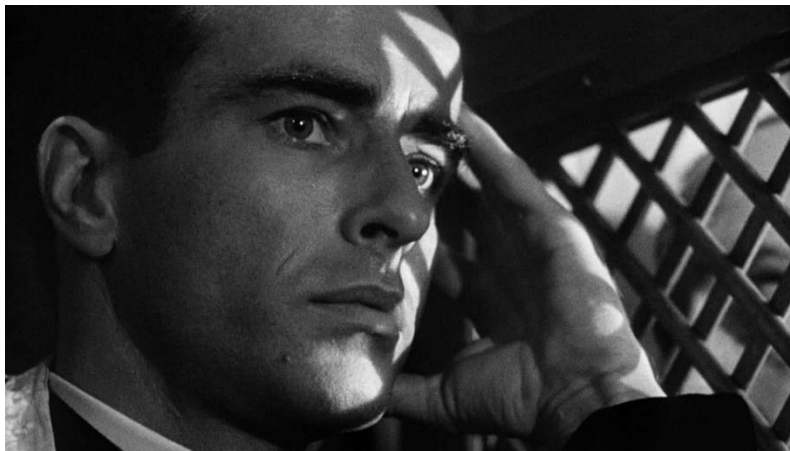




1. This weekend we celebrate the **Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The readings can be found on page 139 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. **This weekend we hold a collection for the Clergy Support Fund**, which provides care for priests in their old age and retirement. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. Please be generous today with a gift to the clergy support fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you!
3. **The season of LENT begins this coming Wednesday** – Ash Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. There are 3 Masses in church, all with the blessing and distribution of ashes – at 6.45 am, 9.30 am and 8.00 pm. Do make sure you get to Mass and begin Lent in the best possible way.
4. **During Lent we have a number of special events – extra Masses, spiritual and historical talks, and extra opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession** – see below this document (website)
5. **Holy Ghost Youth Group** will be held on 26 February after the 6pm mass. Anyone between the ages of 13-18 is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there! **When:** Sunday 26 February **Time:** 7 till 8:30pm **Where:** The crypt.
6. Every three years, our Diocese encourages us to hold a Planned Giving Campaign. **Our campaign will begin on the weekend of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to reflect prayerfully on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world.

These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. More details will follow soon.

7. **Families who will be applying for places in a Catholic school** – Primary, Secondary or Sixth Form – in the near future should make sure they fill in a ‘Mass attendance form’ every Sunday (or Saturday evening) during term time. Forms are available at the back of church and, once completed, should be left in the tray provided. These forms are used by the clergy to assist them in completing school reference forms when asked – most schools require evidence of 3 years weekly Mass attendance.
  
8. **FINAL CALL - Parish Film Night - There will be a showing of Hitchcock’s “I Confess” in the Parish Centre on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.** It has been described as "the most Catholic film of Hitchcock's films". The film (about 90 minutes long) is about a murder which the murderer confesses to his local priest. The priest himself is then questioned by the police, and is subsequently charged with the murder. The film provides us with an important practical lesson on the Seal of the Confessional. If you would like to come to the showing of the film, please give your name to Richard Symington on 0771 360 7017 (incl. WhatsApp) or at [richard.symington@methuenconsulting.com](mailto:richard.symington@methuenconsulting.com). Numbers are limited, so please get your booking in early.



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