

The Fireside

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<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent (B)</u> Friday 12th March 2021

(1st Mass of Sunday)

Mass 6.00pm -Edward Hartley+ (Anniv)

Saturday 13th March Vigil Mass 4.00pm -

Sunday 14th March Mass 11.30am – Pro Populo

Fifth Sunday in Lent (B)

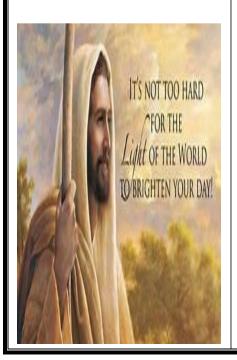
Friday 19th March

(1st Mass of Sunday)

Mass 6.00pm –
John Evans+ (B'Day)

Saturday 20th March Vigil Mass 4.00pm -*Pro Populo*

Sunday 21st March Mass 11.30am –



Offertory Collection - £286.00p. This includes Standing Orders.

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REFLECTION - THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

In Christ there is no trace of darkness. His light shows up the darkness in us.

His truth shows up our lies. His integrity shows up our falseness.

His peace shows up our conflicts. His openness to others shows how closed we are.

However, we should not be afraid of his light. Rather, we should rejoice in it.

Compared to his light other lights are mere flames in the night or a candle in the wind.

Christ, radiant Light of the world, guide our steps in the way of truth and goodness, and lead us through the gloom of this world to the kingdom of unfailing light.

MOTHERS DAY

Today is an occasion that stirs up a great variety of emotions in us.

As we celebrate 'Mothers Day' we rejoice in the gratitude many feel because they were blessed with loving mothers.

As we do so we are also conscious that there are many for whom today is only a reminder that they missed out on such love.

There are children who never knew a mother's, never knew a parents love and there are adults who never had their longing to be a mother, to be a parent, fulfilled.

There are those, too, who mourn the loss of their child and many children who mourn the loss of their parent(s).

There are parents for whom children were a great challenge rather than a rich blessing.

But whatever our experience, this day of remembrance and celebration reminds us of the great gift a truly loving parent can be.

They can challenge us, even frustrate us, but, as signs of their love for us, these can be just as important as

the encouragement and affirmation they give us.

All are means by which we are nourished and nurtured so that we can become self reliant and confident adults in our own right.

This day also reminds us of what it means for us to be Christian. We speak of the Church as 'Mother'.

We see the role of the Church as being that of a loving parent.

There to encourage and affirm, but also to challenge and to teach.

The role of being part of 'Mother Church' belongs to all of us, irrespective of our gender, our status in society, our age or our state of health.

We are all called to nurture and to be living embodiments of the gift of love that all good mothers, all good parents, are.

Today belongs to all of us and as we give thanks for good mothers and offer prayer for them, may we all enjoy today.

Let us celebrate the gift of love each one of us is and can be.

Happy Mothers Day!