

**Sunday Masses:**  
**Sacred Heart Church:**  
 Saturday: 6.00 pm *Vigil Mass*  
 Sunday : 8.30 am  
 10.00 am  
 11.30 am  
 6.00 pm  
**Weekday Masses**  
 10.00 am Mon – Sat  
 & 7.30 pm on Monday only  
 and on the First Friday  
**Morning Prayer of the Church**  
 9.30 am Mon - Fri  
**Rosary** 9.40 am Mon - Sat  
**Holy Day Masses**  
 10 am, 12.15 & 7.30 pm

## Parish Newsletter

### 5th Sunday of Lent

18th March 2018

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Sat: 10.30 - 11.30 am and 5pm- 5.45pm

**Adoration and Novena of the  
 Miraculous Medal and Sacred Heart**  
**Monday after 7.30pm Mass** — 8.15 - 9pm  
**Wednesday & Thursday:** 10.30—12.00 noon  
**Saturday:** 10.30 - 11.30 am  
 and every 3rd Sunday after 6pm Mass



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### Fr Michael's Notes

“We want to see Jesus” – Really?

#### Where to begin?

We have the old clichéd story, told against ourselves in Ireland of asking directions of a stranger and his answer comes back:

“Well, if I were you, I wouldn’t start from here in the first place!”

*But, where I am, is the starting point.* It’s only one week before Passion Sunday and I need some direction. Do I really want to see Jesus as these men who came up from Greece today to the festival in Jerusalem. Perhaps, as the song goes, I would prefer just to take a look at him, but “*from a distance!*”

#### The introduction comes with a cost

These Greeks wanted *to see Jesus* – in the language of the time it meant that they wanted *to be with him*. But the man they wished to be with is going to make huge demands.

#### Jesus lays out his stall - you are joining what may seem like a lost cause

Jesus is leaving public life. St. John has no Gethsemane account in his gospel. Gethsemane happened in the darkness – this same message of death to the world is given in broad daylight. He is going to die just like a grain of wheat but it is a death which will bring life just as the grain of wheat has the potential to fill a whole field of wheat one day.

#### Is this to be the year for me, finally, to see Jesus and to decide to live with him?

I will have to die to *self-centredness* to become *love-centred*. I will have to be obedient to life through accepting whatever suffering comes my way (The Letter to the Hebrews today states: “Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering). “Obedience” comes from the words “ob-audire” to listen deeply – listen to your deeper self.

#### The One big question

What am I prepared to give up in order to catch a glimpse of Jesus this Holy Week and even live with him, if only for one hour? Perhaps a good place to start would be simply to repeat the mantra from now until Easter Sunday: “**Sir, we want to see Jesus**”. Make it your morning offering, your grace before meals, your prayer on the bus or the train, as you start a journey, or, your last prayer at night.

Fr Michael cm

### Liturgical Calendar

#### Sun 18 Mar 5th Sun of Lent

8.30 For the People of the Parish  
 10.00 Michael O’Halloran (Rec Dec)  
 11.30 Raimond Travers (RIP)  
 6pm He Tai (Anniv)

#### Mon 19 Mar St Joseph

10.00 Lee Wah and Lau Lin Tai  
 (Anniv)  
 7.30 pm Eddie Breslin (RIP)

#### Tue 20 Mar Lent feria

10.00 Landicho Family  
 (Thanksgiving)

#### Wed 21 Mar Lent feria

10.00 Catherine Clancy (Rec Dec)

#### No Adoration Today

10.30 Reconciliation for the  
 Children from St Vincent's

7.30pm Services of Reconciliation

#### Thurs 22 Mar Lent feria

10.00 Deborah Akinbanji (Anniv)

#### Fri 23 Mar Lent feria

10.00 Danny Cregan (RIP)

#### Sat 24 Mar Lent feria

10.00 Bridget Minihane (RIP)  
 6pm Julia Tuohy (RIP)

# Altar Servers Training 2018

## Holy Week Altar Server Rota & Mandatory Training Sessions - 2018

Please note training will only be for those serving on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Saturday Vigil.

No training for those serving on Easter Sunday.

Please check carefully the below schedule for your rehearsal day and times. There are two rehearsal dates for each mass.

It is important that all servers wishing to serve at these masses **MUST** attend **BOTH** the relevant rehearsals.

**Holy Thursday - 7:30pm**

**1st Rehearsal:** Sat 24th Mar - 2:00 to 2:45pm

**2nd Rehearsal:** Holy Thur 29th Mar - 6:00pm to 6:45pm

**Good Friday - 3:00pm**

**1st Rehearsal:** Sat 24th Mar - 3:00 to 3:45pm

**2nd Rehearsal:** Good Fri 30th Mar - 1:30pm to 2:30pm (Pizza Lunch)

**Good Friday 7pm -**

**1st Rehearsal :** Sat 24th Mar - 3:00 to 3:45pm

**2nd Rehearsal:** Good Fri 30th Mar - 1:30pm to 2:30pm (pizza lunch)

**Saturday Easter Vigil 9pm -**

**1st Rehearsal:** Sat 24th Mar - 4:00pm

**2nd Rehearsal:** Vigil Sat 31st Mar - 2:00pm to 3:00pm (pizza lunch)

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Please text your preferred dates of participation to **Raquel 07429 660 445** or put your name on the signing up form in the Sacristy.

# Pilgrimage to Rue de Bac Paris



## The apparitions

Heaven came down to earth... Between July and December 1830 Sister Catherine, a young Seminary Sister (novice) of the Daughters of Charity, received the extraordinary favour of conversing with the

Virgin Mary on three occasions.

In the preceding months Catherine had the privilege of other apparitions.

Saint Vincent de Paul showed her his heart.

While at prayer in the chapel, Catherine saw, on three successive days, **the heart of Saint Vincent in three different colours.**

The heart first appeared white, the colour of peace; then red, the colour of fire; and then black, an indication of the misfortunes that would come

upon France and Paris in particular.

Soon afterwards, Catherine saw **Christ present in the Eucharistic host.**

***“I saw Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament all the time of my seminary except the times when I doubted.”***

On June 6, 1830, feast of the Holy Trinity, Christ appeared as **a crucified King**, stripped of all his adornments.

**The Parish pilgrimage is for one night stay travelling on Eurostar early on the morning of Friday 30th November and returning on the evening of Saturday 1st December**

**Accommodation and travel details to be arranged later.**

**Please give your name to Melanie as soon as possible if you wish to join in the Pilgrimage.**

**Lenten Reconciliation  
Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm**

**The Name of God is mercy.**

**This is an invitation to the whole parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.**

**Kindly spread the word among the parishioners.**

**Seven priests will be available as confessors.**

Easter Services		Knight Of St Columba Quiz		Our prayers are requested for the sick and housebound	
<p>Each Sunday of Lent the Daughters of Charity invite parishioners to join them for adoration at 4pm</p> <p>Each Friday after 10am Mass Stations of the Cross</p> <p><b>Adoration</b> Sunday 18th March after 6pm Mass</p> <p><b>Services of Reconciliation</b> Wednesday 21st March</p> <p>10.30am Children from St Vincent's (NO ADORATION THIS DAY)</p> <p>Adult Reconciliation at 7.30pm</p> <p><b>Holy Thursday</b> 29th March NO MORNING MASS</p> <p>7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by vigil of prayer at 11pm until midnight, then the Filipino Community keep vigil in the hall until 9.30am.</p> <p><b>Good Friday</b> 10.15am Ecumenical Walk of Witness Leaving from Watling Trinity, Eversfield Gardens to Sacred Heart Parish and after Hot Cross Buns in Hartley Hall</p> <p>12.00 Noon Children's Stations of the Cross</p> <p>3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion</p> <p>7pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p><b>Holy Saturday</b> 31st March No Morning Mass 9pm Solemn Celebration of Easter Vigil</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b> 1st April Masses: 8.15am 10am 11.30 No Evening Mass</p>		KOC invite you on <b>Saturday 7th April</b> at 7.30pm in aid of the Parish Building Fund. Fish and Chip Supper included, £10 per head. Please see a member to book.		Rita O'Brien Julie Lambert Betty Allen Maria Darico Iris Moore Raymond Traynor George Pucillo Bobby O'Mahony Claire O'Connor Allan Van Der Loo Monsignor Charles Vella Alfred and Trixie Bartley	
		Ambo, Ethiopia Sponsorship		Baptism Course	
		To all the parishioners who kindly approached Fr Stephen with regards to signing up as sponsorship for one of the pupils at the Ambo School for Deaf children in Ethiopia, please contact Melanie in the Parish Office for a Standing Order Form.		The next Baptism course is on <b>Tuesday 3rd April at 8pm</b> in the Bethany Room and <b>Tuesday 10th April at 8pm</b> in church Attendance by Parents at this course is a Diocesan requirement for the first two children or if there is an interval of 5 or more years between the children's birth.	
		New Caretaker		Thanksgiving Mass	
		We are pleased to welcome Mr. David Kennedy as the official Caretaker of our Parish premises.		There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of our building work, celebrated by Fr Kevin on <b>Saturday 14th April</b> . After the 6pm Mass, Fr Kevin will bless the Bethany Room and the newly installed etched window, which was commissioned by the people of the Parish to mark his retirement and to thank him for his years of devoted service. The etching, chosen by Fr Kevin, is the Vincentian logo, which also appears on the lectern: the Latin inscription translates as, He sent me to give the Good News to the Poor. Following the Mass and blessing there will be a reception in the hall to which all are invited.	
		Scrutinies		<b>SERVING THE PARISH IN THE SPIRIT OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b>  <i>Fr Michael McCullagh C.M.</i>  <i>Fr Noel Travers CM</i>  <i>Fr Eamon Raftery CM</i>  <i>Fr Ray Armstrong C.M</i> (Chaplain to Provincial House)  <i>Daughters of Charity of SVP)</i>  <b>Parish Administrator</b> <i>Melanie Gibbons</i>  <b><i>melanie_millhill@hotmail.co.uk</i></b>  <b>Parish Safeguarding</b>  <b>Representative contact at</b>  <b>0208 959 1021</b>	
On this 5th Sunday in Lent we celebrate the Scrutinies. The idea is that we and the elect respond to what God is asking of us during Lent and in our lives. The elect are those four parishioners who are awaiting to be received in full communion with the worship community on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. We will also pray for people who are candidates preparing to receive Confirmation.					
		Sacred Heart Afternoon Club			
		The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Afternoon Club will be held on <b>Monday March 19th at 2pm</b> in the hall, the speaker will be Fr Stephen Young our neighbour who will give a talk on 'Working in the Royal Household' Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.			
		Green Fingers Group			
		Calling all Green Fingers This year's Spring Plant sale will take place on the weekend of May 26-7. You can help its success in two ways: Contribute some plants from your own garden: bedding plants, perennials, shrubs, vegetables, herbs, indoor plants. Come and help on the day. Start sowing and potting now. Only ten weeks to go! Contact Louis van den Berg at <a href="mailto:louisvdb@me.com">louisvdb@me.com</a> or Tel: 0208 959 1424			
<p>.....</p> <p>Sunday Collection for</p> <p>.....</p> <p>11th February 2018</p> <p>totalled £1,985.92</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity</p> <p>.....</p>					
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