

# Dome of Home

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## LENT 2019

Dear friends of the Shrine,

Holy Mother Church takes her beloved children on a lengthy journey, sustained by fasting, prayer and abstinence, through the wilderness of Lent, and the solemn commemoration of our redemption during 'Holy Week'.

On the first day of that most sacred week, we go in procession and proclaim Our Blessed Lord as King, with hosannas and shouts of acclamation. And yet joy is turned to sorrow, as we read the Gospel of the Passion. During sung Mass is the 'planctus', the last section of the Gospel, a sweet and mournful chant. It is a 'cri de coeur', urging sorrow for Our Lord's death and repentance for our sins.

The Sacred 'triduum' is the 'consummatum est' of Lent. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the institution of the sacred priesthood in the Upper Room and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the re-presentation of Calvary, to the praise and glory of God and to bring spiritual food for our earthly journey. Our Lord is carried in procession, in a chalice, as if to be buried. And yet, it is the living Lord whom we accompany to the Altar of Repose, and there, fall to our knees in silent adoration and love.

And then, on Good Friday, comes Our Lord's captivity, unjust trial and condemnation, and His bitter passion and death. At the altar the priest receives Our Lord in Holy Communion, after elevating Him for the adoration of all. At that moment we can say with the centurion at Calvary: 'Truly this was the Son of God'.

Henceforth, to Holy Saturday, we are silent, mourning for our dead Lord. But such silence will not endure. At the great Easter Vigil a new light is kindled and the paschal candle is solemnly blessed with chant, and the resurrection of Our Lord is proclaimed.

A new day is made by the Lord, 'exsultemus et laetemur in ea'. 'In Cruce salus' – in the cross is salvation. Blessed Lenten season.

God bless you, Father Gribbin



Canon Montjean



Canon Poucin de Wouilt



Father Gribbin

### Dome Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

8.30am: Low Mass

9.45am: Confessions

10.30am: Sung Mass

5.30pm: Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

#### Monday to Thursday

7.30am: Lauds & Meditation

8.30am: Public Rosary

8.45am: Confessions

9am: Holy Mass

12 noon: Holy Mass (except Mondays)

5.30pm: Vespers

6-7pm: Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament

7pm: Compline

#### Friday

9.15am: Holy Mass (English Mass-Parish)

12 noon: Holy Mass

5.30pm: Vespers

6-7pm: Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament

7pm: Holy Mass

#### Saturday & Bank Holidays

9.45am: Confessions

10am: Holy Mass &

St Philomena Devotions (Saturday only)

5.30pm: Vespers

# Family

11<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Parish Lunch *(left)*

DIY work for Canon Poucin, who built a new wooden indoor crib for the Church, to replace the previous one *(bottom left & center)*

Midnight Mass at the Dome *(bottom right)*



6<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany of the Lord. Following the **Rituale Romanum**, Father Gribbin blessed the presbytery after the Holy Mass, writing up the main door entrance the current year and the first letter of the Three Kings:

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2<sup>nd</sup> February: Feast of the Purification of Our Lady and Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas). Blessing and distribution of the candles *(left)*, and procession around the church *(above)*

# Life at the Dome



Every Month, families gather at the Dome for the **Fatima Day**. Here are a few highlights from the last months. Explanation on the Crib (*right*), games with the Canons (*left*), Catechism on Holy Week (*bottom right*)



10<sup>th</sup> February: Pontifical High Mass said by the Rt. Rev. Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury, at Shrewsbury Cathedral, for the official opening of the new mission of the ICKSP in the Diocese (*above*)

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March: 40 Hours devotion, all-day Adoration in reparation of the offences to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament (*down*)



## HOLY WEEK AT THE DOME

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday**

10.30am: Procession and Sung Mass

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Maundy Thursday**

9am: Gregorian Matins - 'Tenebrae'

2pm - 6pm: Confessions

7pm: Solemn High Mass & Procession

Adoration until Midnight

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Good Friday**

9am: Gregorian Matins - 'Tenebrae'

12 noon - 2pm: Confessions

2pm: Stations of the Cross

3pm: Liturgy of the Passion

5pm - 6pm: Confessions

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday**

9am: Gregorian Matins - 'Tenebrae'

2pm - 5pm: Confessions

7pm: Easter Vigil & High Mass

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Easter Sunday**

8.30am: Low Mass with organ

10.30am: High Mass

5.30pm: Vespers & Benediction

# Restoration project update

**Matchfunding:** Thanks to ALLCHURCHES TRUST LIMITED, which supported us with a grant of £12,200 we nearly reached the minimum £15,000 requested by our next HLF project, to restore the Dome and the Sanctuary. **Help us towards the final step of £3,800!**



**Community Chat:** a few weeks ago, we reach

out to involve the local community, inviting them for a monthly tea & coffee, to share their memories about the church and the events related to it, in order to set up an online archive, and a memory book about the Church and local area.

## Fundraising appeal for our church heating!

Dear friends,

During our previous restoration phases of our beloved church of Ss Peter & Paul and St Philomena, several people raised the matter of fixing our heating system. This is needed now! HLF grants have been used to improve the insulation of the church, stop the draughts with the glazed screen (*left*), and the water getting in. This has significantly reduced our gas bill.



It is now time to plan this new project. Acting on advice from our Architect, Mark Pearce, I have engaged a Heating engineer from Bob Costello Associates Ltd, to undertake a survey of our actual heating system, to indicate me problems, and solutions. I will soon share with you his professional recommendations and advice.

From Bob's first visit, it seems clear that we need more efficient boilers. The existing ones (*right*) still operate, but are not efficient and wasting money! As you can see on this photo (*below right*), one of them broke down during winter. Bob Costello also noticed that the air heating system is damaged: at least one of the pipes is totally disconnected! (*left*)



Right now, I have to pay for the survey itself. Estimated costs of a new system are still to be calculated, but I need to anticipate the expenses on this very important project. Could you please help fundraising or pledge your financial support towards the final bill? I will regularly update you about progress.



**If you wish to donate, please use the donation form. Thank you so much!**

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions.

God bless you!

Canon Montjean

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