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**Newsletter for the week commencing 2nd/3rd February 2019**

**Fourth Sunday of the Year (C)**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19**

Jeremiah is chosen for the prophetic ministry. He will face opposition from kings, princes, priests and the people; nevertheless, they will not prevail over him.

**Psalm: 70**

**Response: My lips will tell of your help**

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 31-13:13**

Paul’s “hymn to love” is one of the best-known passages in the entire Bible. A loving disposition helps us to overcome destructive aspects of our character. Generosity and kindness also matter.

**Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

The initial admiration of his listeners in the synagogue towards Jesus turns to hatred when he takes the examples of two Gentiles who have received God’s favour.

**Father John writes:**

We have to raise our minds from the snow and ice – because it is necessary to start FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION before too long so that they will be ready by May. Would parents of children (7 years old or more) please put their minds to this, as **next week** we will have a form with the dates etc. for them to complete.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, David Lloyd-Thomas, Eric Booth and Patricia Hook.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: -** Joan Freeman, Kathleen Lewis, Lady Sheila Bates, John McDonald, Dorothy Castle, Adele Sherston, Michael Cahill, Norma Dayborn and Anne Page.

**This week’s events**

**Sign Up for The Great St. Andrew's 'Mardi Grass' Lunch - March 3rd Noon.**

Do please put your name down for this parish event as soon as possible so we know how many places to set - the last lunch was packed! If you can bring some food to share let us know what – and how many it will feed (See the board in the porch)! **If you have already signed up to bring food, please would you amend your entry to show this as well.**

**Ladies Coffee Morning** – will meet on the FIRST Thursday of every month in the hall at 11.30am. The next meeting, therefore, will be THIS Thursday, February 7th.

**This week’s services**

Fourth Sunday of the Year (C)

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 2nd February | The Presentation of the Lord | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Canon Francis Moran RIP* |
| Sunday | 3rd February | Fourth Sunday ( C ) | 8:30am Mass *People of the parish*10:30am Mass *Eric Booth (welfare)* |
| Monday | 4th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass *welfare of Monica Henderson* |
| Tuesday | 5th February | St Agatha | 10:00am Mass *Marie Henderson RIP* |
| Wednesday | 6th February | St Paul Miki & Companions | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 7th February | Feria | 9:00am Mass *Fr. Len Tatt’s mother RIP*  |
| Friday | 8th February | St Josephine Bakhita | 10:00am Mass *for victims of trafficking,* followed by Adoration  |
| Saturday | 9th February | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass *Fr David Weston RIP* |
| Sunday | 10th February  | Fifth Sunday ( C ) | 8:30am Mass *Canon Tim Healy RIP*10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities: 9th/10th February 2019**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Maggie Urquhart | Suzanne Vickers | Chris Leahy |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Michael PayneAlan Shipton | Liz DumbletonFrances Lawrence |
| **Flowers** | Susan Wilson | **Cleaners** | Susan & Alexander Wilson |

Weekly Meetings

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| **Day/time** | **Group** | **Place** |
| Tuesday 4.30pm | Mothers Prayers Group | Parish Room |
| Wednesday 7.00pm | Choir practice | Church |

**Don't forget the Big Church Clean** – Saturday 13th April. Please contact Rachel (01233 732657, heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com) or Brian (01233 732657, b.lawrence999@btinternet.com) and let them know you are coming. We need strong people able to heft benches and ladders and to do other heavy ‘moving’ work, and cleaners to polish windows (high and low) and pews, clear cobwebs, wet-dust and vacuum. Loan of a long ladder would be much appreciated as would mops and buckets.

**Something which may be of interest… Wednesday Lunch Club** for those who live alone is held on the **third Wednesday**of the month, in St. Mildred's Church Hall at 12.30pm. There is also **Sunday Lunch Club**for those who live alone, which is also held in St. Mildred's Church Hall at 12.30pm on the **first Sunday**of the month.

**Advance warning**: there will be a second collection on 16th/17th February for Racial Justice

The best life – to die young as late as possible.