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## Parish Newsletter for Sunday 28 February 2021

### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

### ST JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRAY FOR US!

#### Sunday 28 February

Public Mass and live-stream

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 115; Romans 8: 31-34; Mark 9: 2-10

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm **Live-stream** – Stations of the Cross and Benediction

#### Monday 1 March

Live - stream Mass

#### Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron Saint of Wales

Philippians 3: 8-14; Ps 1; Matthew 5: 13-16

940am Rosary 10am Holy Souls (FP)

#### Tuesday 2 March

Live - stream Mass

#### Feast of St Chad, Bishop, Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Romans 12: 3-13; Ps 15; Luke 10: 1-9

940am Rosary 10am Liam Quinn RIP

#### Wednesday 3 March

No live - stream today

#### Lent feria

Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Ps 30; Matthew 20: 17-28

#### Thursday 4 March

Live - stream Mass

#### Commemoration of St Casimir, Patron Saint of Poland and Lithuania

Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Ps 1; Luke 16: 19-31

940am Rosary 10am Elizabeth Fox RIP

#### Friday 5 March

Live - stream Mass

First Friday

Women's World Day of Prayer

#### Lent feria: Online School Mass

Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 104; Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

940am Rosary 10am Patricia Ahern RIP

4pm **Live-stream** - Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday 6 March

No live - stream today

#### Lent feria

Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 102; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

#### Sunday 7 March

Public Mass and live-stream

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 18; 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2: 13-25

935am Church open

10am Janusz Szura (Spec Int)8

4pm **Live-stream** – Stations of the Cross and Benediction

#### Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament, please be in contact with Fr Martin directly. Confession will be celebrated in the presbytery car park at a social distance. Please bring a face covering.

**Weddings and Baptisms** – If you are looking to arrange either a Wedding or a Baptism, please be in contact with Fr Martin.

**Funerals at St Mary's** – unfortunately, at present, it is not possible to hold Funerals in church.

**Going into hospital** For a Chaplain at the University Hospital North Midlands, please ask a member of the ward staff or call 01782 676400 Ext 76400. For a Chaplain at the Macclesfield District General Hospital, please call 01625 663386

**Please pray for the sick** Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Rosemary Emery, Kathryn Higginbotham, Brian Dale, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, David Wright, Janusz Szura and those who are in self-isolation and have been diagnosed with Covid-19.

*Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the person who is unwell needs to be given.*

#### The Pope's Prayer Intention for March

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

#### Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey Pointon and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

#### Anniversaries

Francis Salt 28/2/1967 James Malkin 28/2/1974 Ernest Birch 28/2/2004 John Tatton 28/2/2004 Giuseppe Cumbo 28/2/2011

Eileen Elizabeth Arrowsmith 29/2/1992 Hilda Chadwick 3/1978 Mrs Coyne 3/1978 Albert Briscoe 3/1979 Christine Kirkham 3/1979

Denis Heywood 3/1982 Martin McNeilly 3/1982 Jan Szdelko 3/1982 Christopher David Williams 3/1982 Stanley Pocock 3/1985

Sister Baptist Haslam 1/3/1995 Annie McDonough 1/3/1956 Hilda Barker 1/3/2001 Basil Walmsley 3/3/1944 James Birchenough 3/3/1992

Arthur Hambleton 4/3/1982 Wilfred Spencer 4/3/2002 Mary Joan Plant 4/3/2008 Kathleen Mary Smith 4/3/2014 Albina Kuszlena 5/3/1993

James William (Bill) Owen 5/3/2005 Bernard Fenton 6/3/1987 Richard Hanley 6/3/1991 Frank Shaw 6/3/2002 Josephine Theresa Grain 6/3/2016

Dear friends, I am incredibly grateful to each parishioner for your support of our parish during this extraordinary period. For me, Sunday Mass is the highlight of the week: parishioners both in church and joining online is a great source of encouragement! It is a great joy to see a range of people of all ages: some of the seniors and some of the youngest; it is a joy to hear the very young joining in at Mass! Having a number of families coming to church for Sunday Mass with some of our youngest parishioners is very encouraging. It is a positive sign of hope that the church has a future and a present.



**Pope Francis's Apostolic Visit to Iraq** On Friday 5 March, Pope Francis will travel to Iraq for an Apostolic Visit. On Friday, he will meet both the President and Prime Minister of Iraq. He will visit Ur, the birthplace of Abraham, the father in faith. On Sunday 7 March, he will celebrate two Masses: one Mass will be celebrated in the Nineveh Plains in northern Iraq and later that day he will celebrate a second Mass in Erbil. Let's pray for the success of the Pope's visit.

**Archbishop Bernard invites you to share your experience of faith during the pandemic**

Archbishop Bernard has launched an online survey asking you, the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Birmingham about your experience of faith during this extraordinary period. Your response will help him to discover the effects of the pandemic has had on both parishioners and their parishes. Please visit [https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/covid-19-survey-form/#gf\\_12](https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/covid-19-survey-form/#gf_12)

**The Season of Lent continues and let's remain positive!** This year, let's have a positive, life-giving vision of the three traditional acts of Lent: prayer, fasting and charity. Did you know that it is easier to start a new habit than give up an old and bad habit?

**Prayer** – if you already have a routine of daily prayer, keep going! For Lent, pray for 5 minutes every day.

**Fasting** – if you have given up chocolate or some other food make a prayer of the sacrifice

**Charity** – let's try this. When we work together, great things happen! If every parishioner put aside £1 for each day of Lent that would be £40. If 20 parishioners did this together that would raise £800! If 50 parishioners did this together that would raise £1000! If 100 parishioners gave £40 for Lent that would raise £4000! If we donate this to the Parish SVP Group it can continue to support families and those living alone during this extraordinary time with all the demands it is making. During the week, I have received some donations: thank you!

**The Year of St Joseph** During this yearlong celebration, Pope Francis wants us to adopt St Joseph's way of loving with a parent's heart. We have started to have weekday Mass live-streamed from the St Joseph's chapel in our church. The Seven Sundays of St Joseph, that is the seven Sundays before St Joseph's day. On each of these Sundays, let us use the Prayer of Pope Francis:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

**Online events this week**

**Sunday 28 February** Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy and Family Prayer video available on YouTube

**Monday 1 March** 630pm Faith for Families

**Thursday 4 March** 230pm Bible Book Club – during Lent, we are reading the Sermon on the Mount. If you would like

to join, please send an email to me at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

**Dates for your diary**

**Friday 5 March** World Day of Prayer (formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer), "Building a strong foundation." This year's World Day of Prayer will focus on the nation of Vanuatu in the Pacific Ocean. For more information, please visit: [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

**Friday 19 March** St Joseph's Day. In preparation for the celebration, we shall have a Novena of prayer.

**Fr Philip Newbold is Walking for Water** Fr Philip has been in contact with me. During Lent he will be taking part in the CAFOD Walk for Water initiative. He aims to walk 10,000 steps every day throughout Lent in solidarity with people who must walk miles daily to collect clean water. If you would like to sponsor Fr Philip, please visit: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-walk-for-water-appeal>

**St Edward's, Leek, Lent Course** This year's Lent Course will follow the Methodist Lent Course, *Woven*. It will take place on Wednesday evenings on Zoom at 730pm. If you would like to join, please be in contact with Revd Nigel Irons at St Edward's by sending an email to him at [stedwardschurch@hotmail.com](mailto:stedwardschurch@hotmail.com)

**St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together**

**Our Parish Working Together: Can you help? I am very grateful to those who have offered to help over the next few weeks.** Can you help? This will only be possible with **your** help! If you can help as a steward or cleaner, please let me know! Send an email to me at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

**Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer.** Please pray for our parish that we will continue to be a place where we meet Christ in the Sacraments and each other. I ask you to use this prayer:

**God our Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon the people of this parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service so that your love may grow among us, and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**200 Club – A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has sent their subscriptions** I am very grateful to everyone who has either renewed their subscription or taken a new subscription for the 200 Club. The next – socially distant – draw will take place in a few weeks after Sunday Mass.

**At Facebook Mass we can't have a collection** Thank you to those who have used the "Donate" button on the Parish Website. If you would like to donate by standing order, please send an email to me at the Parish Office at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk).

If you shop online, it is possible to donate to the parish through the Easy Fundraising initiative. A number of online stores including Amazon contribute to a named charity for each online purchase. Thank you to those who have started to do this.

Ash Wednesday collection

**Total £41.08**

Sunday Collection Gift Aid £681.00 Loose cash £77.11

**Total £758.11**

Thank you for your kind generosity!

**With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin**