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23/24 FEBRUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B



Saturday	24th	5.00 pm		For the Sick
Sunday	25th	9.00 am		Bridget Murphy RIP
		11.00am		Pamela Zammit (RIP Anniv.)
Monday	26th	9.30 am	Feria	
Tuesday	27th	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	28th	9.30 am	Feria	Thomas Anthony (Thanks)
Friday	Mar 1st	9:00 am	Benediction & Mass (St. David, Bishop)	
3rd Sunday Lent Year B				
Saturday	2nd	5.00 pm		
Sunday	3rd	9 & 11.00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially, Margaret Watson, Patricia Reilly, Mariasha McDonagh, Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Bridget Murphy and also for Pamela Zammit whose anniversary occurs at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 The "Binding of Isaac" shows Abraham's complete obedience to God **Second Reading:** Romans 8:31-34 The Father's love for us is shown by letting his Son die for our sake

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10 The apostles glimpse Christ's glory, to sustain them through his imminent passion

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- the faith of Abraham

The God who spared the son of Abraham and showered him with blessings, did not spare his own Son, but left him in the hands of his enemies for our redemption. Unlike Isaac, Jesus was aware of what lay ahead. "The Son of Man must suffer," he had said. Shortly before the Transfiguration, when he first told the disciples what he was to suffer, Peter prayed that God would not allow such a thing to happen. The Lord's response was instant and severe, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as humans do" (Mk 8:33). In dealing with God we must have faith and trust. On the cellar wall of a bombed-out house in Cologne an unknown fugitive, obviously Jewish, left a testimony of trust that only came to light when the rubble was being cleared away after World War II. It read: "I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I do not feel it. I believe in God even when he is silent." That is the faith of Abraham, and is the kind of faith we should seek as well.

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL NEXT MONTH (2-17 March)

Together with the support of the Parish Finance Committee and Westminster Diocese, we are organising a planned giving campaign next Month (2-17 March). Kindly listen to all the speakers, as we seek your support for the growth of our Parish. Thank you for your prayers and kind support.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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. Please give this weekend and join us in praying with James, that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Please use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. **Thank you for your kind giving.**

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 11.00 am Mass this weekend. It has been restocked with cards for Confirmation, First Holy Communion, St Patrick's Day etc There are also small gifts and plaques for these occasions. Please note that it is cash only for purchases

TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 -PARISH MEETING

The Diocese is asking us to prepare for the next stage of the ongoing Synod. Bishops and laypeople from around the world met in Rome for four weeks last October and considered all the submissions which had been sent in from the consultations which had been held last year. Two dominant themes of the Synthesis Report from the First Session were Co-responsibility and Formation. In preparation for the next session of the Synod, which will take place in Rome this coming October, we are being asked to consider how what was said about these two themes might inform a discussion about how, as a Parish, we might better organise ourselves for the mission of spreading the Good News of God's love for the world in our local area. **Parish meeting dates for a discussion on the two themes are Sundays; 18 and 25 February 2024 at 3pm in the church. You are all invited.**

SAFEGUARDING; Achieving a culture of safeguarding in our Parish

To help create a safe space and build a culture of safeguarding, I would like to remind parishioners that, the parish has a Safeguarding representative in the person of Trevor Mills. Contact Trevor on 07954438606/cheshuntsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk. www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk. www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding. The diocesan safeguarding coordinator can be contacted on: 0207 7989350.

SUPPORT SVP

"The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of thermal socks, face flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support."

KNOCK PILGRIMAGES

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN JOBS

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

BROXBOURNE FOOD BANK

We will continue to support the Broxbourne Food Bank. Food donations can be put in the container near the altar. Money donations can be made via BACS to Broxbourne Foodbank, Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-05-13 Account Number 15360568

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish, especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish.

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