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**4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday – (B) 14th March 2021**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

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**OUR CHURCHES HAVE REOPENED**

but only for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Canon Joe will continue to say weekday Masses in private for our intentions.

There will be no services over the Holy Week period as these might prove to be difficult within the current Covid regulations.

**There will be a collection NEXT WEEKEND in place of the usual Good Friday collection.**

There will be the usual 3 Saturday/Sunday Masses over Palm Sunday, 27/28th March, and 2 only on Easter Sunday Morning, 4th April.

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

**Canon Joe will say Mass in private each day for the following intentions**:-

Mon 15th March Liturgy of the Day Margaret Parkinson (ill)

Tues 16th March Liturgy of the Day Holy Souls

Wed 17th March St Patrick Donor’s Intention

Thu 18th March Liturgy of the Day Peter Brown RIP

Fri 19th  March St Joseph Christine Quigley RIP

**Masses open to the public**

**Sat 13th March 5.30pm @ CQ 4th Sunday of Lent William Brownlie** (Stewards – K Morris & J Baker )

**Sun 14th March 9.30am @ QF “ “ “ “ All enrolled in the Book of Remembrance** (Stewards – P & C Fields)

**Sun 14th March 11am @ CQ “ “ “ “ People of the Parish** (Stewards – L Voas & S Copp )

**Sat 20th March 5.30pm @ CQ 5th Sunday of Lent Thomas Allen Jr & Allen relatives & friends** (Stewards – K Morris, J Baker )

**Sun 21st March 9.30am @ QF “ “ “ “ People of the Parish** (Stewards – D & C Fellows)

**Sun 21st March 11am @ CQ “ “ “ “ Rosemarie Bowden RIP** (Stewards – A Thomas, C Murdoch)

**If anyone wants a virtual copy of the bulletin, please email Canon Joe to give permission. This is to comply with GDPR regulations.**

You can follow live streaming of Mass & other services from Bishop Peter via the Diocesan Facebook page - [**https://www.facebook.com/wrexhamdiocese/**](https://www.facebook.com/wrexhamdiocese/) There are also links to other Churches in the Diocese who are streaming Masses.

**Please Pray For**:-

* Julia Healy, who is ill in hospital
* Margaret Parkinson who is in hospital
* Christine Maughan who is ill, and her husband Kevin & family members
* All the sick of the Parish.

**Mass Rules**

1. When people come into Church, they must first wash their hands. 2. People MUST stay 2m apart (unless from the same household).
2. Face masks are mandatory unless you are exempt from wearing one. 4. The maximum number permitted at Mass will be 35
3. Mass will be much shorter than usual – there will be no singing, and Communion will be given out at the end of Mass.

**Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday.** This comes from the entrance antiphon – Laetare! which means Rejoice!

The Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The priest’s vestments change in colour to rose — this indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the sombre days of Passiontide.

It is also Mothering Sunday – so let’s celebrate all Mothers, and remember also Mary, the Mother of Christ.

**EASTER CARDS** are available in the porch of both Churches.  Stewards will be on hand to make sure that social distancing is observed & we request that masks are worn & hands are sanitized before touching the cards.

**LENT FAMILY DAY AT HOME** - To mark the start of the Year of the Family and to help families in our Diocese to observe Lent and prepare for Holy Week and Easter, you are invited to join in with some Lent and Easter crafting activities at home.  As in Advent, we are providing a limited number of free packs of craft material and instructions to produce some simple crafts such as an Easter Garden.

You will be invited to join us on Zoom on 21st March at 3pm for a family friendly Stations of the Cross service (no need to complete all the crafts before this) and there will be some time to share some of the crafts you have made with other families.

The packs are limited and for families within our Diocese on a first come first served basis.  To request a pack and indicate your wish to take part in the service please email your details including postal address to Margaret Hinton mfl@rcdwxm.org.uk by Monday 8th March.

**Collections for Church Funds**: Total collections:- 6/7th Mar CQ £118.12, Gift Aid £297.00, QF £64.50, Gift Aid £86.80

You may wish to set up a Standing Order to give your donations regularly – please contact Canon Joe for bank details.

**Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax (a higher rate tax payer can obtain a further 20% tax relief)**.

**Items for the bulletin**: to Ann Payton by Weds evening please, tel 01244 821010 or e-mail ann.dragonden@btinternet.com