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30TH MARCH 2025 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, LAETARE SUNDAY – YEAR C

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

Friday & Saturday

9.30am

Sunday

6pm (Vigil Mass, Polish)

10.30am (English)

CONFESSION

Saturday 10.00am

after Mass (*go to the Priest's House*) or call/email to make an appointment.

A date for your diary:

Lenten Penitential Service

in the church

Tuesday 8th April, at 7pm. 🙏

Station Mass

All Banff parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Lent Station Mass at Our Lady's Church, Fraserburgh,* on Friday 4th April at 6:30pm! We're delighted to welcome Bishop Hugh to preside at this Station Mass!

What's a "station Mass"? The term goes back to Christian-Roman antiquity, when the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, would celebrate Mass on specific days at particular churches in or around Rome. The gatherings often involved a procession to the church. In Lent they were marked by fasting and special prayers, which were seen as part of one's Christian service or duty, rather like that of soldiers who remained attentive at their posts (*statio*) when on duty. For this reason, the churches in which these papal Masses were celebrated came to be known as "Stations".

Today, we gather during Lent at designated churches in our deanery with Bishop Hugh. It's an opportunity to celebrate our common faith, encourage one another, and ask for God's blessings as we undertake a programme of Lenten renewal.

Why Rejoice in Lent?

This Sunday is Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word meaning "Rejoice". It comes from the entrance antiphon at Mass which is based on Isaiah 66:10: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her..." Jerusalem, the city of God, symbolises the people of God, the Church. We are all called to rejoice today, because we can look back with gratitude for the help God has given us up to now, and we can look forward in hope to the full effects of His merciful love in our lives. God has shown us His love especially in the Passion of Christ. He now asks us to follow Him, and to trust Him at all times. In this way He will lead us to share in the joy and power of the Resurrection!

Weekly Collections, Sun 23rd March:

Cash £251

Gift Aid: £60

Thank you for your support!

Easter Raffle: Don't miss your chance to win an Easter basket filled with chocolate treats, and other prizes, at this year's Easter Raffle! 🍫 🧺 🍷

Tickets £1 per square. To be drawn after 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday!

The Chrism Mass, at which Bishop Hugh will receive the renewal of priestly promises of the clergy of the diocese, and bless or consecrate the holy oils to be used in the Sacraments for the coming year, will take place at **St. Mary's RC Church, Inverness, 6pm 10th April**. Fr. Bruno will be going to the Chrism Mass, leaving Banff at about 2:30pm. If anyone would like a lift, please let him know.

Stations of Cross during Lent. Every Wednesday evening at 7pm in English; and before the Saturday evening Mass, beginning at 5:30pm, in Polish. 🙏

Since we're still in St. Joseph's month, here's another chance to catch the lovely prayer to our great heavenly Patron, written by Pope Francis:

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen." (Ap. Lett. Patris Corde)

LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 31st March
Weekday of Lent

Tuesday 1st April
Weekday of Lent

Wednesday 2nd April
Weekday of Lent

Thursday 3rd April
Weekday of Lent

Friday 4th April
Weekday of Lent

Saturday 5th April
Weekday of Lent

Sunday 6th April
5th Sunday in Lent, Year C