Lent is a time when we share the desert with Jesus. Time to fast, pray and sacrifice.

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Saturday	29 Mar	<u>10.00am</u>	Althda Prosogolaviciqi RIP – Maglida
		<u>6.30pm</u>	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Carmel Ramsing – Budaly Family
Sunday	30 Mar	<u>9.00am</u>	Stephanie Scowen RIP – Carmele Chris White 4 th Sunday of Lent (C)
		<u>10.30am</u>	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		4.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		5.00pm	Elizabeth Oberman RIP – Renee Francis
Monday	31 Mar	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION – FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
,		9.00am	Daniel Hurley RIP (Ann.) – P. Wall
Tuesday	1 Apr	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
•	•	9.00am	Mark Labouchardiere RIP – Euan Labouchardiere
Wednesday	2 Apr	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
,	•	9.00am	Stuart Ward – Ward Family
		6.00pm	- 7.00pm CHILDRÉN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
		7.00pm	·
Thursday	3 Apr	8.30am	•
,	•	9.00am	Chris Power RIP – Eileen
Friday	4 Apr	8.15am	DARENT VALLEY HOSP: MASS: Maureen and John Kelleher
,	•	8.30am	EXPOSITION & ADORATION - FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH
		9.00am	John Kelleher RIP (Ann) – FM
Saturday	5 Apr	10.00am	Mary Murin Fernando RIP – Family
,		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Thanksgiving – Grace Iloanya
Sunday	6 Apr	9.00am	Adrian Drinan RIP – Carmel and Chris White 5 th Sunday of Lent (C)
,	•	10.30am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		4.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		5.00pm	Sumithra Bahu RIP – Berlyn and Infanta
CLEANING TEAMS:	30.3.25 Bijo Josen		5 Karen & Steve Coleman 13.4.25 Filipinos 27.4.25 Polish Team

CHURCH CLEANING: The church cleaning teams have now been re-established, and they are functioning smoothly. I would like to thank those teams who have done so for quite some time and the new teams for their support. It is good to have a good number of volunteers to maintain God's house and make it look respectful and conducive for prayer.

SUMMER FETE: Now we have moved into spring. The date has been fixed for the Summer Fete. A meeting will be held for all volunteers on Friday 4th April at 7:00 pm.

LENT TALKS: We are now halfway through the talks. The theme for this coming Wednesday is, "I believe in the Holy Spirit." The speaker is John Scott who is a regular contributor to these talks. As usual, he is well prepared. He provides a good delivery. We look forward to seeing new faces this week. May I remind you that after each talk, one has the opportunity to ask questions. Do not let these talks pass by without having attended at least one talk.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The school children will break up for their Easter holiday this coming Friday. The school is only half day which means there won't be Stations of the Cross presented by children. For this reason, the church will be left open for those who wish to continue with the devotion in private. The devotion on Sunday will continue as usual.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: At present we haven't got a set time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions). Please feel free to ask for the sacrament any time. I am always available. The season of Lent leads itself to such an efficacious sacrament. It is the sacrament of spiritual healing freely given by Jesus' mandate when he said to Peter, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven." The fruits of the sacrament are immeasurable.