



Our Lady of Fatima Parish



Lent – Easter 2020

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with the summons to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”, as ashes are marked upon our forehead to remind us of our need for conversion. It is a season which calls us to listen more attentively to the Gospel and let it challenge us to renew our baptism, and to allow God’s grace to transform our lives. May this journey through the Season of Lent, and through the Triduum to Easter and Pentecost, be a time of “Spirit-filled” encounter with the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Christ for each of us and for our parish community.

Here are some questions to ponder as we move through Lent:

- *Are we aware that our Lenten journey prepares us to renew our baptismal promises?*
- *Are our own personal doors open to allow Christ to change our hearts?*
- *Will it be a time for us to allow our merciful God to lead us to reconciliation with those we have excluded or hurt, to heal what is broken, and to affirm what is good and upright?*
- *Will we embrace the disciplines of Lent: fasting, prayer, almsgiving and doing acts of charity, as a reminder of God’s love for everyone?*

Let us help one another hold this grace-filled season!

This pamphlet provides you with the full schedule of the Lenten and Easter season. We also make available at the table by the Main Entrance a limited quantity of free reading material for your use during this season - “Lent with the Saints: Wisdom from the Church’s Holy Ones”. We invite you to pick up a copy for personal prayer and reflection.

Please note that our church is open on weekdays and Saturdays from 7:45am until the end of the 9:00am Mass; on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 3:30pm until after the 4:30pm Mass; and on Sundays from 7:30am until after the 11:30am Mass. You are most welcome to spend time there for prayer and meditation, especially during Lent.



The Liturgical Schedule for the Season is as follows:

Ash Wednesday – 26 February

Mass: 9:00 am (joined by Our Lady of Fatima School)

Liturgy of the Word: 12:30 pm (at Dr. F.J. McDonald School)

Mass: 4:30 pm (*preceded by Perpetual Help devotions*)

Mass: 7:00 pm

(Ashes will be imposed at each Mass and Liturgy of the Word)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (regular schedule)

Monday to Saturday – 8:30 to 8:50 am (before morning Mass)

Saturday afternoons – 4:00 to 4:20 pm (before Mass)

Daily Eucharist (regular schedule)

Monday to Saturday – 9:00 am

Wednesday afternoons – 4:30 pm (*preceded by Perpetual Help devotions*)

Eucharist of the Sundays of Lent

01 March, 08 March, 15 March, 22 March, 29 March

Vigil Mass: Saturdays – 4:30 pm

Sundays - 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 am

Lenten Renewal

To prepare parishioners during this Lent, we shall have a reflection on “The Spirit of Lent”, given by Archbishop Brendan O’Brien; we will also have a Lenten Penitential Service.

Presentation - Sunday 22 March, 12:30 pm (in Parish Hall): light lunch, followed by reflection (Archbishop O’Brien)

Penitential Service - Wednesday 01 April, 7:00 pm (in Church): Lenten Penitential Service, followed by **individual Reconciliation**.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (special schedule)

Wednesday 01 April – 7:00 pm (*as described above, individual reconciliation at the conclusion of the Lenten Penitential Service*)

Friday 03 April – 8:00 to 8:45 am



Special Diocesan Celebrations

Rite of Election & Calling to Lenten Renewal - Sunday 01 March, 2:30 pm, at Notre Dame Cathedral. Archbishop Prendergast will conduct the Rite of Election for Catechumens throughout the Diocese who are preparing for baptism, along with candidates who are preparing for reception into the Catholic Church. **This year, our Catechumen, Naga Lakeshmi, will celebrate the Rite of Election, in preparation for Lenten Scrutinies and Initiation Sacraments!**

Chrism Mass - Tuesday 07 April, 7:30 pm, at Notre Dame Cathedral. Archbishop Prendergast will preside at a Diocesan Eucharist at which oils will be blessed for the sacraments, and priests and the people will be invited to renew their commitment. All are welcome.

Special Opportunities for Almsgiving

Diocesan Missionary Works - First Sunday of Lent, 01 March

Development & Peace - Fifth Sunday of Lent, 29 March

Britannia Woods Food Pantry

Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 04 April, 4:30 pm

Sunday, 05 April: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum

(Day 1 of the Triduum is from sundown Thursday to sundown Friday; Day 2 is from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday; and Day 3 is from sundown Saturday to sundown Sunday)

(Please bring bells from home on Holy Thursday (Last Supper) and on Saturday (Easter Vigil), to join in when bells are rung during the Gloria)

Holy Thursday – 09 April

Morning Prayer – 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 pm ***(start of Day 1)***

(Parishioners interested in participating in the Washing of Feet at this Mass are asked to contact the Parish Office at 613-722-7661)

(After the Mass, there will be opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, at the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall, until 10:00 pm)



Good Friday – 10 April

Morning Prayer – 9:00 am

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3:00 pm

(Veneration of the Cross is an important component of this liturgy)

Solemn Stations of the Cross – 7:00 pm *(start of Day 2)*

Holy Saturday – 11 April

Morning Prayer – 9:00 am

Easter Vigil Celebration: First Eucharist of Easter -8:00 pm. *(start Day 3)*

(At this celebration, begun in darkness, the mystery of our salvation in Christ unfolds from the creation of the world until the moment when new members are received into the Church. This liturgy is the high point of the whole church year. You are strongly encouraged to participate at this Easter Vigil [the night that we make new Catholic Christians], especially since we have a catechumen for the Initiation Sacraments). Please join us in supporting her! We will have a reception after the Liturgy of the Vigil.

Easter Sunday – 12 April

Easter Eucharist: 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 am

Eucharist of the Sundays of Easter

19 April, 26 April, 03 May, 10 May, 17 May, 24 May

Vigil Mass: Saturdays – 4:30 pm

Sundays - 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 am

First Communion – Children will celebrate the completion of their initiation sacraments at the weekend liturgies of 2-3 and 23-24 May. **We express our support for them, and their parents and sponsors, by our prayer and witness.**

Pentecost

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 30 May, 4:30 pm

Sunday, 31 May: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am

(We celebrate the completion of the Easter Season and renew our commitment to ministry as a parish in Christ's name)