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Fourth Sunday in Lent (B) [*Laetare Sunday*]

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PARISH LITURGY – MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

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

Monday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Private Intention

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Wednesday [St Patrick, bishop, patron of Ireland]

9.00 am May Conlon

Thursday [Lenten Feria]

9.00 am Rena Murray

Friday [St Joseph, Husband of the BVM, Patron of the Universal Church]

9.00 am Isobel Eustace

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

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: **Marie Onion; Sr Coletta; Mary Florence Higgins** (anniversaries)

Holy Week Liturgies:-

On Palm Sunday, there will not be an outdoor procession. Palms will be distributed individually as you enter the church and will be blessed in a simple rite. The shorter version of the Passion Gospel will be read.

On Maundy Thursday, there will be Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 pm but no Altar of Repose.

On Good Friday, the afternoon celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 pm will not include individual Veneration of the Cross, and the evening Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm will not end with the veneration of the Relic of the True Cross.

There will not be an Easter Vigil. Instead, there will be two Masses on Easter Sunday, at 9.30 and 11.00 am. There will be the Renewal of Baptismal Promises at these Masses, but

individual candles will not be distributed.

After Easter, we will look at the possibility of resuming the Saturday evening Mass, but only if the numbers who attend the Sunday morning Mass look set to reach or exceed our present capacity of 40; at present, they are averaging 25.

It is sadly possible to bear the name of Christ and yet live a life totally unworthy of God. And in some cases those who behave like this do so deliberately. They want to be known as Christians so as to infiltrate your ranks and cause as much trouble for you as they can. Like mad dogs, their bite is sudden and unexpected, but once you are bitten, healing is a slow and painful matter – and not all recover.

In fact, there is only one Healer, from this or any other wound, physical or spiritual. He is the One who had no beginning, and yet was born on earth; who is God and yet is also man; who won true life through dying; who is the Son of Mary and also the Son of God; who suffered once, but suffers no more: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

St Ignatius of Antioch (c.35-c.107 A.D.)