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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 1st/2nd Mar. 2008

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TIMES OF WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday:	Mass	12.10 pm
Tuesday:	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	12.10pm
Wednesday:	Mass	9.00am
Thursday:	Mass	9.10am
Friday:	Mass	12.10 pm
Saturday:	Mass	11.30 am

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died, especially Fr Sean; funeral arrangements below, and Mrs Ann McGuire of Leicester Causeway. Requiem Mass is on Monday, 10th March, at 12.10pm. May they rest in peace.

FR. SEAN FARRELL RIP I apologise for the starkness and abruptness of the announcement of Fr Sean's death in the newsletter last week. The Diocesan Newspaper "Catholic Today" asked me to write a piece about Fr Sean before it went to press this week. I spoke with Fr Sean's sister Mary about their early life. There are copies of the article available at the back of Church.

Funeral Arrangements Tues. 4th March, 7pm Reception into Church and Mass, St. John Fisher's. Wed. 5th March, 11.30am Funeral Mass at St John Fisher's. Fr. Sean's body will then be taken back to Ireland. Friday 7th March, 7pm Reception into Church, Kilskyre Parish Church, Kells, Co Meath. Saturday 8th March, 12 noon Funeral Mass, Kilskyre Parish Church. I have been asked to preach at this Mass. Fr Bob Wright and Fr Michael Gamble will also be going from Coventry.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK Please note the change to Mass times this week. The Chapter meets this Tuesday and concelebrates the Mass of St. Chad. There will be a Eucharistic Service here on Tues. at 12.10pm. Wednesday there will be one Mass here at 9.00am. On Thursday it is the meeting of Deans. There will be one Mass here on Thursday at 9.10am.

WE WILL PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY EVENING IN LENT AT 6.00pm. Please take part.

THE HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY BILL Our deanery has decided that last weekend and this weekend in all our Coventry parishes we will be invited to **sign a petition urging our M.P.s to support necessary amendments to the Bill.** We will also be invited to **write a personal letter to our M.P.s** with the help of the specimen letters and notes provided. Representatives from our deanery **will visit our M.P.s in London** in early March, **and present them with the Petition.** Please write to your M.P. This a fitting thing to do in Lent and probably harder than making the Stations, though we will not neglect that devotion either.

RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH - GOOD NEWS There was a meeting with the Architects here during the week. They will be putting the project out to tender after Easter with an expected start date in June. Now that all the necessary consultations have taken place we have received the **FACULTY TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO A LISTED ECCLESIASTICAL BUILDING**. This can be seen on the notice board by the water stoup. We have to notify them when the work commences. People have been most generous to the Restoration Fund during 2007. I ask you please to keep up the generosity so that we can complete this exciting task. The “300 Club”, whose purpose is to raise funds for the Restoration, will soon be starting a new year. It would be wonderful if all the numbers could be taken and a boost given to our efforts.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday, 7th March, Methodist Central Hall 10.30am. Speaker: Rev Vivienne Gasteen, “God’s wisdom provides new understanding.” This year’s theme is from the women of Guyana. All women and men welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Sat 24th May – Sat 31st May The pilgrimage is under the leadership of His Grace, the Archbishop, and his auxiliary Bishops. This is the 150th anniversary year of the apparitions. Please see the notice board for details. Please see Fr Byrne if you would like to go.

DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 23rd Sept. – 2nd October 2008, led by Bishop William Kenney. Spiritual Director: Fr Mervyn Tower, Scripture Lecturer at Oscott College and Parish Priest at St.John’s, Banbury. Visits to many of the principal Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee and to meet with the Christian Community. Price: £985 per person (sharing a room for two). Booking forms are available from Holy Land Pilgrimage Support Group, Archbishop’s House, 8 Shadwell Street, Birmingham B4 6EY.

“300 CLUB”

If you have any queries, please contact Ann Fenton on 76 599544.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend: Gift Aid: £68, Loose: £650.02 Total: £718.02 Thank You.

Please pray for ALL THE SICK of the parish: Betty Clarkin, Tom Noone, Alberta Kelly, Bill Malone, Laurence Gallen, Dave Peadon, Philip Kierans, Tom Mulrennan, Kieran Connell, Ahmed Musa, Madeline Philips, Carol Sparks, George Dickin, Frank Tierney, Mary Kelly, Ruth Glithero.

Please pray for those who have died recently Walter Tymmkwi, Fr Sean Farrell, Edwin Boden, Michael Joyce.

Please pray for all those whose ANNIVERSARIES are about now: Chantelle Lynch, Alan Delargy, Kevin Cawley, William Slater, Henry Skillen, Walter O’Toole, Margaret Carpenter, Joseph Kernon, Mary Lynch, Harry Hodgson, Sabrina Walsh, John Healey, Bridget Greene, Mary Monahan.

SUNDAY MASSES	Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.15pm.
SUNG VESPERS	Sunday 6.00pm
CONFESSIONS	Saturday: After 11.30am Mass until 1.00pm Saturday Evening: 6.15pm to 6.45pm Weekdays: After the 12.10pm Mass