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**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
14th February 2021**

Pope Francis - 10 tips for Lent

1. GET RID OF THE LAZY ADDICTION TO EVIL

"[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us." – General Audience, March 5, 2014

2. DO SOMETHING THAT HURTS

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." – Lenten Message, 2014

3. DON'T REMAIN INDIFFERENT

"Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation." –Lenten Message, 2015

4. PRAY: MAKE OUR HEARTS LIKE YOURS!

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum': Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference." – Lenten Message, 2015

5. TAKE PART IN THE SACRAMENTS

"Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." – Lenten Message, 2015

6. PRAYER

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." – Homily, March 5, 2014

7. FASTING

"We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth 'satisfies' us because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him." – Homily, March 5, 2014

8. ALMSGIVING

"Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others." – Homily, March 5, 2014

9. HELP THE POOR

"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing." – Lenten Message, 2014

10. EVANGELIZE

"The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness." – Lenten Message, 2014



Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday 14th February

10.30am Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time
12noon Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time
5.00pm Sunday Evening Devotions

Monday 15th February

9.30am Holy Mass
6.00pm Angelus & Recitation of The Holy Rosary

Tuesday 16th February

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass
6.00pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 17th February (Ash Wednesday)

9.30am Holy Mass
12noon Angelus & Recitation of The Rosary
3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
6.00pm Stations of The Cross

Thursday 18th February

9.30am Holy Mass
6.00pm Novena in Honour of St Joseph - Week 5

Friday 19th February

9.30am Holy Mass
3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
6.00pm Stations of The Cross

Saturday 20th February

9.30am Holy Mass
12noon Angelus and Recitation of The Holy Rosary

Sunday 27th February

10.30am Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent
12noon Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent
5.00pm Evening Prayer of The Church

St Joseph - A Prayer for Parents

O glorious St. Joseph,
to you God committed the care
of His only begotten Son
amid the many dangers of this world.
We come to you
and ask you to take under your special protection
the children God has given us.
Through holy baptism
they became children of God
and members of His holy Church.
We consecrate them to you today,
that through this consecration
they may become your foster children.
Guard them,
guide their steps in life,
form their hearts
after the hearts of Jesus and Mary.
St. Joseph,

who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent
when the child Jesus was lost,
protect our dear children for time and eternity.
May you be their father and counsellor.
Let them, like Jesus,
grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace
before God and men.
Preserve them from the corruption of his world,
and give us the grace one day to be united
with them in Heaven forever.
Amen.



January Finances

Thank you very much to all those who have continued to support our parishes throughout this time of Lockdown and uncertainty. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated, and has allowed us to continue to cover the ongoing running costs of our parishes, without seeking assistance from the Diocese.

In St Mary's your continued generosity and support, from both online payments made through the bank and collection envelopes handed in each week, has allowed us to continue with our loan repayment to the Diocese of £500 per week. Since March 2020, because of your financial generosity, St Mary's has continued to make these payments, on a weekly basis, to the Diocese, and this shows your love and commitment to our beautiful church. On behalf of the Diocese, and the parish, I thank you very much for your continued support, and most importantly for love of St Mary's, and what this church means to each and everyone of us.

January Offertory Collection & Donations

St Mary's: £5,664.60 St Isidore & St Mary Magdalene's: £715.00

Thank you

Paper Copy of Bulletin

Each week during Lockdown there will be paper copies of the bulletin available for collection. Every **Sunday 12noon - 1pm & Monday 12noon - 1pm**, St Mary's church porch will be open for those, who on their daily exercise, would like to collect a copy.

It may also be worthwhile thinking of neighbours or others who cannot get out and do not have access to the internet, if they would benefit from a copy being posted through their door.

Safeguarding

This weekend Bishop Toal has asked that all parishes read out his Annual Safeguarding Statement, and make it available to parishioners. As requested, the statement will be read and printed for those who wish a copy. Bishop Toal also wishes to communicate the Annual Day of Prayer for All who have Suffered Abuse, which will take place this Friday. Material for this event will be shared online, please remember in your prayers all who have suffered abuse.

Wee Box Appeal

Once again SCIAF are rolling out their Wee Box Appeal this Lent. Wee Boxes are available from St Mary's church porch on a Sunday or Monday between 12noon and 1pm, when the porch will be opened for those who wish a paper copy of the bulletin. SCIAF are also offering other ways to support the charity and make donations. For more information please visit the SCIAF website: www.sciaf.org.uk



St Mary's Church Insurance & Clubrooms Security (300 Club money)

It's that time of the year again when we receive our annual insurance renewal premium. This year, due to the Coronavirus and the extended period of church closures, the Catholic Insurance Service have been able to offer discount on all church properties, therefore, this year St Mary's insurance renewal will be £11,203.37. As many of you are aware, the 300 Club is set up to help cover the cost of the annual insurance, so we would just like to thank all those who support the 300 Club for their continued contributions and subscriptions, it is due to your help and support that we are able to cover the annual insurance premium.

Over the last few months, and in previous years, we have experienced some vandalism to the Clubrooms. Within the last few months we have had several of the led windows, and also the gents toilet window, smashed. This as you can imagine is a costly expense, and after some advice we have decided to fit the Clubrooms with window grills, matching the ones that are on the church. This will both protect the Clubrooms and also help our insurance. The cost to supply and fit, black powder coated grills, is £7,483.20 including VAT. After paying the annual insurance there is a small amount of money left in the 300 Club which will be used to cover some of this cost. Once again this essential work would not be possible without the great support of the 300 Club funds.



If you would like to learn more about joining the 300 Club and supporting our parish, please email Shona at clubrooms@outlook.com



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead - Mario Porcelli Waterloo Drive
 Mary Ramage Newtonhead Road, Rigside
 Jeanette Donnachie Burnfoot Poultry Farm, Forth
 Alys Scott Braedale Road
 Rose Malone Bank House Care Home, Lesmahagow

Rose Kelly; Carolyn Wardrop-White; George Fyfe; Kathryn Fallows (Stockport).

Months Minds & Anniversaries - Baby Tyler Bruce; Angelo & Martha Diplacito; Bill Dowds; John Michael Kane; Ilene Kane; Patricia Dunphy.

Kelly Family - Rose Kelly's family would like to thank everyone who joined them at her Requiem Mass, both at the church and online, and for all the prayers and expressions of sympathy and love they received in the many Mass cards and messages. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Parish Bank Details

God bless your continued generosity and support to our parishes, especially during these difficult times of Lockdown and uncertainty.

For those who are able, and would like to contribute to the parish through Bank Transfer or Standing Order, the details are as follows:

St Marys Mission RCDM
80-17-02 00265809

Parish of St Isidore's
83-16-11 00235026

A Prayer For Protection In Time Of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.



An Act Of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present
 in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there
 and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

