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Mass this Sunday: First Sunday in Lent (B) 18th February 2024

Today's Readings

Genesis 9:8-15 God establishes a covenant with Noah, his descendants and every living creature. God sets a bow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant.

1 Peter 3:18-22 Peter gives hope to his listeners. As we prepare to renew our baptismal vows at Easter, we are called to repent, to change and to believe in the Gospel.

Mark 1:12-15 Jesus stays in the desert for forty days. He emerges to tell the crowds that the kingdom of God is close at hand.

Mass This Week

Saturday 17 th	6:30pm
Sunday 18 th	9:00am
	10:30am

Intentions

Rachael Hepburn (RIP)
For Our Parishioners
Deacon Stephen Pickard (RIP)

Tuesday 20 th	6:00pm	Lent Weekday	Fr Joseph Scholles (RIP)
Wednesday 21 st	9:15am	St Peter Damian	Madeleine O'Dea (RIP)
Thursday 22 nd	9:15am	Chair of St Peter	Our Synodal Journey
Friday 23 rd	9:15am	Lent Weekday	CAFOD

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

Towards October 24 The second of our Parish Gatherings as part of the worldwide Synodal Pathway will be on Thursday at 6pm in the Sacristy. A short report of our first gathering, which may be added to, is at:
<http://tinyurl.com/5yw5m56m>
Everyone is invited to this next gathering.

If you are willing to lead **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays in Lent, please sign up on the sheet in the Sacristy. There are several gaps that need filling.

If you would like to be part of a group using the resource on the Lord's Prayer **We Dare to Say** please sign up on the sheet in the sacristy – this week the Wednesday Group will meet in the Presbytery at 2pm. At the time of writing no-one has volunteered to host/facilitate the Tuesday evening group. If you can help please let Fr Philip know as soon as possible.

Our Parish **Lent Penitential Service** will be Thursday March 14th at 7:30pm.

Monday Rosary during Lent at 9:30am. If you would like to join us on Monday mornings on Zoom, please contact Lawrie on 01763 243395 or email Lfernee@BTInternet.com

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024. 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 our Diocese. The Cardinal has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Lent Lunches Please come and join us for Lent Lunch in the Parish Hall between 12 noon and 1:15pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 13th March

Lunch will consist of home-made soup, bread and fruit, followed by tea and coffee. The suggested donation is £5 and all proceeds from the lunches will go to CAFOD and Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome!

On 28th February, it will be our turn to host the lunch so any volunteers would be appreciated.

Pilgrim Cross - Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

We are looking for some lovely hosts for the evening of Palm Sunday from about 5pm until Monday at 8am. The Pilgrims always appreciate a warm comfortable bed, a hot meal in the evening and breakfast to restore them for the onward journey on Monday. Last year we were able to host all our Pilgrims and it would be wonderful to be able to open our homes to them again this year.

Prior to their visit we are made aware of any dietary needs and we do know that we have a Pilgrim who has an Assistance Dog. Please contact Marion on 07511 009472 or email marion.kett@btinternet.com.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

For the Terminally Ill The Holy Father encourages prayers so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 23rd 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 and please join us in praying that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Please use the envelope provided or give online at cafod.org.uk. To find out about volunteering opportunities with CAFOD visit [Volunteer \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Volunteer.cafod.org.uk)



World Day Of Prayer is taking place on Friday 1st March from 2.00pm until 3.00pm at the Methodist Church in Queens Rd. All are very welcome to

join us. This is a chance to join in prayer and reflection with other Christians, in Royston, and all across the world. This year the Service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine so it is even more poignant and important to support them in all our prayers. There will be collection baskets for donations available at the Service and, of course, donations can be made online at www.wwdp.org.uk if you prefer. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if you can. Afterwards we are all invited to stay for refreshments.



Lenten Prayer

*Lord God,
you who breathed the spirit of life within me.
Draw out of me the light and life you created.
Help me to find my way back to you.
Help me to use my life to reflect your glory
and to serve others
as your son Jesus did.*

