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MASS TIMES

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For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

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Welcome

As we journey through this holy season of Lent, we are reminded that we are called to be **disciples**, people who follow Jesus more intentionally, more deeply, and more faithfully. Whether you are here every week or visiting for the first time, we are **grateful** that you are with us. Faith is a journey, and what matters most is not where you are, but that you are walking it. We simply ask that you walk with us and be open to what **God** is calling you to. We believe that God calls each member of our parish to **worship**, to **grow**, to **serve**, to **connect** and to **give**. Let's walk this season together.

TODAYS READINGS: ① Genesis 12:1-4 ② 2 Timothy 1:8-10 ③ Matthew 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

- Wednesday, March 4 - Teaching Mass**
5:30PM + Hubert O'Neill
- Thursday, March 5**
12:10PM Intentions of Friends and Benefactors
- Friday, March 6**
11:00AM Eucharistic Adoration
12:10PM + Nancy Loch
- Third Sunday of Lent**
- Saturday, March 7**
4:00PM Intentions of Jeanne Rossignal
- Sunday, March 8**
9:00AM + Theresa Campbell
11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

"Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life." - Pope Leo XIV



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Three Pillars of Lent

- Pray** – Find a quiet, private place to be alone with your thoughts and alone with God.
- Fast** – Think about what you eat and drink, and why. Try to make healthy choices and support local producers. Thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and spirit.
- Give alms** – Share what you have with a generous spirit. Acts of justice and compassion bless both giver and recipient.

Nailing Our Wounds to the Cross

This Lent, as part of our *Heal* series, we are inviting everyone to take a simple but powerful step. Throughout the season, you will have the opportunity to write down a hurt, a wound, a burden, or an area where you need healing, and physically nail it to the cross in the church. Some wounds are recent. Some are old. Some are known only to you and to God. Lent is not about pretending we are fine. It is about bringing what is broken to the One who heals.

Each nail is a quiet act of trust... a way of saying, "Jesus, I give this to You." The cross will remain in the church throughout Lent as a visible reminder that Christ carries what we cannot carry alone.

LITURGICAL CHANGES

- In Lent, we experience a few liturgical changes during our worship:*
- **The Gloria** is not sung and the word 'Alleluia' is also not said or sung.
 - For the **Profession of Faith**, we use the Apostle Creed (instead of the Nicene Creed).
 - The ending of the **Universal Prayers** shifts to: "Lord, in your mercy" and we respond: "Hear our prayer."
 - The sung **Parts of the Mass** (Holy, Mystery of Faith, Great Amen, Lamb of God) will be chanted without musical accompaniment.

OFFER THE GIFT OF THE MASS

Did you know that you can have a Mass intention to honour a living or deceased relative or friend? It is a prayerful gift to be given and even more meaningful to receive. Mass intentions can be arranged by visiting the Welcome Desk after all weekend Masses or simply call the Parish office 705-746-5181 and we'll give you more information.

LENTEN DINNER AND A MOVIE

Join us on March 7th right after the 4PM Mass for an evening of dinner, fellowship, and faith as we watch a powerful and faithful retelling of the life of Jesus drawn directly from Scripture. Tickets are \$5 and **must be purchased in advance** at the Welcome Desk after weekend Masses. We hope you'll join us for this special Lenten gathering.

SOUP & STATIONS

Join us each Friday evening during Lent for Soup & Stations. We begin at 5:15PM in the Church Basement with a simple meal and good conversation, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6PM in the church as we walk with Jesus on His journey to the cross. Want to prepare a pot of soup for one of the Fridays? Stop by the Welcome Desk after Mass.

FRIDAY WITHOUT MEAT

Meatless Fridays are a timeless tradition in the Catholic Church. The simple act of abstaining from meat joins us to the sacrificial heart of Jesus. We encourage every parishioner to adopt this penitential practice on the Fridays during Lent.

FASTING ISN'T JUST ABOUT FOOD

Catholics traditionally fast from food during Lent, but perhaps we should look beyond what we eat. Have you ever thought of fasting from the media devices which dominate much of our lives? The silence that follows is an invitation to prayer and meditation. Try it!

CONFESSIONS

Experience the healing power of unconditional forgiveness. Father is available to hear confessions on Saturdays between 3:00PM-3:45PM in the Confessional (and by appointment). If it's been a while or you don't know how to start - don't worry....Father will help you through it. Don't let the sins of the past weigh you down.

-OFFICE CLOSED - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH-

What's going on in Lent? Visit: spta.church/lent

TEACHING MASS - MARCH 4TH

As part of our OCIA journey, we will be celebrating a Teaching Mass on Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30PM. During this Mass, we will walk through the different parts of the liturgy and explain what we are doing and why, helping us all enter more deeply into the meaning of the Eucharist. While it is especially intended for those preparing to enter the Church, everyone is welcome to attend. Whether you are new to the faith or have been Catholic your whole life, this is a beautiful opportunity to grow in understanding and appreciation of the Mass.

WEEKDAY MASS

Have you thought about coming to Mass throughout the week? If you're not used to coming to weekday Mass, start by coming just one day a week throughout Lent. Mass is celebrated Wednesday at 5:30PM, Thursday and Friday at 12:10PM (usually).

LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS

If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a coffee or tea in the comfort of their home.

LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNER

Mark your calendar for Friday March 27th at 5:30PM (following Stations of the Cross which will start at 5PM this week only) as the Knights of Columbus will be serving up Fish & Chips. Tickets will be sold after all Weekend Masses starting next week. A limited gluten-free option is available - please request when purchasing. Tickets are \$15 per person.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, SEOUL - 2027

The next World Youth Day will take place July 27 to August 9, 2027, and the Diocese of Peterborough is organizing a pilgrimage to attend. Join hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world for an unforgettable celebration of our faith, prayer with the Holy Father, and an experience of the universal Church that will stay with you for a lifetime. For more info contact Fr. Stephen Decarlo: frStephenDecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org

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