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First Sunday  
of Lent

## 1st Sunday of Lent (Year B) 18th February 2024

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th February	Vigil: 1st Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 18th February	1st Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Sharon Pereira
		10.30am	Margaret Loftus RIP
Tuesday 20th February	Lent Feria	7.00pm	Gracy Baptista RIP
Wednesday 21st February	Lent Feria	9.15am	Deacon Stephen Pickard RIP
Thursday 22nd February	Chair of St Peter	9.15am	Patricia Nelson RIP
Friday 23rd February	Lent Feria	9.15am	Timothy Anthony Foley RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 24th February	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Jim Thomson RIP

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**

### Liturgy of the Word: 18th February 2024

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.		
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.		
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!		
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18,	Psalm 115	Romans 8: 31-34, Mark 9: 2-10

### "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days." (Mark 1)

There are forty days between today, the first Sunday of Lent, and Good Friday. This Lenten season reminds us of the forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness at the beginning of his public ministry during which he was tempted by the devil. Jesus is united with us in our struggles against sin: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." (Hebrews 4:15).

Lent gives us an opportunity to turn again to the Lord and to become more like him. It is an opportunity to open our hearts to God; to close our hearts to temptations to indifference and self-sufficiency and open them to love God and those around us.

The Church recommends prayer, fasting and almsgiving as things to be embraced in the Lenten season.

*Prayer* allows us to make a special effort to talk to God and to listen to his call at this time. We don't have to be in Church to pray – we can raise our hearts to God anywhere – at home, or perhaps as Spring begins to take hold, as we enjoy the outdoors.

*Fasting* or acts of self-denial or abstinence, challenge our desire for self-gratification; allowing us not to take for granted the gifts that we have received and to realise that we don't have to buy or consume things to find happiness.

*Almsgiving* provides an opportunity for us to share from the abundance of our resources with those who are less fortunate. It reminds us that we show our love for God in how we care for others. We might find time to make a special effort to help someone we know personally by some act of charity or service.

May this Lent be for us a journey of true conversion, standing beside our brothers and sisters in need, embracing Christ's victory over sin and death in our own lives.

### Cafod Family Fast Day –Friday 23 February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's *Family Fast Day* appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or *online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)* and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at **[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)**

### Right to Life

Support an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to *reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks*. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the Church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment. URGENT ACTION needed.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024** If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in the Diocese. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code on the poster to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.



### The Big Lent Walk

A message from our parishioner Greg Birch.

*I'm taking part in The Big Lent Walk, and hope to raise at least £200 for CAFOD.*

*Please sponsor me! Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.*

*The link for my fundraising page is <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/gregs-big-lent-walk>*

*There is also a poster at the back of Church with a QR code*

### A Day with Mary

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917, will be held at Our Lady & St Michael, Garston on **Saturday 2nd March starting at 10am**. See poster on the rear noticeboard.

### \*\*100 Club\*\*

Membership of the 100 Club is now closed for the time being. **Please do not send us any further donations.** Many thanks for your support of this initiative to raise funds for the Parish.

We plan to have our first draw next Sunday 25th Feb after 8:30am Mass.



### Planned Giving envelopes

\*\*\*Would you consider switching to Standing Order?\*\*\*

It is a more convenient way of giving for you as there is no weekly scramble for cash.

It is also safer for us to have less cash on the premises.

It reduces the time volunteers spend counting the collection each week.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to switch.



**STANDING ORDERS**

### Votive candles

Please ensure that children do not light candles and are supervised by adults when around the candle stands. Please also note that an offering should be made for candles in the box provided on the candle stand.

### Parish Hall for Rent

The parish hall is available for groups who are interested in renting on a regular, weekly basis.

Please speak with Fr John or contact Linda in the parish office ([carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk)) should this be of interest.

**Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers** especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley.

### Offertory for 11th February

Loose           £ 320.58

Envelopes     £ 207.60

Total           £ 528.18

*Many thanks*