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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - B

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

28th February 2021

Parish Mass Book p155

EUROPE'S BISHOPS TO PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

England and Wales will come together to pray on 2 March 2021

Bishops from all over Europe, through their Bishops' Conferences, will join together during Lent to celebrate a series of Masses and pray for the victims of Covid-19. The continent has suffered over 770,000 deaths from the virus.

The initiative, promoted by the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE), aims to offer a sign of communion and hope for the entire continent.

2 March

Each nation, or nations in our case, will come together to celebrate Holy Mass on a designated day to be part of this continental prayer network – a Eucharistic chain.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Vice President of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences, will celebrate a special live-streamed Mass on Tuesday, 2 March 2021, at 17:30 in Westminster Cathedral.

[Westminster Cathedral, London - Victoria St, Westminster, London, England \(churchservices.tv\)](#)

Bishops across England and Wales will also celebrate Masses in their own dioceses.

Since the start of the pandemic, bishops from across Europe have added their voices to that of Pope Francis to reiterate the Church's closeness to all those struggling with coronavirus – the victims and their families, the sick, health and social care workers, the volunteers and all those on the front line at this challenging time.

"Together, we have assessed the opportunity, or rather the need to remember in the Holy Mass in a particular way during this season of Lent, the victims – the numerous victims – of the pandemic," said CCEE President Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco in his message to launch the initiative.

"Each European Bishops' Conference has engaged in the organisation of at least one Mass. It will be like creating a prayer chain, a Eucharistic chain in memory and in suffrage of so many people. In this prayer we also want to remember the bereaved families and all those who are still suffering from the virus and whose lives remain in uncertainty."

"We, the Bishops of Europe, are all united alongside our Christian communities and our priests. We are grateful to all those who continue to devote themselves to those most in need. We support them with our words, and above all, with our prayers so that their commitment and their hope which we must all have, maintain and increase, and help us to look forward together to a better future."

Light in the darkest times

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God,

You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,

May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are a light that shines in the darkest times,

Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,

May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

God of life,

We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.

Amen.

Prayer: Linda Jones/CAFOD

**LENTEN TALKS AT ST JOHN FISHER, PERIVALE
BY FR. AGUSTIN**

“GOD IS MINDFUL OF HIS COVENANT FOREVER” (Psalm 105:8)

For this Lent (year B of the liturgical calendar), the Church presents us with a running theme in the first reading we will proclaim at Mass on Sundays.

During this Lent, we will listen to a series of covenants that God made with his people. There are four such covenants in the Pentateuch (the first 5 books of the bible, sometimes referred to as the Torah) and three of them will be the topics of our talks, namely, the covenants with Noah, Abraham and Israel. The fourth covenant in the Pentateuch, which happens to be the first one chronologically, will be left out from these talks on purpose, as it will be presented to us as the first reading of the Easter Vigil; the covenant with Adam. A fifth covenant, will therefore be covered and this is found in the book of the Prophet Jeremiah. It took place during the exile and served as a preparation for the New Covenant to come.

These covenants are crucial moments in God’s history of Salvation and act as building blocks preparing us for the definitive covenant in the blood of Christ. In exploring these covenants we also get to know some of the most important characters of the Old Testament. We will look at these characters and reflect on how they might relate to us. We know that in each one of them, God is speaking to us. Each of them is a “Word” of God for us and for our lives and they will help us better prepare for Easter.

Lent is not an end in itself but a journey, a preparation for the Triduum: Maundy Thursday; Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Hopefully these 4 talks will help us, this Lent, recall the great love God has for us, that he expressed so wonderfully in those covenants of old and thus prepared humanity for the ultimate, new covenant in Christ.

Talks will be live-streamed from our YouTube channel on Thursdays from 7.30pm - 8.15pm

4th March: God’s covenant with Abraham “Through you all generations will be blessed”.
11th March: God’s covenant with Israel “You will be my People”.
18th March: God’s covenant with the Prophets “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah”.

**Thank you, to those who were able to join me online last Thursday for the first of the Lenten Talks.
If you missed it, the video is available to watch on our YouTube channel.**

[St John Fisher RC Church Perivale - YouTube](#)

OTHER WAYS TO PREPARE DURING LENT

During Lent we prepare ourselves for the Great Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (1st - 3rd April). Below are some suggestions for how we can prepare:

- **Use the prayer and reflection resources available**
The ‘My Day by Day’ booklet, with daily reflections and prayers is available in the church lobby (£1 per copy)
If you are unable to come to the church and would like to receive a copy at home, please ask a friend to pick one up for you or contact the parish office.
- **Come to Mass during the week**
There is Public Mass at 10.00am on Thursdays and Fridays.
- **Accompany the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament online**
On Mondays after the 10.00am Mass there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Praying of the Rosary.
Both the Mass and adoration can be followed on our YouTube channel.
- **Follow the Stations of the Cross online**
Every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm, starting on Friday 19th February, follow the Stations of the Cross with Fr. Agustin online via our YouTube channel.

**LENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
Message from Cardinal Vincent**

Cardinal Vincent has recorded a special message for young people for this Lent.

To watch the video, click on the link below or search in your internet browser for ‘cardinal’s Lent message for young people’

[Cardinal Vincent Nichols message for young people - Lent 2021 - YouTube](#)

What do you know about Lent?

Have a go at the short quiz on the Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry website, which you can access via the link below or by searching for ‘Diocese of Westminster youth ministry’.

[What do you know about Lent? - Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry \(dowym.com\)](#)

Calendar for Lent

For the very young, there are copies of the ‘Walk With Me’ Calendar for Lent’ in the lobby. The calendar is a colourful, fun resource to encourage young children to get involved and count the days of Lent in anticipation of Easter Sunday.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2021

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout 2020 and the unprecedented events of the year.

Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in four mission areas that are more critically needed than ever, as the Church supports those in need through the pandemic.

Marriage and Family Life: enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. This service has given additional counselling and support to couples facing challenges of sharing home and work-life space with each other and their children, and also gave guidance to engaged couples whose marriage plans were thwarted.

Youth and Evangelisation: supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. As we emerge from the pandemic these services will be looking for more ways to engage our young people who have missed opportunities to engage in their faith and in the life of the Church.

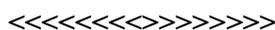
Caritas Westminster: putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people.

Education Service: supporting schools as they play an increasingly vital role in society.

Over the past year, many of our schools have become true community hubs, witnessing to God's love for all. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Sadly, poverty is deepening across our Diocese and as people have lost their jobs and livelihoods, the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. The number of foodbanks throughout the Diocese quadrupled in 2021! Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need, and finding ways to meet their basic needs.

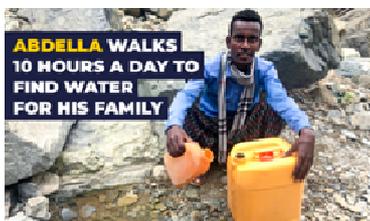
Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today (available in the lobby). You can use the envelope to make your donation or by using the QR code which you can scan with a phone camera to make your donation online. Alternatively, you can visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk.

Thank you for your generosity



CAFOD'S LENTEN APPEAL 2021

Family Fast Day - Friday 26th February



On Friday we marked CAFOD's Family Fast Day, a day on which we were invited to pray, fast and give to help people like Abdella. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says: "I am wasting my life. I am a young man; I should be doing something else." Your gifts today will help vulnerable communities around the world have access to clean water and provide other vital support.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

You can donate **online** at: www.cafod.org.uk/give

You can also easily give **via text**:
Text LENT 5 to 70460 to give £5
Text LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10
Text LENT 20 to 70460 to give £20

By telephone: Call 0303 303 3030 to donate

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS.

If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

For more information, please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

By cash or cheque: If you are unable to donate using the methods above and would like to donate by cash or cheque, there is a collection box in the lobby for your donations. Cheques should be made payable to 'CAFOD'

If you are a UK Tax Payer and would like to Gift Aid your cash or cheque donations, please pick up a special CAFOD envelope available in the lobby.

Thank you for supporting CAFOD

CAFOD Prayer for Lent

Loving God,
we hear your call
to all who thirst
for a brighter future:
come to the water.

Pour out your Spirit upon us
and lead us to walk
alongside one another.

Let a desire for change
well up within us.
May we overflow with
compassion and love.

And as a stream
wears away stone,
may we reshape
our world together
to reflect your kingdom
of hope for all.
Amen

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 1st March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Parents' Meeting	6.30pm	via Zoom
Thursday 4th March	2nd Lenten Talk - God's covenant with Abraham	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Friday 5th March	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Saturday 6th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Enrolment	6.30pm	During Mass
Sunday 7th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Enrolment	9.30am and 11.30am	During Mass
<u>11.30am Mass resumes</u>			
Monday 8th March	Private Funeral	11.30am	
Thursday 11th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Lesson	6.30pm	via Zoom
	3rd Lenten Talk - God's covenant with Israel	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Friday 12th March	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Saturday 13th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Enrolment	6.30pm	During Mass
Sunday 14th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Enrolment	9.30am and 11.30am	During Mass
Thursday 18th March	4th Lenten Talk - God's covenant with the Prophets	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Friday 19th March	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Thursday 25th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Lesson	6.30pm	via Zoom
Friday 26th March	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2021

Registration is open for the next Confirmation programme.

Young people in Year 8 or above, who feel ready to prepare for this Sacrament, can apply.

Please note that the programme will start later than usual this year due to the current situation.

If you would like to apply, please contact the parish office by email: perivale@rcdow.org.uk or telephone: **0208 997 3164**

BAPTISING YOUR CHILD

If you are planning to have your child baptised, it is necessary for you to attend a brief baptism course first.

If you would like to attend the next course, please contact the parish office via email at perivale@rcdow.org.uk or by telephone 020 8997 3164, and request a Baptism Registration Form.

SUNDAY 11.30AM MASS

We will be resuming the Sunday 11.30am Mass from next weekend - 7th March.

Please book places for this Mass in the normal way.

LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	27	Mass	6.30pm	Wieslaw Bronikowski RIP Alcinda Ramos RIP
Sunday	28	Mass	9.30am	Frank Goveas RIP Leonard Cabral RIP
		No Mass	11.30am	-
Monday	1	Private Mass	10.00am	Caroline and Belinda, their family and friends
Tuesday	2	Private Mass	10.00am	Deceased members of the Cunningham family
Wednesday	3	No Mass		
Thursday	4	Mass	10.00am	Leandro Xavier Afonso RIP Patrick Joseph Marrhan RIP
Friday	5	Mass	10.00am	Martial D'Colyse RIP Fr Fintan Crotty RIP
Saturday	6	Mass	6.30pm	Jose Fernandes RIP Alcinda Ramos RIP
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - B				
Sunday	7	Mass	9.30am	Michael O'Shea RIP (Anniv)
			11.30am	Evelyn Elizabeth Silva RIP

Confession: By appointment only at this time.

Please pray for: William Swords, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stanley Cummins, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Margaret Taylor, José Fernandes, Eugene Garcia, Teresa Warner and Michael Murray (brother of Charlie Murray), **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** James Dempsey, William de Noronha, Michelle Moraes, Kathleen Stocker, Nora O'Neill, Maria Felisa Wood, Kevin Connellan, Jesus Alvint Castillo, John Boyle, Tommy Cummings, James Hughes, Julia Caulfield, Josef Sautschak, Pat Galvin, Bridie McGovern, Imre 'Jim' Horvath, Helen Bastian, Peggie Hayes and Martial D'Colyse.