

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Everyone is now invited to celebrate, individually,
the Sacrament of Reconciliation by coming to the priest.
Please form a socially distanced queue directed by Stewards.
When it is your turn please be brief and try to mention one sin only.

Recorded Music will be played during this time.

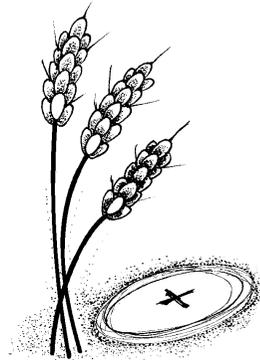


*As a sign that we have been reconciled
to God and each other we offer our
neighbour the Sign of Peace with an
acknowledging bow of the head*

Mass then continues with the Preparation of the Gifts and Consecration

Concluding Prayer and Blessing

**As usual Communion will be administered
as you leave the Church**



Recorded music will be played at this time.

Lenten Penitential Mass

7.00 pm Monday, 29 March 2021



**To comply with Covid restrictions
and to safeguard our wellbeing, please do not sing.
The Psalm will be omitted.**

Opening Music (recorded)

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (42:1-7)
He does not cry out or shout aloud

The Psalm will not be said

The Holy Gospel according to John (12:1-11)
*Leave her alone;
she had to keep this scent for the day of my burial.*



Opening Prayer

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Examination of Conscience

*In the heart of God we come before our mistakes.
Receiving this Sacrament isn't a matter of standing before a judge,
but of going to a loving encounter with a Father
who receives us and always forgives us.
The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love which we receive,
of which we are always in need ... and this love comes before all else,
before our mistakes, the rules, judgments and failings*

Pope Francis - The Pope Video for March

Reader 1 - My Relationship with God

- ◆ In these difficult times, do I make extra efforts to take time for personal prayer and, if possible, to participate in online occasions for Mass and Devotions?
- ◆ Do I blame God for the present situation of the world and resort to anger or despair?
- ◆ Do I turn to God when I am tempted?
- ◆ Do I faithfully use the word of Gd, as revealed in Scripture, to rationalise my lifestyle?

Reader 2 - My Relationship with my Family

- ◆ Have I failed to give the respect due to my parents and/or children?
- ◆ Do I have the courage to love my family, and myself, the way Jesus loves - sacrificially?
- ◆ If I am at odds with a family member, am I willing to take that extra step needed to bring bitterness and resentment to an end?
- ◆ Have I failed to back down when I have caused hurt, or do I think that apologizing is a weakness?
- ◆ Am I a bridge or a wall In family arguments?

Reader 1 - My Relationship with Friends and Neighbours

- ◆ Am I respectful of my neighbours, my friends and those in authority?
- ◆ Have I taken or damaged anything that did not belong to me?
Have I cheated or lied to get my own way?
- ◆ Do I quarrel? Do I hold grudges? Am I honest in my dealings with others?
- ◆ Do I look down on those who have less than myself either materially, physically or intellectually?

Reader 2 - My Relationship with the Wider World

- ◆ In these difficult times, have I been so preoccupied with my own situation that I have neglected to support the less fortunate?
- ◆ Am I respectful of God's creation - do I consume more than I need?
- ◆ Have I followed the rules laid down by the Government to try to beat Covid, or have I done my own thing and risked spreading the infection to others?
- ◆ Do I pray for people across the World who are struggling with illness, poverty and hunger as a result of the Pandemic?