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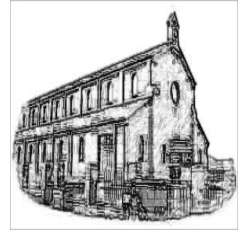
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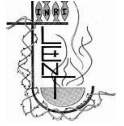
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

16th and 17th March 2024

Psalter Week 1 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm John and Anthony Bloor

Thursday 9.15 am Ferns Family

Friday 9.45 am John Watts (Funeral)

Saturday 5.00 pm Craig Lewis

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.30 pm Saturday



St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Alice Foster/

Reg and Madge Casey

Tuesday 7.00 pm People living with Dementia

Wednesday 9.15 am Early Family

11.00 am Giuseppe Pisciotto (Funeral)

Saturday 10.15 am John Meehan & Family

Sunday 9.30 am Kislan Family/ Antonina Panzera

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.45 am

Faithful Departed : Please pray for **Giuseppe (Joe) Pisciotto** whose Funeral Mass takes place on Wednesday 20th March at 11.00 am. **John Watts** whose Funeral Mass will be on Friday at 9.45 am. **Kenneth Fitzgerald** whose Funeral Service will be on 28th March at 1.00 pm. **Joan Hodgkinson** whose Funeral Mass will be on 12/04 at 1.00 pm May they rest in peace.

Cleaning: There will be a Spring Clean: in SGSM on the Tuesday of Holy Week at 10.00 am and in OLSB on 22/03 at 10.30 am.

Mass for the Year of Prayer: NS Area Pastoral Council have arranged a Mass to be celebrated on the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March, at 7.00pm at St George and St Martin's. Please make every effort to attend.

Gift Aid Envelopes Thank you to all those who donate through the Gift Aid Scheme. The envelopes for 24/25 are available at the back of church. If you would like to start giving this way please let us know.

Film You might be interested to know that a film has just come out about the life of St Francis Xavier Cabrini. In 1946 she became the first American citizen to be canonised. It is currently being shown in local cinemas.

Dementia Prayer Week: Please pray for all those living with Dementia, their families and all those who care for them.

Holy Week: If anyone wants to serve as a Minister of the Word or Eucharist during Holy Week please let us know. We would like to ask for volunteers to sign up to have their foot washed on Holy Thursday.

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies procedures at all times. Mel Shaw has been appointed as the Safeguarding Rep for Abbey Hulton and Birches Head. Direct contact details for her will be given shortly. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Lent: Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Saturday at 9.40 am in Birches Head. Walk with Me booklets are available.

OLSB Stations of the Cross. You are invited to join the school for their Stations at 2.30 pm on Friday March 22nd

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk: Put your faith into action this Lent by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. Sign up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and challenge yourself to walk 200km in 40 days.

Father Hudson's Medium Lent Walk: Our Lady and St Benedict School is walking to Hulton Abbey at 9.30am on Friday 22nd March in aid of Fr Hudson's. You are welcome to walk with them or meet them at the Abbey or make a donation in their name.

Deanery Penance Services for Lent: 18th March 7.00 pm Sacred Heart, Hanley; 21st March 7.00pm Our Lady's Stoke; 22nd March, 7.00 pm St Teresa's, Trent Vale; 25th March, 7.00 pm Holy Trinity; 25th March St Augustine's, Meir 7.00 pm; 26th March 7.00 pm, St Giles, Cheadle; 26th March 7.15pm St Werburgh's Clayton

Retreat: There will be a Holy Week retreat (Palm Sunday to Spy Wednesday) at St Patrick's, Packmoor. See www.partnershipparishes.org/ for more details.