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10th March 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent, Ordinary Time, Yr B

Day and Time	Mass or Service	Mass Intention	RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS
Sat. 6pm	4th Sunday of Lent	John Gibson	Thursday 6.15 – 6.35pm Saturdays 5.20-5.50pm
Sun. 10.30am	4th Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	ADORATION 6pm – 7pm All are welcome
Mon. 7.30am	Holy Souls		
Tue. 10am		Michael Harrington	
Wed. 2pm	Thanksgiving	Special Ints	
Thurs. 10am		Kathleen Budd	
Fri. 10am		Irene Bryan	
Fri. 12:00pm	Bar Convent Mass		
Sat. 6pm	5th Sunday of Lent	Jim Quinn	
Sun. 10.30am	5th Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	



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NEXT WEEK, 5th Sunday of Lent, Yr B

ANNIVERSARIES, Kathleen Budd, Irene Bryan, Jim Quinn

LOOSE PLATE, £290, PLANNED GIVING, £635

BISHOP TERRY, We welcome Bishop Terry to our parish this weekend. He will celebrate our weekend Masses. On Sunday, he will confirm Laura Munoz and present Mike Walmsley with the Bene Merenti in recognition of his many years' service in the S.V.P and Catholic Education as a teacher and governor.

THANK YOU, Thank you to everyone who came, helped and donated a the World Day of Prayer service. The collection, including gift aid, came to £147.25, which is very generous.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION, Monday 18th March, 7pm hopefully a few priests will be able to join us. I would like everyone to go to confession before Easter!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 6pm, Friday followed by a Lenten supper in the presbytery (soup and bread) – all donations for CAFOD.

ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL, Once again, the York Irish Association is hosting our annual St Patrick's Day Festival on Saturday 16th March in a marquee in St Sampson's Square in the city centre. It will run from 11am to 8pm and will feature live music, ceilidhs, and Irish dancing performances. Entry is free and all are welcome to come along and celebrate Irish culture and the links between Yorkshire and Ireland.

COLLECTIONS, Within our Diocese, the Retired Priests' Welfare Fund plays a vital role in supporting the clergy who have devoted their lives to nurturing our faith. Today's collection provides an opportunity for you to express gratitude and contribute to their ongoing support costs. Additionally, please take a bookmark as a reminder to be thankful for their dedicated service and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

EASTER FLOWERS, We will also have a collection on 16th & 17th March for Easter Flowers.

GREENERY, Like last year, if people can bring greenery for the Altar of Repose for Holy Thursday, to bring it to church either Tuesday 26th or Wednesday morning the 27th, I would be grateful.

CONFESSIONS, Saturday 5.20 – 5.50, Thursday 6.15 – 6.35

I am always available if you would like to make an appointment for this special sacrament.

SUNDAY PLUS

All through Jesus

God's work of art

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

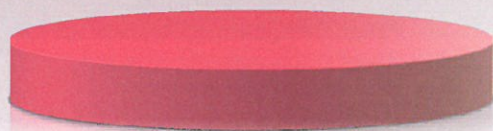
Some people imagine God as someone who waits outside the door in the dark in order to humiliate us with the light of truth. The purpose of the light is to enlighten, not to blind. God wants to see us in the light. After all, as the second reading tells us: "We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it."

Most of us would have difficulty in imagining ourselves as God's work of art: it takes less effort to see ourselves as God's mistake – a piece of promise that, on close scrutiny, turns out to be nothing more than a fake. It is Gospel that we were created in God's love, that

we are God's work of art. We must begin imagining ourselves as God sees us.

Works of art should not be left to rot away in the dark, neglected and unseen. If they have been abandoned for a long time, they will need sensitive restoration to be saved and brought to life again. Lent gives us the opportunity to think again about the task of restoration and allow God to bring out the best in us. Like all restorers, God needs light to work. We should trust God's good intentions and come out where we can be seen. Who knows, we might even begin to value God's work ourselves? And if that happened, we might see more of God's art in other people.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.



Jesus, Lord, help me to open the door of my heart to you.
Stay with me and in me, forever and always.  Amen.

Judge not

By Krista Nelson

If Jesus came "not to judge", why do we act so contrary to this? We are quick to say, "don't judge a book by its cover", but how often do we do exactly that to people? Too often we see ourselves as judge and jury on what is correct, whether publicly on social media or privately.

What if we turned our tendency to judge into a force for good? If, instead of

judging whether someone was acting or dressing as we thought they should, we were just as quick to judge when someone was in need?

What if we all became quick to judge when someone needed a friendly smile, a kind conversation or a helping hand? We could then love, not judge, our neighbour as we should.

God gave us a fantastic brain for making judgements – let's try to make those judgements as he would want us to.

Krista Nelson is a mum of four, catechist and editor.

In our day we pass in front of so many doors that invite us to come in, promising a happiness which later we realise lasts only an instant, exhausts itself with no future. But I ask you: by which door do we want to enter? And who do we want to let in through the door of our life?

Pope Francis

Feast of the week
Tuesday 12 March

St Nicholas Owen SJ

(c. 1562-1606)

St Nicholas Owen was a Jesuit brother whose talents as a mason and carpenter provided priests with concealed hiding places in the homes of Catholics, and enabled the priests to avoid capture, despite the most thorough of searches. The son of a carpenter and the brother of two priests, Owen employed great ingenuity in devising the priest-holes, and even hid his activities by working openly during the day as a regular carpenter and working on the hiding places only at night. The house servants would be ignorant of his real activity and only he and the owner of the home would know where he had created a hiding place by chipping through stone walls or burrowing into the earth. Some of the places were big enough to accommodate six to ten people; others were concealed inside another hidden room to throw the priest-hunters off the scent. It was hard work to do by oneself and he suffered injuries in the process.

Tom Rochford SJ

Today:
2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Monday:
Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54

Tuesday:
Ezekiel 47:1-9. 12
John 5:1-3. 5-16

Wednesday:
Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Thursday:
Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

Friday:
Wisdom 2:1. 12-22
John 7:1-2. 10. 25-30

Saturday:
Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 7:40-52

Next Sunday:
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33