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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

7th February 2021

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

Saturday **No Saturday evening Mass at present**
Sunday 9.30 am People of the Parish

Monday [Feria]

9.00 am Fr Giles Goward

Tuesday [Feria]

9.00 am Betty Wattrus

Wednesday [St Scholastica, virgin]

9.00 am Welfare of Shahida Asghar

Thursday [Our Lady of Lourdes]

9.00 am Isobel Eustace

Friday [Feria]

9.00 am Val and Glenn Burgess

Saturday [Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5.00 pm

Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who have died: **Sr Damian; Magdalen Bright** (anniversaries)

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, falls on 17th February this year. The morning Mass will be the only public Mass celebrated on that day.

The instructions we have been given about the liturgy on that day are as follows:-

The ashes are blessed in the normal way, the priest then says the formula: 'Remember, you are dust...' once over everyone present; he does not repeat the formula for everyone who comes forward. The imposition of ashes takes place in silence and the priest sprinkles the ashes on the top of the penitent's head; he does not make the sign of the cross on the forehead with the ashes. So, do not wear a hat!

We will not have a public celebration of the Stations of the Cross, at least at the start of Lent, and, depending on what government restrictions are in place, we may be forced to have a much reduced liturgy for Holy Week and Easter. More on that in the coming weeks.

It would be a kindness if all Christmas wreaths could be removed from graves by the end of this month and taken

away from site – otherwise, it means that the bins become full of wreaths, and it takes weeks to dispose of them through the regular fortnightly rubbish collections. Thereafter, they will be removed without further notice.

Teach us, holy Father, to hope in your name, from whom everything that exists has come. Open our inward eyes to recognise you, although you are in the highest in high heaven, and the holy one among all the ranks of the holy.

You, Lord God, bring down the proud and outwit the cunning; promote the humble, and make the arrogant fall; hold in your hand every issue of life – whether we are to be rich or poor, whether we are to live or die; see every spirit, good and evil, and the inner thoughts and intentions of every person.

If we are in danger, you come to our aid.

If we are feeling desperate, you save us from our own sense of failure.

If the events in the world overshadow us, we remember that you are the creator and overseer of every living being.

By you, Lord, human life comes into existence, and spiritual life come to those who love you through your Son Jesus Christ. And by him we have learned the truth and our lives have been pointed towards holiness and self-respect.

Grant, Lord, your help and protection:

for those afflicted, deliverance;

for those deprived of their rights, pity;

for those fallen into sin, rescue;

for those who know they need you, a sight of yourself;

for those who are ill, healing;

for those who are wandering, a safe journey home.

Let all the people of the world know that you alone are God, that Jesus Christ in your Son, and that we are your children.

St Clement of Rome (30-100 A.D.)