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First Sunday in Lent (B)

21st February 2021

PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

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

Monday [Chair of St Peter]

9.00 am Welfare of Robert Paton

Tuesday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Betty Wattrus

Wednesday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Susan Lee

Thursday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Welfare of Sr Francis

Friday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Isobel Eustace

Saturday [Lenten 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: **Nora McStraw; Sr Magdalen; Esme Mills** (anniversaries)

Tomorrow, the government is due to unveil its roadmap to lockdown and we may get a clearer idea of what this will mean for the celebration of the rest of Lent and of Holy Week and Easter. For the present, there will not be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

It would be a kindness if all Christmas wreaths could be removed from graves by next Sunday 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.

‘Lament not thy path of woe, O loved man –
it is not unbearable. I hold thee dear,
and will set my guard in power about thee.

My might is above all on this mid-earth,
victory speeds me ...
See now the path where thy blood poured down,
the road dark-stained by thy bone-breaking
and thy body bruises. No more may their blows
harm thee, who hast borne their hard hate.'

The beloved champion looked backwards then,
hearkening to the words of the Glory-King;
he saw groves standing, fair, green-blowing,
bright with blossoms where his blood had fallen.

From the 9th century poem *Andreas*