, Rosemary lloyd, Vera B’Lewett, Athur Meredith, Eileen Roberts, Patrick Walsh, Mrs Dangerfield, Mary Rabaoitti, Iris Govier, Joan Walters, Phil Spencer, Frank Gillespie, Sean Gillespie, Kathleen Cassidy, John Fane, Angelo Zilio, Joyce Wertune, May Crouche, Agnes Donovan, Beryl Walsh, Hilda Beynon, Carol Williams, Patrick Gill and all other members of the parish who are unwell at this time.

Hospital? Are you, someone in your family, or a Catholic friend, in hospital or going in soon? Please let us know. We have no other way of learning who is in hospital, to be able to offer them the pastoral care of the of the hospital visitor, or to bring the spiritual healing of the Sacraments.

**MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND (18/19 April)**

<b>READERS</b>	6:00 p.m.	George Read	Geoff Slee	Helen Williams
	8:30 a.m.	Martin Kearnes	Angelo Sidoli	Marion Ehrenzeller
	11:00 a.m.	Ted Geary	Connie Warren	Emma James
<b>COMMUNION</b>	6:00 p.m.	John Morse	Mary Wilson	Maureen Davies
	8:30 a.m.	Robin Baragry	Maureen Watkins	Sr Bridget Carr
	11:00 a.m.	Sr Bridget Leamy	Sr Bridget Guidera	Angela Valenzuela

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES.** The total amount collected last Good Friday for the Holy places was £ 260.20. Thank you for your generosity.

**RECENTLY DEAD.** Please pray for the eternal repose of Sheila Mullan who passed away last 04 April comforted and strengthened by the sacraments of the Church. Her remains will be received in the church on Tuesday, 21 April, at 4:30 p.m. Her funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 22 April, at 10: 15 p.m. She will be buried at Clydach.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE. Lay Religious Congregations.** At the end of the seventeenth century, Lay Religious Congregations appear. These are communities of lay persons dedicated principally to teaching children (education and catechesis) and young adults. Other areas of concentration include the care of the sick, the imprisoned, the unemployed. Usually their own members may not become priests; some of them, however, allow some members to receive priestly Orders in order to function as chaplains to the lay community. Since the middle of the nineteenth century, the majority of lay religious communities have been communities of women.

**LECTIO DIVINA.** If you are serious in living the new life granted by the renewal of baptismal promises last Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday, the practice of *Lectio Divina* will be a big help. After the resurrection the Risen Lord explained the Scriptures to the disciples from Emmaus before he broke bread with them. When they recognised him they said: “were not our hearts burning whilst he explained the Scriptures to us?” This weekend the evangelist John said that “these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.” *Lectio Divina* is a good practice to allow Jesus to move our hearts. It is a good practice to deepen faith in him, to lead us to have life in his name.

**NEW ROTA.** There is a need for few more people to be counters in order to complete the rota for counters. The parish church also needs cleaners. Rota for cleaners are also being prepared. If you want to help, please join.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES.** Gift Aid is a Government scheme which allows charities, including churches, to reclaim the basic rate of tax paid by donors on donations. This can be applied to any amount of money, large or small, regular or one-off, providing the donor is a taxpayer, and that a Gift Aid Declaration is received. This Declaration will usually either cover ongoing donations (and it can be also be backdated to cover all donations received in the last 4 years), or it will cover a one-off donation, when the Declaration is usually printed on to the envelope in which the donation is received. There are four main ways for givers to give under Gift Aid: 1.) Payments direct from their bank to the church by Standing Order. 2.) Traditional planned giving numbered envelopes. 3.) Payments by cheque. These three all need to be supplemented by a Gift Aid Declaration. 4.) One-off Gift Aid envelopes carry their own Declaration, and do not need another form. Gift Aid offerings add to the income of the church. Please be assured that your offering will be treated with strict confidentiality. If you are interested to join the scheme please see the priest.

**GRATITUDE.** Thanks to those who donated gifts for the poor and the sick of the parish. They are very delighted with your thoughtful gifts. May God reward you for your generosity.

Thank you for your generous Easter Offering. May God bless you for your generosity.