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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	30 th	6.00 pm	Lynn Pattenden RIP
Sunday	31 st	8.15 am	Mary Haugh RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	1 st	9.30 am	Canon John Bailey RIP
Tuesday	2 nd	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	3 rd	9.30 am	Jayantha Fernando RIP
		7.00 am	Divine Mercy Lent Group
Thursday	4 th	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
		8.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday	5 th	9.30 am	Michael Farrell RIP
		12 noon	REQUIEM FOR MONICA SANDRA RAY RIP
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	6 th	6.00 pm	Intention of the Friday Group
Sunday	7 th	8.15 am	Pauline McCaul & Kitty & Paddy Foley RIP
		10.30 am	Keith Gladden RIP
		1.00 pm	REQUIEM FOR GERRY POTTER RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

COLLECTIONS: Church: £542 **Thank you for your generosity.**

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal. (Please see Note 4)

CAFOD Gift Aid envelopes available in both porches

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Joan Emerton, Brian Dunne, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, Michael Butler, Brenda Peazold, Rosie Grove, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Peggy Gallagher, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Bernard Bandy, Deacon Pat Moloney, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Leslie Green, Bernard Berendt, Jessie Crouch, Dick Rains, Lilian Lee, Anthony Lawton, Bernard Smyth, Catherine Edwards, Gladys Feaver, Paul Dillon.

3. THE LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will take place here on **Thursday 11th April** at 7.30pm. If you are unable to come there are posters in the porches with details of services being held elsewhere in the Deanery

4. CAFOD EMERGENCY CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL: Please support our parish retiring collection next weekend for this appeal. Your donation will give food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Gabriele, our CAFOD expert working with the Church in Mozambique at this time, tells us: "We know that Idai has wiped out crops and livestock, damaged water supplies and wrecked sanitation facilities, leaving vulnerable families even more exposed. With the support and generosity of the Catholic community, we can reach the people who really need urgent emergency aid."

5. KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ROSARY APOSTOLATE To celebrate the centenary of The Knights of St Columba, each month the Knights and the Society of the Protection of Unborn Children, will be praying the Rosary for the unborn in front of the Blessed Sacrament,. This will take place In St Michael's Parish during the Holy Hour on the last Sunday of each month at 4pm. This month they will be praying for medical staff, that they that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life. All are welcome to join them on Sunday 31st March at 4pm.

6. GORING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE in the Methodist Church Hall every Wednesday at 12.30pm, regularly welcomes 60 elderly diners, many of whom live on their own and who enjoy the three-course cooked meal and fellowship with others. There is a chef and thirty volunteers who take it in turns to care for the guests. They are looking for two people who would be prepared to take on the organisation of the gathering or a group of people who might, on a rota basis, take turns in having responsibility for the lunch time meeting. To find out more please go along on a Wednesday morning to meet the current organisers, John and Catherine.

7. HAND-MADE MOTHER'S DAY CARDS AND EASTER CARDS are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga. St Patrick Day cards etc are also available.

8. ONE WOODEN PALETTE, cut neatly into two pieces, sitting just inside the front wall of the Presbytery ready for collection by the first person who finds them!

9. PRAY WITH THE HEART: Lenten talks on prayer continue at 7.30 pm at St Michael's on Mondays. The next talk will be given by Bishop Richard

10. BOXES FOR PRAYER PETITIONS: The prayer group has placed a box in each of the porches for your Prayer Petitions. These will be offered up by the prayer group when they meet on alternate Friday evenings

11. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of A5 Notebooks/Reporters Pads, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases and Crayons/Colouring Pencils. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

12. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects): Items they currently need: Cooking sauces, Ketchup, Brown sauce, Salad cream, Cooking oil, Squashes, Tea and Coffee, Boxer Shorts, Ladies Undies 12/14, Washing powder, Cereal bowls, Washing up brushes, Dishwasher Tablets, Toilet bleach, Shampoo, Shower gel, Floor cleaner. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year.

Father Liam says: Pope Francis has announced that the Vatican will soon open its archives on the pontificate of Pius XII who was Pope from 1939 to 1958. Pius has often been accused by some Jewish groups – among others – of not speaking out sufficiently loudly on the Holocaust. The Vatican usually waits seventy years after the end of each pontificate to open its archives. Now these archives will be open to researchers from 2nd March 2020. This will be eight years before it would normally occur. The Vatican has long been under pressure to do this while Holocaust survivors are still alive. Pope Francis declared: 'the Church isn't afraid of history.' He said that the legacy of Pius XII had been treated with 'some prejudice and exaggeration.' The Vatican has always claimed that he worked quietly behind the scenes to save many Jews. Speaking out, it claims, would have greatly worsened the situation for Jews and for Catholics in parts of Nazi occupied Europe. Pius XII was indeed a skilled diplomat who was distrustful of Hitler from the beginning. His much criticised public silence was in fact part of the cover for underground efforts to destroy Nazism.

A recent book by Mark Reibling says that Pius used his role to help German plotters to get rid of Hitler. Reibling is a respected historian and author who has researched and written about intelligence for various publications. His latest book is called 'Church of Spies: The Pope's Secret War against Hitler'. It has more than 100 pages of notes and sources – an indication of how thoroughly he has researched his material. A previous book of his called 'Wedge: the Secret War Between the FBI and the CIA'. He is a specialist in underground diplomacy, spy games and double agents. In the 'Church of Spies' he gives vivid details about the underground communication, secret meetings and failed attempts on Hitler's life.

It took a long time for such a treasure trove of surprising information to see the light of day. Perhaps this demonstrates the wisdom of not releasing the Vatican archives too speedily. They can now perhaps be more accurately analysed when the wider context of the times is better understood. Reibling convincingly shows that Pius was a key player in the master plan for a peaceful Germany. The Pope was part of a network of people pretending to be something they were not, in an effort to help link the internal and external enemies of Hitler. The code name of Pope Pius during the operations was 'chief' a name that the Pope apparently liked! The head of the Nazi secret military intelligence and his deputy – Wilhelm Canaris and Hans Oster – despite being on the Nazi payroll were spies working with conservative opponents of Hitler. The German intelligence agency was in fact the headquarters of the German military opposition to Hitler. A key figure in all of this was Josef Muller, a Catholic lawyer and book publisher with fingers in many pies. Canaris and Oster needed Muller to make contact with the Pope. The papal rubber stamp of approval to plans gave the opposition the legitimacy needed for any real communication and co-operation between the German opposition and the Western powers. In his trips back and forth to Rome, Muller spied for the Vatican and shared information with Oster while pretending to spy on the Italians for the Nazis. Muller was acting somewhat as a triple-agent. In exchange for the life threatening risks that Muller took, he was married in the Vatican and remembered in the Pope's daily prayers.

The book shows that Pope Pius put his reputation, safety and security on the line for peace. Although the plots to remove Hitler failed, the Vatican's secret connections helped change the course of the war in several ways that indeed saved lives. Some historians of that awful era also hope that the full opening of the Vatican archives could shed light on the reasons for the ending of the systematic slaughter of the Jews in late 1944. This was many months before the Nazis surrendered to the Allies in May 1945. Himmler gave orders to blow up the gas chambers and crematoria of Auschwitz – Birkenau two months before Stalin's Red Army stormed the camp gates in January 1945. The Nazis destroyed death camps to attempt hiding the evidence of their heinous crimes but that was usually done just before the allied forces closed in. But the Soviets were another two months away when Auschwitz was dynamited and the Nazis left behind more than 7,000 detainees who would be crucial eyewitnesses. While the Holocaust claimed several million lives, the Nazis could have killed all the remaining Jews in the camps, especially as they were losing the war. There is strong evidence that negotiations tricked Himmler into preventing the continued slaughter. As many as 300,000 Jews may have been saved in efforts linked to the secret negotiations involving Himmler and the former President of Switzerland Jean-Marie Musy and the Vatican Nuncio in Switzerland, the Italian Archbishop Filippo Bernardini. The eventual opening of the Vatican archives for the World War II period will be extremely helpful for researchers and instructive for all of us.