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8th Sunday of the Church's Year – 3rd March, 2019

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ST COLUMBA'S</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ST MALACHY'S</u>
Saturday	2 nd	10.00 am	John Houlahan		
				6.30 pm	People of the Parishes
Sunday	3 rd			9.00 am	John & Sadie Finn & Deceased Members of the Finn Family
		11.00 am	Maura Graydon		
Monday	4 th			8.30 am	Sheila Armstrong
Tuesday	5 th			10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
ASH WEDNESDAY - DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE					
Wednesday	6 th	12.00 noon	John Keane	9.30 am	John Hargreaves
				7.00 pm	Intentions of Julie Simpson
Thursday	7 th			8.30 am	Tom West
				9.00 am	Stations of the Cross
Friday	8 th	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	8.30 am	Intentions of Sr. Cepha
Saturday	9 th	10.00 am	James Fenton	6.30 pm	Martin McGinley & Maisie Matthewson
Sunday	10 th			9.00 am	People of the Parishes
		11.00 am	Olga & Jimmy Bedford		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK:

Mary Dollman
Rosaline Walsh
Joan Minford
Ken Pickard

Kieran Kneafsey
Bernard Lister
Baby Noah Calcott
Paddy Kenny

Marie West
Arthur Warden
Rose Rothery
Stuart Harris

Joe McGoverin
Stuart Ridley
Brian Dickinson
Fawzia Mohammed

LATELY DEAD:

Fr. Sean Leonard
Walerie Dubaj
John Kenny
Pat (Patricia) Bastion

(Requiem Mass - St. Patrick's, Elland - 20th March at 11.00 a.m.)
(Requiem Mass - St. Columba's - 18th March at 11.00 a.m.)
(Funeral Service - St. Malachy's - 21st March at 10.45 a.m.)
(Requiem Mass - St. Columba's - 22nd March at 11.15 a.m.)

READERS

This Week - 3rd March
W. Devney

Next Week - 10th March
J. Coffey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This Week - 3rd March
K Kidney & M. Kidney

Next Week - 10th March
P. Luniw & M. Riordan

'Walk Away the Pounds' every Thursday
10.30 am – 11.30 am –
£3 per session.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	LAST WEEK	£436.11	Many thanks for your Continued generosity
HUNGRY BOX:	“ “	£21.63	
SPECIAL COLLECTION: Diocesan response			
To Refugees & Asylum Seekers:	“ “	£164.78	

<p><u>Confessions this week:</u> Wednesday 11.30 am - 11.55 am Saturday 10.30 am - 11.00 am</p>	<p>FIRST SACRAMENTS The celebration of First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday 9th March at St Bernard's Church, 2.00pm beginning at 2.00pm Preparation for First Holy Communion begins on Tuesday March 12th at 6.00pm at St. Malachy's School!</p>
	<p>Celebration of Confirmation. Many thanks to all who helped to ensure that last Wednesday's celebration of Confirmation was a wonderful occasion: to the Catechists who prepared the youngsters, to those who prepared the church, booklets, flowers, certificates etc, and to the musicians and singers who enhanced the liturgy on the night itself. These services are very much appreciated.</p>
<p>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 5th – 11th July 2019. A number of booking forms are available at the back of church. Doctors, nurses and carers who are interested in being part of the amazing hospitality team on the Pilgrimage are invited to an information evening taking place at Mount St Mary's School, LS9 8LA Tuesday 19th March, 7pm.</p>	<p>Lent begins on Wednesday; it is a special season of greater spiritual effort marked by prayer, feasting and charity. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Wednesday. A couple of excellent resources are available to take home at Mass today. Firstly, the children's calendar provides a very practical thought/activity suitable for adults as well as children for each of the days of Lent. Secondly, the Walk With Me booklet provides a short daily reflection and prayers for each day of the Lenten Season. The local Christian churches are also organising a short course to bring local Christians together. This will take place on Mondays evenings at St Hilda's Church, Gibraltar Road, 7.30 – 9.00pm starting on Monday 11th March.</p>

<p>Open Parish Meeting. The next meeting Wednesday March 20th at 7.30pm in the Hall <i>(Please note the change of start time)</i> Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Should anyone wish to request an item for discussion please let Fr. Michael know.</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS: Monday 11th March – Brew & A Chat – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm Saturday 16th March – St Patricks Day Dance – tickets now sold out Sunday 24th March – Angels Corner Café – 12.00 noon – 2.30 pm</p>
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<p>TODAY Coffee Morning straight after Mass ☕</p> <p>Coffee, tea, time for a catch up ☕ Drinks and sweets. The March 200 Club draw will also take place. Prizes this month are £250, £150 & £100 Everyone welcome - we hope you can make it!</p>	<p>NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are now being prepared for the new financial year 2019-20. Could we please invite you to sign up to use the envelopes if you don't already use them. Non-Tax Payers – it is more important than ever before that your offering is received via the offertory envelopes to ensure that any donations you make are given to the church of your choice. Alternatively if preferred you can set up a Standing Order to make your weekly offering. We would also really like to encourage all tax-payers to sign Gift Aid Declaration forms. If you wish to do so please fill in your details on the list provided or see Fr. Michael or Marina for more info. Thank you for your kind support.</p>
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<p>"SMARTIE CHALLENGE"</p> <p>Following the huge success of other Parishes and St Mary's School we are launching our own "Smartie Challenge" during Lent 2019. From this Sunday tubes of smarties will be available after Sunday Mass to those wishing to participate. You may enjoy the smarties before filling up the tubes during Lent with the coins of your choice (5p, 10p, 20p or £1 coins). The tubes of coins should be returned to Church as soon as possible after Easter Saturday. All monies raised will go towards our Church Restoration Programme. Thank you in advance for your kind support.</p>
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